



# ONONDAGA COUNTY FARM STATISTICS

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Onondaga County is located in central New York. In 1998, there were 160,400 acres in farms, 32 percent of the county's total 499,200 acres. There were 730 farms in the county averaging 220 acres per farm. Onondaga County ranks 23th in the state for number of farms and 22nd for land in farms.

In 1997, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$71.0 million. Total sales averaged 117,859 per farm. The leading products sold were: dairy products, poultry products, fruit and berries, and vegetables.

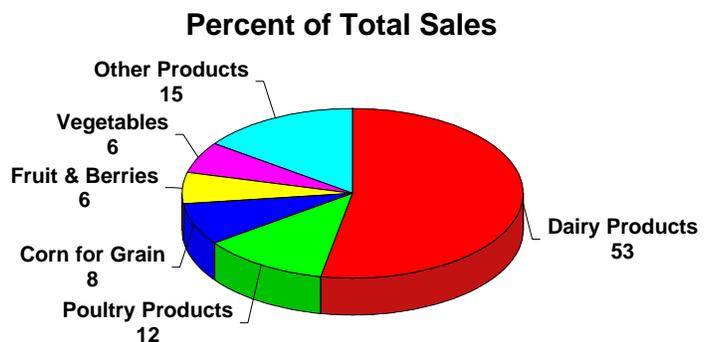
The average value of land and buildings per farm in 1997 was \$297,385. Machinery and equipment were valued at \$73,790 per farm. Total production expenses in 1997 were \$57.2 million for an average of \$94,775 per farm. The Census showed 59 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 54.3 years. Data from the U.S. Department of Commerce showed the average personal income for all wage earners in the county in 1996 was \$24,021.

## LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Product	1997 Sales Thous. Dol.	Percent of Total	County Rank
Dairy Products	37,475	53	17
Poultry Products	8,831	12	5
Corn for Grain	5,355	8	10
Fruit & Berries	4,226	6	10
Vegetables	4,032	6	15
Other Products	11,032	15	
<b>TOTAL SALES</b>	<b>70,951</b>		<b>16</b>

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	4,490	373,263	5/	5/	38,629	5/
1950	3,405	334,822	222,463	47,055	41,735	23,569
1959	1,765	251,917	160,997	34,179	31,487	25,254
1969	1,159	204,966	141,119	5/	27,373	5/
1978	869	184,114	133,927	8,831	25,458	15,898
1982	835	179,015	130,199	11,129	23,926	13,761
1987	860	163,600	123,900	8,000	18,800	12,900
1992	750	159,800	120,800	9,000	18,300	11,700
1993	760	157,900	119,300	8,600	17,700	12,300
1994	750	155,500	117,600	8,600	16,800	12,500
1995	735	157,200	117,700	9,100	16,900	13,500
1996	725	156,900	118,000	9,400	16,600	12,900
1997	720	158,100	117,700	9,900	16,700	13,800
1998	730	160,400	120,600	9,900	16,600	13,300

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	277	269
\$10,000 to \$49,999	141	150
\$50,000 to \$99,999	63	46
\$100,000 or more	155	137
<b>Farms Reporting</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>602</b>

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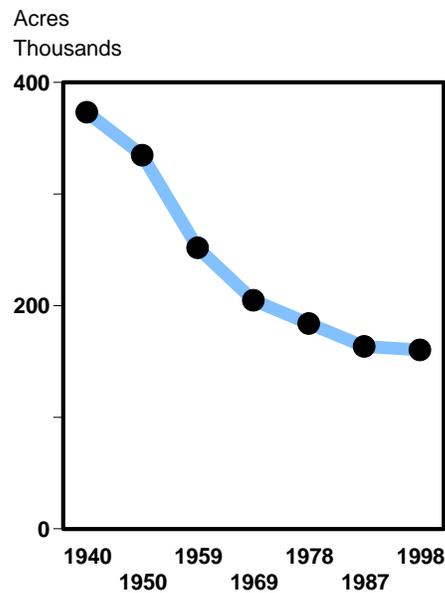
### RESIDENT POPULATION

In 1998, County's population ranked 10th in the state

Year	Total	Population Per Square Mile
1940	295,100	378
1950	341,700	438
1960	423,000	542
1970	472,800	606
1980	463,900	595
1990	469,000	601
1998	458,301	587

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	48,762	1/	1/
1950	48,244	1,074	27,874
1959	45,415	1,378	24,966
1969	35,634	2,009	18,352
1978	33,000	2,200	16,500
1982	36,000	2,700	19,000
1987	38,500	1,400	19,000
1992	35,500	1,300	17,000
1993	35,500	1,100	17,300
1994	34,000	1,300	17,500
1995	32,000	1,000	16,000
1996	33,000	1,200	18,000
1997	34,000	1,200	17,500
1998	33,000	1,200	17,500

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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	16,100	13,200	212.5
1982	19,000	12,500	237.5
1987	18,500	14,000	259.0
1992	17,000	16,000	272.0
1993	17,500	16,100	281.7
1994	18,000	16,200	291.6
1995	17,500	16,800	294.0
1996	17,500	16,700	292.3
1997	17,500	16,800	294.0
1998	18,000	17,100	307.8

1/ Not available.

