



CHENANGO COUNTY FARM STATISTICS

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Chenango county lies in the south central part of New York. In 1998, there were 199,800 acres in farms, 35 percent of the county's total 572,160 acres. There were 970 farms in the county averaging 206 acres per farm. Chenango county ranks 11th in the state for number of farms and 14th for land in farms.

In 1997, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$53.2 million. Total sales averaged \$66,359 per farm. The leading products sold were: dairy products, cattle and calves, hay and silage, and corn for grain.

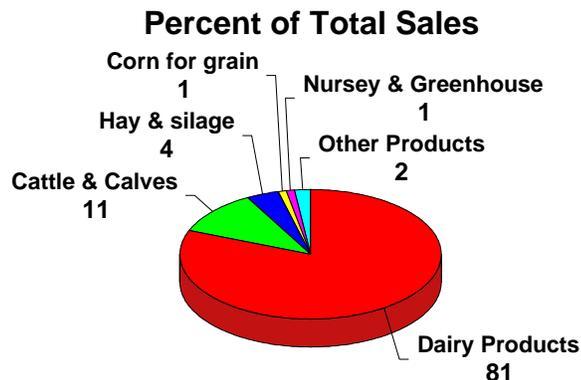
The average value of land and buildings per farm in 1997 was \$194,573. Machinery and equipment was valued at \$53,438 per farm. Total production expenses in 1997 were \$43.1 million for an average of \$53,722 per farm. The Census showed 61 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 53.7 years. Data from the U.S. Department of Commerce showed the average personal income for all wage earners in the county in 1996 was \$17,797.

LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Product	1997 Sales Thous. Dol.	Percent of Total	County Rank
Dairy Products	43,172	81	11
Cattle & Calves	5,604	11	12
Hay & silage	2,019	4	17
Corn for grain	565	1	34
Nursey & Greenhouse	561	1	49
Other Products	1,233	2	
TOTAL SALES	53,154		24

1997 Census of Agriculture

LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS



FARMS, LAND IN FARMS, AND LAND USE

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Total Cropland 1/	Permanent Pasture 2/	Total Woodland 3/	Other Land 4/
		Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
1940	3,371	450,226	5/	5/	86,430	5/
1950	2,689	416,052	163,949	137,969	99,438	14,696
1959	1,889	375,581	148,700	117,972	96,048	12,861
1969	1,196	273,750	132,604	5/	75,236	5/
1978	1,054	254,549	126,891	41,739	66,672	19,247
1982	1,006	230,069	116,794	32,970	63,367	16,938
1987	1,040	231,500	119,700	29,200	65,300	17,300
1992	935	206,700	112,500	26,400	53,600	14,200
1993	950	204,200	111,400	25,400	52,500	14,900
1994	955	199,200	111,000	24,500	50,400	14,300
1995	950	199,100	110,100	24,600	50,300	14,100
1996	955	196,100	109,300	24,400	48,800	13,600
1997	960	197,000	109,800	24,600	48,600	14,000
1998	970	199,800	112,500	24,500	48,400	14,400

1940-1982 U.S. Census of Agriculture 1/ Includes cropland pastured. 2/ Excludes cropland and woodland pastured. 3/ Includes woodland pastured. 4/ Land in house lots, ponds, wasteland, etc. 5/ Not available.

FARMS BY SALES CLASS

Sales Class	1992	1997
Number of Farms		
Under \$10,000	354	367
\$10,000 to \$49,999	118	150
\$50,000 to \$99,999	122	108
\$100,000 or more	202	176
Farms Reporting	796	801

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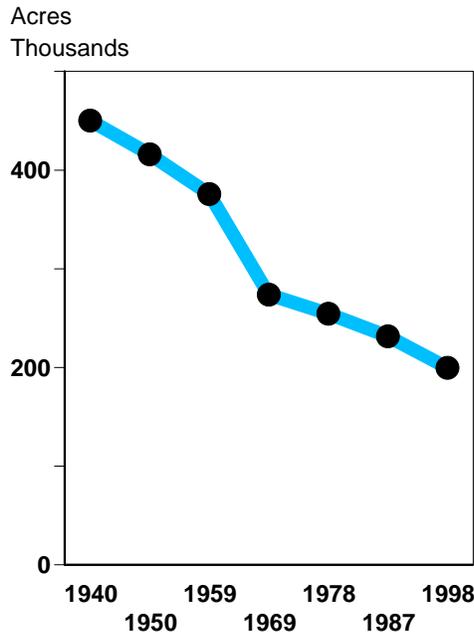
RESIDENT POPULATION

In 1998, County's population ranked 47th in the state

Year	Total	Population Per Square Mile
1940	36,500	41
1950	39,100	44
1960	43,200	48
1970	46,400	52
1980	49,300	55
1990	51,800	58
1998	51,052	57

U.S. Census of Population

Land in Farms



CATTLE: Number on Farms, January 1

Year	All Cattle & Calves	Beef Cows	Milk Cows
	Number on farms		
1940	62,115	1/	1/
1950	64,438	925	41,051
1959	62,640	650	40,139
1969	49,315	1,648	28,608
1978	51,000	1,800	30,000
1982	56,000	2,000	31,000
1987	53,000	2,100	27,500
1992	49,000	2,000	24,500
1993	49,000	1,600	24,000
1994	45,000	1,900	24,000
1995	43,000	1,600	23,500
1996	44,000	1,500	21,000
1997	44,000	1,900	21,000
1998	45,000	2,200	22,000

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available.

