

MONROE COUNTY FARM STATISTICS

April 2000

Monroe County lies in the northwest part of the State bordering Lake Ontario. In 1998, there were 112,800 acres in farms, 27 percent of the county's total 421,760 acres. There were 585 farms in the county averaging 193 acres per farm. Monroe County ranks 34th in the state for number of farms and 34th for land in farms.

In 1997, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$48.0 million. Total sales averaged \$99,904 per farm. The leading products sold were: vegetables, nursery and greenhouse, dairy products, corn for grain, and fruits & berries.

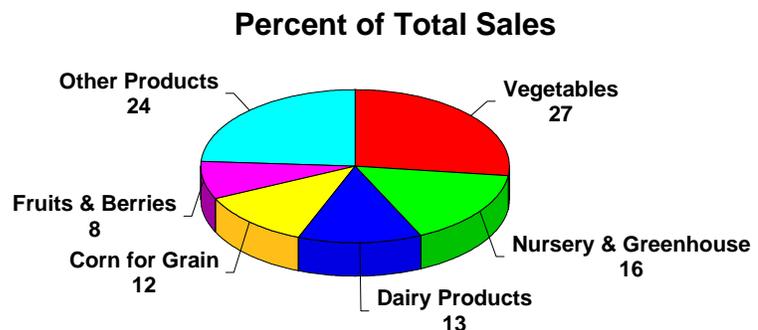
The average value of land and buildings per farm in 1997 was \$402,475. Machinery and equipment were valued at \$60,762 per farm. Total production expenses in 1997 were \$35.9 million for an average of \$74,878 per farm. The Census showed 53 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 54.7 years. Data from the U.S. Department of Commerce showed the average personal income for all wage earners in the county in 1996 was \$27,754.

LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Product	1997 Sales Thous. Dol.	Percent of Total	County Rank
Vegetables	13,092	27	4
Nursery & Greenhouse	7,829	16	4
Dairy Products	6,053	13	45
Corn for Grain	5,872	12	8
Fruits & Berries	4,074	8	12
Other Products	11,034	24	
TOTAL SALES	47,954		27

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	4,129	307,285	5/	5/	20,161	5/
1950	3,147	285,005	224,807	16,593	21,172	22,433
1959	1,880	215,900	173,943	9,190	15,448	17,319
1969	1,085	156,405	123,654	5/	12,191	5/
1978	784	145,239	119,409	3,496	11,133	11,201
1982	800	145,270	120,026	3,709	10,087	11,448
1987	760	139,200	118,200	3,600	10,200	7,200
1992	600	121,100	101,000	4,000	7,000	9,100
1993	605	119,600	100,000	3,000	7,100	9,500
1994	600	115,500	97,600	2,900	6,400	8,600
1995	585	114,800	96,800	2,900	6,300	8,800
1996	580	111,800	95,200	2,800	6,000	7,800
1997	575	110,800	94,700	2,800	5,900	7,400
1998	585	112,800	95,600	3,000	6,200	8,000

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	244	223
\$10,000 to \$49,999	119	118
\$50,000 to \$99,999	43	30
\$100,000 or more	105	109
Farms Reporting	511	480

U. S. Census of Agriculture

FRUIT ACRES AND RANK

Fruit	1997	Rank
	Acres	
Apples	1,618	7
Peaches	119	4
Grapes	162	15
Peaches	87	6

U. S. Census of Agriculture

RESIDENT POPULATION

In 1998, County's population ranked 9th in the state

Year	Total	Population Per Square Mile
1940	438,200	665
1950	487,600	740
1960	586,400	890
1970	711,900	1080
1980	702,200	1066
1990	714,000	1083
1998	716,072	1086

U.S. Census of Population

CATTLE: Number on Farms, January 1

MILK: Cows & Production

Year	All Cattle & Calves	Beef Cows	Milk Cows
Number on farms			
1940	27,178	1/	1/
1950	31,529	1,172	16,197
1959	30,395	1,626	14,590
1969	18,582	1,564	7,629
1978	15,000	1,000	7,500
1982	13,000	1,400	5,900
1987	13,500	800	5,600
1992	11,000	700	4,000
1993	11,500	600	3,800
1994	11,000	700	3,400
1995	9,500	600	3,000
1996	10,500	600	3,000
1997	10,000	600	3,000
1998	9,000	600	3,000

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	7,100	10,800	76.7
1982	5,900	11,800	69.6
1987	5,100	13,300	67.8
1992	3,900	16,500	64.3
1993	3,500	17,000	59.5
1994	3,400	16,500	56.1
1995	3,200	17,200	55.0
1996	3,200	17,000	54.4
1997	3,000	17,200	51.6
1998	3,400	17,500	59.5

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available.

