



FRANKLIN COUNTY FARM STATISTICS

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Franklin county is located in the northern part of the state in the Adirondack mountains bordering Canada. In 1998, there were 176,700 acres in farms, 17 percent of the county's total 1,044,480 acres. There were 575 farms in the county averaging 307 acres per farm. Franklin county ranks 35th in the state for number of farms and 19th for land in farms.

In 1997, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$44.3 million. Total sales averaged \$93,037 per farm. The leading products sold were: dairy products, cattle and calves, other crops, hay and silage, and vegetables.

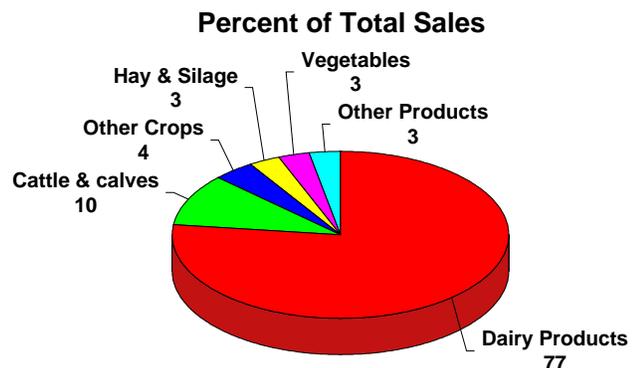
The average value of land and buildings per farm in 1997 was 216,906. Machinery and equipment were valued at \$64,507 per farm. Total production expenses in 1997 were \$33.3 million for an average of \$69,507 per farm. The Census showed 68 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 52.7 years. Data from the U.S. Department of Commerce showed the average personal income for all wage earners in the county in 1996 was \$15,967.

LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

| Product | 1997 Sales Thous. Dol. | Percent of Total | County Rank |
|--------------------|---------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Dairy Products | 34,036 | 77 | 20 |
| Cattle & calves | 4,278 | 10 | 17 |
| Other Crops | 1,748 | 4 | 6 |
| Hay & Silage | 1,467 | 3 | 26 |
| Vegetables | 1,394 | 3 | 23 |
| Other Products | 1,362 | 3 | |
| TOTAL SALES | 44,285 | | 30 |

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 | 2,761 | 337,811 | 5/ | 5/ | 53,061 | 5/ |
| 1950 | 2,074 | 305,427 | 130,496 | 90,463 | 73,490 | 10,978 |
| 1959 | 1,293 | 244,054 | 113,888 | 52,630 | 68,023 | 9,513 |
| 1969 | 778 | 186,998 | 103,498 | 5/ | 44,852 | 5/ |
| 1978 | 607 | 173,450 | 98,159 | 19,824 | 48,161 | 7,306 |
| 1982 | 612 | 172,145 | 96,997 | 20,359 | 46,287 | 8,502 |
| 1987 | 620 | 162,500 | 94,100 | 19,300 | 39,700 | 9,400 |
| 1992 | 600 | 152,100 | 85,500 | 17,600 | 39,500 | 9,500 |
| 1993 | 605 | 150,300 | 84,500 | 16,900 | 38,900 | 10,000 |
| 1994 | 600 | 154,200 | 83,600 | 16,600 | 44,200 | 9,800 |
| 1995 | 585 | 161,800 | 83,800 | 17,000 | 51,300 | 9,700 |
| 1996 | 580 | 167,800 | 83,900 | 17,100 | 57,400 | 9,400 |
| 1997 | 570 | 175,200 | 82,700 | 17,400 | 65,100 | 10,000 |
| 1998 | 575 | 176,700 | 76,100 | 19,000 | 70,800 | 10,800 |

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 | 153 | 160 |
| \$10,000 to \$49,999 | 95 | 92 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 107 | 68 |
| \$100,000 or more | 157 | 156 |
| Farms Reporting | 512 | 476 |

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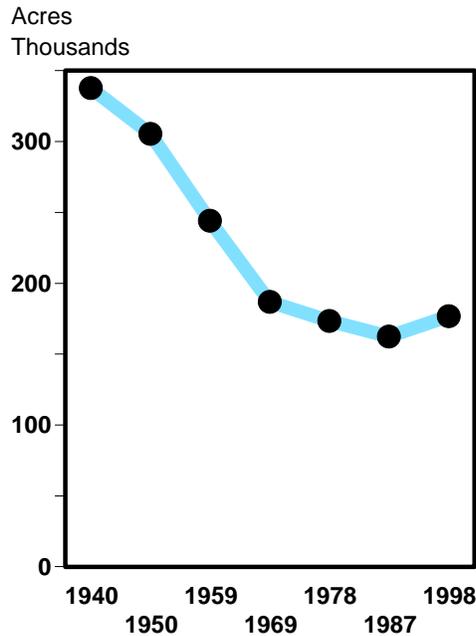
RESIDENT POPULATION

