



# DUTCHESS COUNTY FARM STATISTICS

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Dutchess county lies in the eastern part of the state in the Hudson Valley region. In 1998, there were 112,000 acres in farms, 22 percent of the county's total 513,280 acres. There were 635 farms in the county averaging 176 acres per farm. Dutchess county ranks 28th in the state for number of farms and 35th for land in farms.

In 1997, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$34.0 million. Total sales averaged \$63,013 per farm. The leading products sold were: dairy products, nursery and greenhouse, horses and ponies, vegetables, and cattle and calves.

The average value of land and buildings per farm in 1997 was \$791,094. Machinery and equipment were valued at \$53,258 per farm. Total production expenses in 1997 were \$26.9 million for an average of \$49,657 per farm. The Census showed 55 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 56.7 years. Data from the U.S. Department of Commerce showed the average personal income for all wage earners in the county in 1996 was \$25,946.

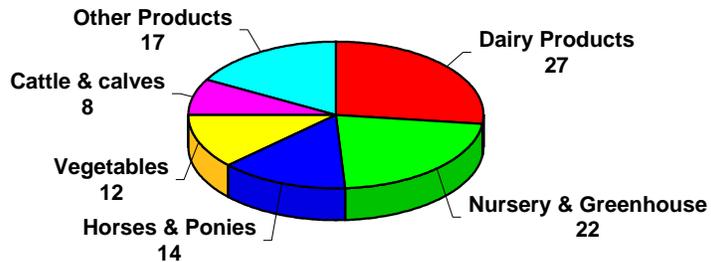
## LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Product	1997 Sales Thous. Dol.	Percent of Total	County Rank
Dairy Products	9,198	27	39
Nursery & Greenhouse	7,365	22	5
Horses & Ponies	4,675	14	1
Vegetables	4,051	12	14
Cattle & calves	2,581	8	35
Other Products	6,094	17	
<b>TOTAL SALES</b>	<b>33,964</b>		<b>37</b>

1997 Census of Agriculture

## LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Percent of Total Sales



**FARMS, LAND IN FARMS, AND LAND USE**

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms Acres	Total Cropland 1/ Acres	Permanent Pasture 2/ Acres	Total Woodland 3/ Acres	Other Land 4/ Acres
1940	1,958	306,865	5/	5/	61,546	5/
1950	1,729	303,763	162,910	46,221	69,572	25,060
1959	1,027	238,690	124,285	36,653	57,725	20,027
1969	683	162,095	89,696	5/	34,706	5/
1978	593	140,368	80,063	14,507	31,455	14,343
1982	635	137,963	79,816	12,910	29,756	15,481
1987	685	128,600	72,200	11,300	30,100	15,000
1992	650	120,600	63,100	14,200	28,500	14,800
1993	655	119,200	62,300	13,600	27,800	15,500
1994	655	116,200	62,600	13,100	26,700	13,800
1995	645	116,000	64,000	13,200	26,400	12,400
1996	645	114,800	65,200	13,100	25,500	11,000
1997	645	114,700	66,400	13,100	25,200	10,000
1998	635	112,000	64,100	13,000	25,000	9,900

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	285	250
\$10,000 to \$49,999	137	164
\$50,000 to \$99,999	43	43
\$100,000 or more	89	82
<b>Farms Reporting</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>539</b>

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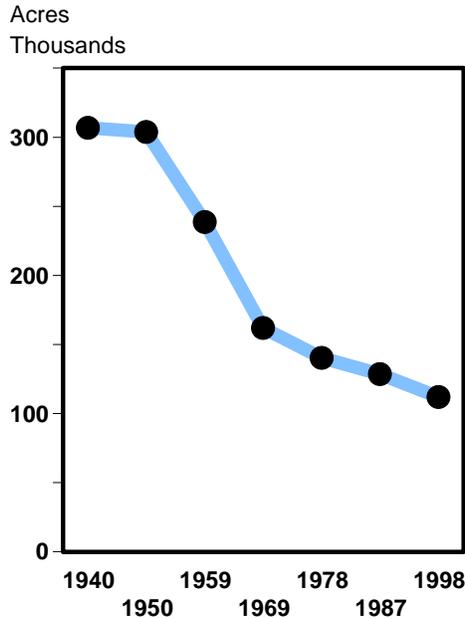
**RESIDENT POPULATION**

In 1998, County's population ranked 15th in the state

Year	Total	Population Per Square Mile
1940	120,500	150
1950	136,800	171
1960	176,000	219
1970	222,300	277
1980	245,100	306
1990	259,500	324
1998	265,317	330

U.S. Census of Population

**Land in Farms**



**CATTLE: Number on Farms, January 1**

Year	All Cattle & Calves	Number on farms	
		Beef Cows	Milk Cows
1940	35,311	1/	1/
1950	41,780	1,922	23,422
1959	41,000	2,691	22,017
1969	43,091	3,836	16,422
1978	29,000	3,300	13,500
1982	34,000	4,100	13,000
1987	22,500	2,900	8,700
1992	15,000	2,400	5,000
1993	14,000	2,000	4,400
1994	13,000	2,400	4,600
1995	13,000	2,200	4,500
1996	12,000	2,000	3,500
1997	12,000	2,100	3,500
1998	13,000	2,000	3,500