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

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
Acres      Acres      Bushels      Bushels				
1940	1/	14,611	34.8	508,171
1950	1/	16,496	33.5	552,468
1959	1/	22,598	58.1	1,312,733
1969	1/	1/	1/	1/
1978	14,200	13,500	65.0	877,500
1982	13,600	13,300	67.0	891,100
1987	9,000	7,800	64.0	499,200
1992	6,400	6,200	75.0	465,000
1993	6,400	5,700	61.0	347,700
1994	5,000	4,200	67.0	281,400
1995	5,000	4,200	63.0	264,500
1996	4,900	4,000	59.0	236,800
1997	5,800	5,100	67.0	341,700
1998	6,900	6,300	65.0	409,500

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1/ Not available.

**WHEAT: Acreage, Yield, and Production**

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
Acres      Acres      Bushels      Bushels				
1940	1/	10,413	28.2	293,239
1950	1/	13,696	28.4	388,793
1959	1/	7,609	30.9	235,444
1969	5,900	5,700	40.0	228,000
1978	3,100	3,000	38.0	114,000
1982	5,200	4,200	43.0	180,600
1987	3,800	3,200	45.0	144,000
1992	3,200	3,100	59.0	182,900
1993	3,100	2,800	45.0	126,000
1994	4,800	4,600	54.0	248,400
1995	5,200	4,900	59.0	289,100
1996	6,300	6,000	46.0	276,000
1997	5,300	5,200	55.0	286,000
1998	5,500	5,100	53.0	270,300

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1/ Not available.

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

Total Equine	Rank in State	Inventory Value	Rank in State
1325	9	\$213,000	21

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

Year	All Planted	Grain			Silage		
		Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Acres	Bushels	Bushels	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	28,012	9,177	36.3	333,002	1/	1/	1/
1950	26,674	9,906	52.4	518,815	16,151	10.5	169,304
1959	24,033	11,624	60.0	697,447	12,065	10.5	127,123
1969	27,500	14,300	89.5	1,280,400	1/	1/	1/
1978	44,600	29,400	86.0	2,528,400	14,300	14.0	200,200
1982	47,400	34,100	94.8	3,232,700	13,000	13.7	178,100
1987	37,000	24,300	105.0	2,551,500	12,500	15.5	193,800
1992	38,400	25,200	111.0	2,797,200	11,500	13.6	156,400
1993	38,800	24,300	97.0	2,357,100	14,100	14.9	210,100
1994	39,200	25,600	114.0	2,923,500	13,600	15.7	213,000
1995	40,700	29,400	105.0	3,087,000	11,200	15.0	167,700
1996	42,100	31,400	103.0	3,238,500	10,500	16.6	173,900
1997	42,800	29,900	106.0	3,169,400	12,500	15.7	196,300
1998	39,400	27,500	112.0	3,080,000	11,900	15.8	188,500

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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	39,632	1.5	58,184	45,373	1.3	58,417	85,005	1.4	116,601
1950	21,337	2.0	42,419	39,129	1.7	67,636	60,466	1.8	110,055
1959	35,876	2.2	80,227	14,589	2.0	28,462	50,465	2.2	108,689
1969	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	42,692	2.4	104,547
1978	29,700	2.8	83,200	8,900	2.0	17,800	38,600	2.6	101,000
1982	30,000	3.1	93,000	7,600	2.4	18,200	37,600	3.0	111,200
1987	27,500	2.8	76,000	7,000	2.6	18,100	34,500	2.7	94,100
1992	23,300	2.3	53,000	7,200	1.9	13,800	30,500	2.2	66,800
1993	22,000	2.6	57,700	8,800	2.2	19,600	30,800	2.5	77,300
1994	19,500	3.2	61,500	8,700	2.5	22,100	28,200	3.0	83,600
1995	18,000	2.9	52,200	7,700	2.3	17,700	25,700	2.7	69,900
1996	17,800	2.9	51,600	6,700	2.3	15,400	24,500	2.7	67,000
1997	18,700	2.8	52,900	5,900	2.5	14,800	24,600	2.8	67,700
1998	17,500	2.7	46,700	5,000	2.9	14,400	22,500	2.7	61,100

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1/ Dry hay only - excludes silage and green chop

2/ Not available