In 1998, County's population ranked 50th in the state

| Year | Total | Population Per Square Mile |
|------|--------|----------------------------|
| 1940 | 44,300 | 27 |
| 1950 | 44,800 | 27 |
| 1960 | 44,700 | 27 |
| 1970 | 43,900 | 27 |
| 1980 | 44,900 | 28 |
| 1990 | 46,500 | 29 |
| 1998 | 48,582 | 29 |

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 | 43,391 | 1/ | 1/ |
| 1950 | 40,857 | 475 | 25,229 |
| 1959 | 38,789 | 1,171 | 22,198 |
| 1969 | 35,928 | 1,395 | 19,899 |
| 1978 | 36,000 | 600 | 19,500 |
| 1982 | 41,000 | 600 | 19,000 |
| 1987 | 38,500 | 400 | 21,500 |
| 1992 | 34,500 | 300 | 19,000 |
| 1993 | 34,500 | 300 | 18,500 |
| 1994 | 34,000 | 400 | 18,500 |
| 1995 | 33,000 | 300 | 18,000 |
| 1996 | 35,000 | 500 | 18,000 |
| 1997 | 34,000 | 900 | 17,500 |
| 1998 | 34,000 | 1,000 | 18,000 |

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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 | 19,000 | 11,600 | 220.4 |
| 1982 | 21,000 | 12,000 | 252.0 |
| 1987 | 21,000 | 13,500 | 283.5 |
| 1992 | 19,000 | 15,200 | 288.8 |
| 1993 | 18,500 | 15,000 | 277.5 |
| 1994 | 18,500 | 14,900 | 275.6 |
| 1995 | 18,000 | 15,400 | 277.2 |
| 1996 | 18,000 | 15,400 | 277.2 |
| 1997 | 18,000 | 15,500 | 279.0 |
| 1998 | 18,000 | 15,800 | 284.4 |

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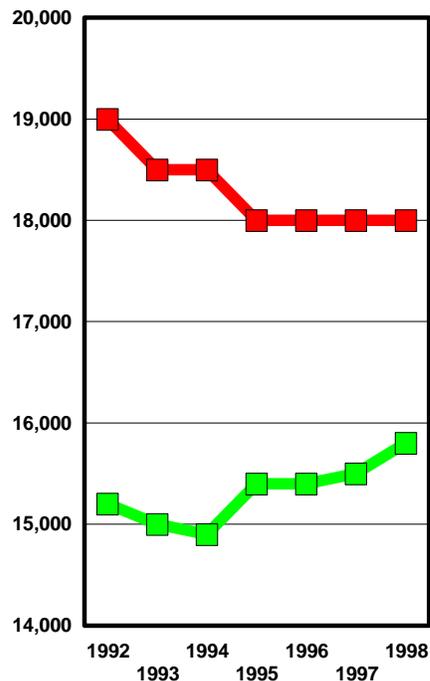
OATS: Acreage, Yield, and Production

| Year | Planted | Harvested | Yield | Production |
|------|---------|-----------|---------|------------|
| | Acres | Acres | Bushels | Bushels |
| 1940 | 1/ | 13,048 | 38.8 | 506,836 |
| 1950 | 1/ | 7,524 | 30.5 | 229,369 |
| 1959 | 1/ | 8,025 | 51.3 | 412,009 |
| 1969 | 1/ | 1/ | 1/ | 1/ |
| 1978 | 2,400 | 1,500 | 50.0 | 75,000 |
| 1982 | 3,100 | 1,700 | 53.9 | 91,600 |
| 1987 | 1,100 | 800 | 55.0 | 44,000 |
| 1992 | 1,300 | 1,000 | 60.0 | 60,000 |
| 1993 | 1,300 | 1,000 | 74.0 | 74,000 |
| 1994 | 2,100 | 1,800 | 65.0 | 117,000 |
| 1995 | 1,100 | 800 | 50.0 | 40,000 |
| 1996 | 500 | 500 | 47.0 | 23,700 |
| 1997 | 600 | 600 | 62.0 | 37,200 |
| 1998 | 600 | 600 | 62.0 | 37,200 |