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OATS: Acreage, Yield, and Production

WHEAT: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
Acres Acres Bushels Bushels				
1940	1/	18,985	40.6	769,887
1950	1/	17,914	27.4	475,278
1959	1/	16,394	56.8	931,981
1969	1/	1/	1/	1/
1978	9,700	9,500	58.0	551,000
1982	9,800	9,500	68.2	648,000
1987	6,300	6,000	68.0	408,000
1992	3,500	2,400	76.0	182,400
1993	3,500	2,400	56.0	134,400
1994	2,700	2,300	63.0	144,900
1995	1,900	1,700	55.0	94,100
1996	1,800	1,500	52.0	78,500
1997	2,100	1,900	72.0	136,800
1998	2,600	2,300	64.0	147,200

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
Acres Acres Bushels Bushels				
1940	1/	28,593	25.9	739,580
1950	1/	34,823	27.1	942,994
1959	1/	21,005	30.4	637,955
1969	14,400	13,400	38.0	509,200
1978	7,400	7,000	32.0	224,300
1982	13,600	12,500	43.0	537,500
1987	8,800	8,100	43.0	348,300
1992	11,500	10,700	57.0	598,500
1993	9,700	8,700	45.0	391,500
1994	13,000	12,500	52.0	650,000
1995	14,100	13,800	56.0	772,800
1996	17,300	16,700	44.0	734,800
1997	14,600	14,300	56.0	800,800
1998	15,100	14,000	55.0	770,000

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EQUINE: Inventory and Value,

1997 Census of Agriculture

Total Equine	Rank in State	Inventory Value	Rank in State
1322	10	\$512,000	10

CORN: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	All Planted	Grain			Silage		
		Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Acres	Bushels	Bushels	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	19,337	8,388	41.6	348,613	1/	1/	1/
1950	17,991	7,356	44.6	328,304	9,765	8.4	81,592
1959	17,980	8,744	55.5	485,724	8,570	9.6	82,055
1969	13,200	6,800	80.0	544,000		1/	1/
1978	26,700	20,600	80.0	1,648,000	5,800	13.0	75,400
1982	36,200	30,200	92.6	2,796,500	5,700	13.9	79,200
1987	24,500	20,200	109.0	2,201,800	4,100	14.0	59,400
1992	23,600	18,800	96.0	1,804,800	3,800	16.4	62,300
1993	23,600	19,500	118.0	2,301,000	3,900	14.8	57,700
1994	23,800	20,600	121.0	2,499,500	3,200	17.6	56,200
1995	24,400	22,700	107.0	2,429,800	1,500	14.0	21,000
1996	24,900	23,400	105.0	2,458,500	1,400	15.5	21,700
1997	25,300	22,300	109.0	2,430,700	2,800	15.2	42,600
1998	25,400	22,300	119.0	2,653,700	3,100	17.7	54,800

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	15,537	1.8	28,738	30,383	1.2	34,988	45,920	1.4	63,726
1950	13,604	1.9	25,333	22,778	1.4	32,071	36,382	1.6	57,404
1959	23,583	2.3	53,596	10,016	1.9	18,831	33,599	2.2	72,427
1969	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	24,123	2.5	59,367
1978	17,400	2.7	47,000	6,800	1.9	12,900	24,200	2.5	59,900
1982	14,600	2.9	42,300	5,100	2.1	10,700	19,700	2.7	53,000
1987	12,000	3.5	42,000	4,500	2.9	13,100	16,500	3.3	55,100
1992	12,700	2.1	27,300	2,700	1.7	4,600	15,400	2.1	31,900
1993	10,600	2.7	29,100	3,100	1.5	4,600	13,700	2.5	33,700
1994	9,400	3.3	31,000	3,100	1.7	5,200	12,500	2.9	36,200
1995	9,200	3.2	29,400	3,400	1.5	5,100	12,600	2.7	34,500
1996	7,300	3.1	22,600	3,700	1.6	6,000	11,000	2.6	28,600
1997	7,500	2.7	20,000	2,500	2.0	5,000	10,000	2.5	25,000
1998	7,000	2.5	17,700	2,200	2.2	4,900	9,200	2.5	22,600

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1/ Dry hay only - excludes silage and green chop

2/ Not available