MILK: Cows & Production

Year	Annual Avg. Milk Cows	Average Production Per Cow	Total Milk Production
	No. Head	Pounds	Million lbs.
1940	1/	1/	1/
1950	1/	1/	1/
1959	1/	1/	1/
1969	1/	1/	1/
1978	30,000	11,000	330.0
1982	30,500	12,000	366.0
1987	28,500	14,100	401.8
1992	24,000	15,500	372.0
1993	24,000	15,500	372.0
1994	23,500	15,900	361.9
1995	21,500	16,000	344.0
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1997	21,000	16,000	336.0
1998	21,500	16,200	348.3

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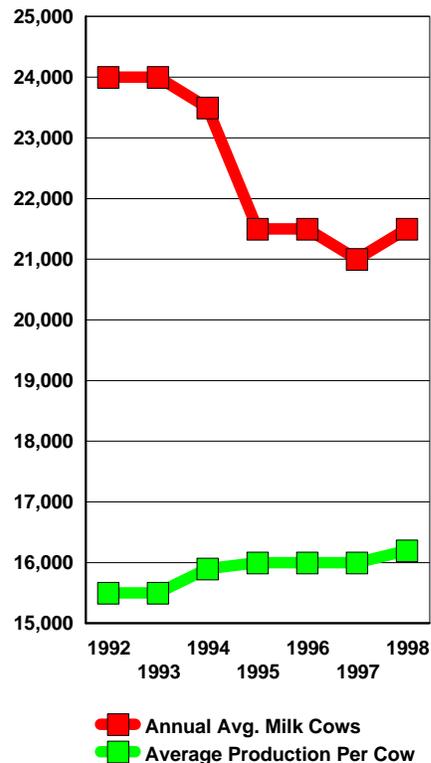
OATS: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Acres	Bushels	Bushels
1940	1/	7,833	32.1	251,334
1950	1/	6,928	34.3	237,286
1959	1/	9,088	51.4	466,764
1969	1/	1/	1/	1/
1978	4,600	3,800	54.0	205,200
1982	4,000	3,200	56.0	179,200
1987	3,100	2,000	61.0	122,000
1992	2,100	1,600	53.0	84,800
1993	1,900	1,500	69.0	103,500
1994	2,800	2,400	61.0	146,400
1995	2,300	1,800	56.0	99,900
1996	1,400	1,200	52.0	61,900
1997	1,700	1,500	57.0	85,500
1998	2,000	1,700	61.0	103,800

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1/ Not available.

MILK: Cows & Production



EQUINE: Inventory and Value,

1997 Census of Agriculture

Total Equine	Rank in State	Inventory Value	Rank in State
982	18	\$181,000	28

CORN: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	All Planted	Grain			Silage		
		Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Acres	Bushels	Bushels	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	13,681	1,532	40.3	61,708	1/	1/	1/
1950	12,307	1,244	54.3	67,561	10,747	11.0	117,844
1959	11,003	985	62.3	61,409	9,928	11.2	111,414
1969	15,600	2,800	93.0	260,400	1/	1/	1/
1978	23,500	5,300	94.0	498,200	18,000	14.0	252,000
1982	22,600	7,000	90.0	630,000	15,300	12.8	195,800
1987	23,000	7,200	109.0	784,800	15,300	15.0	229,500
1992	18,700	5,300	67.0	355,100	12,600	15.2	191,500
1993	20,800	5,500	96.0	528,000	15,100	14.7	222,000
1994	21,000	5,800	115.0	668,300	15,200	15.3	232,100
1995	20,400	5,600	109.0	610,800	14,700	14.5	213,500
1996	19,800	5,000	107.0	532,500	14,500	16.1	232,900
1997	20,100	4,800	105.0	504,000	15,100	14.9	224,900
1998	18,600	4,400	113.0	497,200	14,200	15.4	218,000

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1/ Not available

HAY: Acreage, Yield, and Production 1/

Year	Alfalfa Hay			Other Hay			Total Hay		
	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	2,373	1.7	4,115	111,191	1.1	121,350	113,564	1.1	125,465
1950	3,588	2.1	7,388	92,112	1.5	139,811	95,700	2.1	147,199
1959	16,266	2.1	34,578	74,044	1.6	116,339	90,310	3.1	150,917
1969	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	64,828	4.1	129,882
1978	24,200	2.6	62,900	48,500	1.9	92,200	72,700	5.1	155,100
1982	22,300	2.7	60,200	44,300	2.1	93,000	66,600	6.1	153,200
1987	26,000	2.8	73,500	47,000	2.1	97,200	73,000	2.3	170,700
1992	18,100	2.4	42,800	32,300	2.0	66,100	50,400	8.1	108,900
1993	15,000	2.2	33,400	39,300	1.7	67,200	54,300	9.1	100,600
1994	13,300	2.7	35,600	38,900	2.0	75,800	52,200	2.1	111,400
1995	14,800	2.3	34,000	36,300	1.7	63,100	51,100	1.9	97,100
1996	14,700	2.4	35,300	33,100	2.1	69,600	47,800	2.2	104,900
1997	13,600	2.5	34,500	32,600	2.3	74,300	46,200	2.4	108,800
1998	12,700	2.4	30,500	29,600	2.3	67,800	42,300	2.3	98,300

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1/ Dry hay only - excludes silage and green chop

2/ Not available