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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 |
|--------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 243 | 52 | \$27,000 | 50 |

■ Annual Avg. Milk Cows
■ Average Production Per Cow

CORN: Acreage, Yield, and Production

| Year | All Planted | Grain | | | Silage | | |
|------|----------------|-----------|---------|------------|-----------|-------|------------|
| | | Harvested | Yield | Production | Harvested | Yield | Production |
| | Acres | Acres | Bushels | Bushels | Acres | Tons | Tons |
| 1940 | 8,036 | 807 | 31.0 | 25,042 | 1/ | 1/ | 1/ |
| 1950 | 7,500 | 81 | 36.8 | 2,982 | 6,888 | 9.8 | 67,458 |
| 1959 | 3,604 | 32 | 39.4 | 1,260 | 3,502 | 9.5 | 33,289 |
| 1969 | 8,400 | 400 | 68.0 | 27,200 | 1/ | 1/ | 1/ |
| 1978 | 16,000 | 1,300 | 82.0 | 106,600 | 14,300 | 13.0 | 185,900 |
| 1982 | 16,000 | 2,800 | 99.0 | 277,200 | 13,000 | 14.5 | 188,500 |
| 1987 | 13,500 | 1,900 | 109.0 | 207,100 | 11,400 | 15.5 | 176,700 |
| 1992 | 12,900 | 1,100 | 94.0 | 103,400 | 11,200 | 13.5 | 151,200 |
| 1993 | 10,300 | 1,100 | 108.0 | 118,800 | 9,100 | 14.2 | 129,200 |
| 1994 | 10,400 | 1,200 | 110.0 | 132,200 | 9,200 | 15.6 | 143,200 |
| 1995 | 11,400 | 1,400 | 96.0 | 134,200 | 9,900 | 12.7 | 125,900 |
| 1996 | 12,700 | 1,600 | 94.0 | 151,100 | 10,900 | 14.1 | 153,500 |
| 1997 | 12,900 | 1,500 | 111.0 | 166,500 | 11,300 | 15.7 | 177,400 |
| 1998 | 12,000 | 1,300 | 108.0 | 140,400 | 10,700 | 15.7 | 168,000 |

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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 | 1,298 | 2.4 | 3,091 | 86,387 | 1.3 | 113,984 | 87,685 | 1.3 | 117,075 |
| 1950 | 1,523 | 1.4 | 2,195 | 82,425 | 1.1 | 92,177 | 83,948 | 1.1 | 94,372 |
| 1959 | 6,969 | 2.1 | 14,287 | 61,606 | 1.6 | 96,654 | 68,575 | 1.6 | 110,941 |
| 1969 | 2/ | 2/ | 2/ | 2/ | 2/ | 2/ | 50,232 | 2.0 | 101,964 |
| 1978 | 14,700 | 2.5 | 36,800 | 43,400 | 1.8 | 78,100 | 58,100 | 2.0 | 114,900 |
| 1982 | 16,100 | 2.6 | 41,900 | 39,600 | 1.9 | 75,200 | 55,700 | 2.1 | 117,100 |
| 1987 | 20,000 | 2.8 | 56,000 | 33,000 | 2.1 | 70,900 | 53,000 | 2.4 | 126,900 |
| 1992 | 14,400 | 2.4 | 34,800 | 26,600 | 2.1 | 55,500 | 41,000 | 2.2 | 90,300 |
| 1993 | 13,100 | 2.6 | 34,500 | 31,700 | 2.0 | 62,600 | 44,800 | 2.2 | 97,100 |
| 1994 | 11,600 | 3.2 | 36,800 | 31,400 | 2.3 | 70,600 | 43,000 | 2.5 | 107,400 |
| 1995 | 12,000 | 2.8 | 33,600 | 28,200 | 2.1 | 58,900 | 40,200 | 2.3 | 92,500 |
| 1996 | 12,600 | 2.7 | 34,000 | 23,600 | 2.3 | 54,300 | 36,200 | 2.4 | 88,300 |
| 1997 | 13,600 | 2.5 | 34,100 | 24,400 | 2.1 | 52,300 | 38,000 | 2.3 | 86,400 |
| 1998 | 12,800 | 2.4 | 30,100 | 21,900 | 2.2 | 47,900 | 34,700 | 2.2 | 78,000 |

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1/ Dry hay only - excludes silage and green chop

2/ Not available