

JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM STATISTICS

April 2000

Jefferson County is located in the northwest part of the state bordering Lake Ontario. In 1998, there were 311,000 acres in farms, 38 percent of the county's total 814,080 acres. There were 1,085 farms in the county averaging 287 acres per farm. Jefferson County ranks 7th in the state for number of farms and 3rd for land in farms.

In 1997, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$77.1 million. Total sales averaged \$84,144 per farm. The leading products sold were: dairy products, cattle and calves, hay and silage, corn for grain, and fruit and berries.

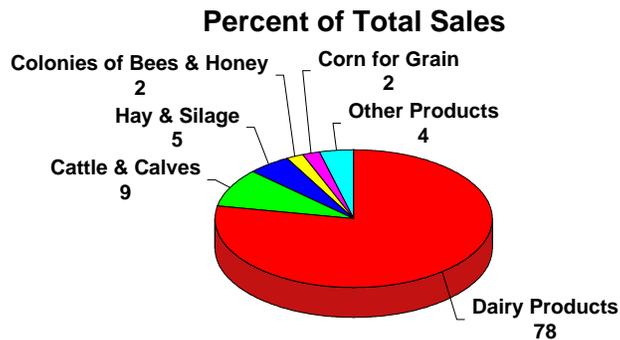
The average value of land and buildings per farm in 1997 was \$219,159. Machinery and equipment were valued at \$65,849 per farm. Total production expenses in 1997 were \$58.4 million for an average of \$63,552 per farm. The Census showed 62 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 53.2 years. Data from the U.S. Department of Commerce showed the average personal income for all wage earners in the county in 1996 was \$17,503.

LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Product	1997 Sales Thous. Dol.	Percent of Total	County Rank
Dairy Products	60,189	78	4
Cattle & Calves	7,145	9	5
Hay & Silage	4,054	5	2
Colonies of Bees & Honey	1,237	2	1
Corn for Grain	1,218	2	22
Other Products	3,233	4	32
TOTAL SALES	77,076		12

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	4,205	642,006	5/	5/	61,566	5/
1950	3,440	585,983	354,461	125,005	84,291	22,226
1959	2,390	515,905	300,651	111,905	75,244	28,105
1969	1,633	407,526	260,038	5/	60,140	5/
1978	1,319	387,788	247,778	45,790	60,383	33,837
1982	1,245	368,352	230,089	43,175	54,653	40,435
1987	1,180	349,900	232,500	37,900	47,600	31,900
1992	1,050	330,500	204,700	41,800	52,500	31,500
1993	1,055	326,000	202,200	39,800	51,000	33,000
1994	1,070	318,100	200,700	37,000	49,600	30,800
1995	1,070	317,600	202,200	35,600	49,700	30,100
1996	1,085	313,400	202,100	33,800	48,700	28,800
1997	1,095	312,900	204,400	32,500	48,800	27,200
1998	1,085	311,000	204,800	32,000	47,900	26,300

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	338	392
\$10,000 to \$49,999	150	156
\$50,000 to \$99,999	145	136
\$100,000 or more	261	232
Farms Reporting	894	916

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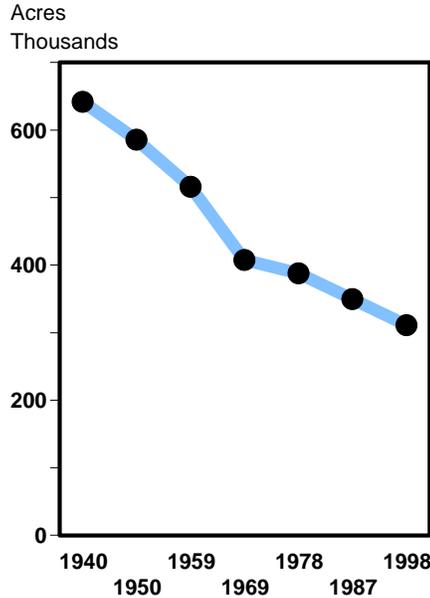
RESIDENT POPULATION

In 1998, County's population ranked 26th in the state

Year	Total	Population Per Square Mile
1940	84,000	66
1950	85,500	67
1960	87,800	69
1970	88,500	70
1980	88,200	69
1990	110,900	87
1998	111,050	87

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	84,108	1/	1/
1950	84,025	546	53,926
1959	86,715	1,850	51,797
1969	75,513	3,924	45,527
1978	85,000	2,800	45,500
1982	91,000	3,000	46,000
1987	75,000	2,100	42,000
1992	66,000	2,000	34,000
1993	66,000	2,200	33,000
1994	64,000	2,500	33,000
1995	63,000	2,400	32,000
1996	62,000	2,500	31,000
1997	62,000	3,000	33,000
1998	61,000	3,200	32,000

1940-1978 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	44,600	11,100	495.1
1982	46,000	11,800	542.8
1987	40,000	13,600	544.0
1992	33,500	15,100	505.8
1993	33,000	15,000	495.0
1994	33,000	15,100	498.3
1995	32,000	15,900	508.8
1996	32,000	15,700	502.4
1997	32,500	15,900	516.8
1998	33,000	16,200	534.6

1/ Not available.