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**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	12,700	12,000	152.4
1982	13,000	12,200	158.6
1987	7,800	13,700	106.9
1992	4,500	15,400	69.3
1993	4,500	15,000	67.5
1994	4,000	15,300	61.2
1995	3,800	15,800	60.0
1996	3,700	15,600	57.7
1997	3,500	15,700	55.0
1998	3,200	16,200	51.8

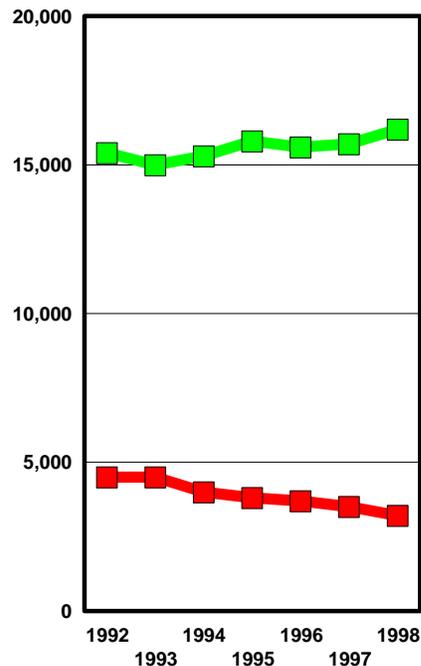
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**OATS: Acreage, Yield, and Production**

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Acres	Bushels	Bushels
1940	1/	7,568	29.1	220,211
1950	1/	8,390	36.9	309,678
1959	1/	8,234	45.5	374,804
1969	1/	1/	1/	1/
1978	2,500	1,300	50.0	65,000
1982	2,300	1,800	54.0	97,200
1987	2,100	1,500	54.0	81,000
1992	1,200	1,000	67.0	67,000
1993	1,000	600	42.0	25,200
1994	1,400	1,200	51.0	61,200
1995	900	800	57.0	45,600
1996	600	500	54.0	27,000
1997	700	700	50.0	35,000
1998	900	800	56.0	44,800

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**MILK: Cows & Production**



■ Annual Avg. Milk Cows  
■ Average Production Per Cow

**EQUINE: Inventory and Value,**

1997 Census of Agriculture

Total Equine	Rank in State	Inventory Value	Rank in State
2303	1	\$4,675,000	1

**CORN: Acreage, Yield, and Production**

Year	All Planted	Grain			Silage		
		Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Acres	Bushels	Bushels	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	16,396	4,044	35.0	141,444	1/	1/	1/
1950	16,973	5,308	45.3	240,640	11,314	8.5	96,153
1959	13,960	4,330	61.2	265,199	9,428	10.9	102,805
1969	20,700	4,600	83.0	381,800	1/	1/	1/
1978	20,800	8,000	99.0	792,000	12,500	14.5	181,250
1982	20,200	9,400	95.0	893,000	10,600	13.7	145,200
1987	13,500	6,100	96.0	585,600	6,900	14.0	96,600
1992	11,200	7,100	106.0	752,600	3,600	16.0	57,600
1993	10,200	5,500	84.0	462,000	4,600	13.0	59,800
1994	10,000	5,800	108.0	626,900	4,200	15.7	65,800
1995	9,900	6,000	102.0	611,600	3,800	13.3	50,400
1996	9,900	5,800	100.0	580,000	4,000	14.7	58,700
1997	10,100	5,500	110.0	605,000	4,500	15.5	69,800
1998	9,900	5,300	106.0	561,800	4,600	15.8	72,600

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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	7,061	1.7	12,326	54,425	1.1	61,791	61,486	1.2	74,117
1950	9,831	1.9	18,629	48,713	1.5	73,260	58,544	1.6	91,889
1959	29,736	2.1	63,553	20,287	1.6	32,945	50,023	1.9	96,498
1969	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	33,545	2.3	77,103
1978	17,800	3.0	53,400	19,000	1.9	36,100	36,800	2.4	89,500
1982	17,900	2.8	50,100	15,100	2.1	31,700	33,000	2.5	81,800
1987	15,000	2.8	41,800	19,000	1.9	35,800	34,000	2.3	77,600
1992	10,900	2.4	26,000	9,900	2.0	20,100	20,800	2.2	46,100
1993	9,000	1.8	16,000	12,100	1.4	16,500	21,100	1.5	32,500
1994	8,000	2.1	17,100	12,000	1.6	18,600	20,000	1.8	35,700
1995	9,800	1.7	16,700	11,400	1.7	19,400	21,200	1.7	36,100
1996	9,300	2.2	20,400	12,700	1.8	22,900	22,000	2.0	43,300
1997	10,700	2.6	28,100	13,700	1.5	20,700	24,400	2.0	48,800
1998	10,000	2.5	24,800	12,300	1.6	19,300	22,300	2.0	44,100

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1/ Dry hay only - excludes silage and green chop

2/ Not available