OATS: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Acres	Bushels	Bushels
1940	1/	43,217	25.4	1,097,389
1950	1/	35,445	17.3	614,524
1959	1/	38,073	47.8	1,820,657
1969	1/	1/	1/	1/
1978	16,800	12,000	51.8	621,400
1982	12,500	9,500	54.8	520,700
1987	8,000	5,400	60.0	324,000
1992	5,700	3,600	70.0	252,000
1993	5,100	3,200	73.0	233,600
1994	4,700	4,000	70.0	280,000
1995	3,800	2,900	52.0	149,600
1996	1,500	1,300	49.0	63,500
1997	1,800	1,600	56.0	89,600
1998	2,100	1,800	62.0	112,100

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available.

WHEAT: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Acres	Bushels	Bushels
1940	1/	270	12.7	3,440
1950	1/	3,989	16.9	67,391
1959	1/	1,275	21.3	27,113
1969	900	800	32.0	25,600
1978	300	300	35.0	10,500
1982	1,000	800	44.0	35,200
1987	700	500	43.0	21,500
1992	400	400	56.0	22,400
1993	900	800	45.0	36,000
1994	1,300	1,200	51.0	61,200
1995	1,400	1,100	52.0	57,200
1996	1,800	1,700	40.0	68,000
1997	1,500	1,300	50.0	65,000
1998	1,600	1,500	48.0	72,000

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available.

**EQUINE: Inventory and Value,
1997 Census of Agriculture**

Total Equine	Rank in State	Inventory Value	Rank in State
795	28	\$92,000	38

CORN: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	All Planted	Grain			Silage		
		Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Acres	Bushels	Bushels	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	20,787	1,825	35.6	64,917	1/	1/	1/
1950	18,301	699	30.5	21,304	16,712	8.6	143,356
1959	14,573	1,245	55.7	69,343	13,110	10.5	138,078
1969	24,700	3,900	81.0	315,900	1/	1/	1/
1978	42,900	7,700	74.8	575,900	34,300	11.5	394,450
1982	41,500	14,000	101.5	1,421,000	26,900	13.4	360,500
1987	36,000	11,600	104.0	1,206,400	23,600	14.0	330,800
1992	32,600	8,400	78.0	655,200	22,800	13.3	303,200
1993	31,500	8,700	90.0	779,800	22,500	13.7	308,300
1994	31,800	9,200	114.0	1,050,600	22,600	15.9	358,500
1995	32,400	10,500	96.0	1,006,100	21,700	13.3	287,700
1996	32,900	11,200	94.0	1,052,800	21,400	14.7	313,900
1997	33,500	10,600	103.0	1,091,800	22,600	14.8	334,500
1998	32,200	10,100	112.0	1,126,900	22,100	16.0	353,600

1940 - 1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

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	9,809	1.7	16,250	181,267	1.0	172,781	191,076	1.0	189,031
1950	13,948	1.3	18,507	152,819	0.9	137,586	166,767	0.8	156,093
1959	35,835	2.3	83,901	100,334	1.7	172,459	136,169	1.9	256,360
1969	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	114,164	2.0	230,159
1978	52,700	2.2	115,800	76,500	1.5	114,800	129,200	1.8	230,600
1982	43,700	2.5	109,200	68,300	1.9	129,800	112,000	2.1	239,000
1987	44,000	2.4	107,500	63,000	1.7	109,900	107,000	2.0	217,400
1992	33,400	2.1	71,200	54,600	2.0	110,900	88,000	2.1	182,100
1993	27,200	2.3	61,600	64,200	1.7	110,600	91,400	1.9	172,200
1994	24,100	2.7	65,700	63,600	2.0	124,800	87,700	2.2	190,500
1995	26,200	2.3	60,300	61,200	1.7	104,000	87,400	1.9	164,300
1996	25,900	2.7	69,900	63,300	1.9	120,300	89,200	2.1	190,200
1997	27,600	2.4	66,500	64,200	1.8	117,100	91,800	2.0	183,600
1998	25,900	2.3	58,700	58,100	1.8	107,100	84,000	2.0	165,800

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1/ Dry hay only - excludes silage and green chop

2/ Not available