



OTSEGO COUNTY FARM STATISTICS

April 2000

Otsego County is located in east-central New York. In 1998, there were 225,700 acres in farms, 35 percent of the county's total 641,920 acres. There were 1045 farms in the county averaging 216 acres per farm. Otsego county ranks 8th in the state for number of farms and 7th for land in farms.

In 1997, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$51.6 million. Total sales averaged \$59,667 per farm. The leading products sold were: dairy products, cattle & calves, hay and silage, nursery and greenhouse, and horses and ponies.

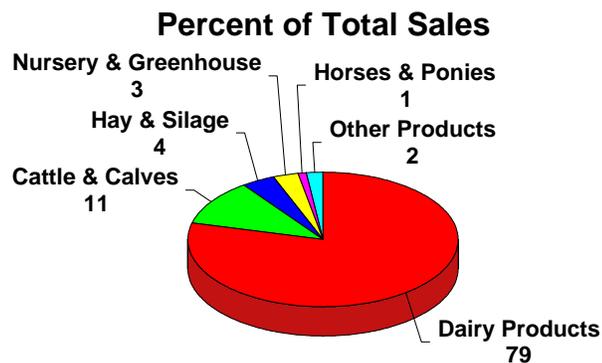
The average value of land and buildings per farm in 1997 was \$231,588. Machinery and equipment were valued at \$50,749 per farm. Total production expenses in 1997 were \$39.3 million for an average of \$45,447 per farm. The Census showed 64 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal 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 \$18,825.

LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Product	1997 Sales Thous. Dol.	Percent of Total	County Rank
Dairy Products	40,574	79	13
Cattle & Calves	5,605	11	11
Hay & Silage	1,972	4	20
Nursery & Greenhouse	1,554	3	35
Horses & Ponies	556	1	8
Other Products	1,351	2	
TOTAL SALES	51,612		25

1997 Census of Agriculture

LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS



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	3,752	496,518	5/	5/	96,113	5/
1950	3,261	478,771	207,447	140,124	110,738	20,462
1959	2,391	456,961	187,729	132,671	114,997	21,564
1969	1,427	325,600	168,069	5/	84,690	5/
1978	1,166	297,911	155,344	38,485	78,693	25,389
1982	1,120	277,046	144,289	34,492	78,073	20,192
1987	1,145	273,400	144,700	31,700	74,900	22,100
1992	1,020	240,000	122,700	31,500	65,800	20,000
1993	1,030	237,100	121,200	30,400	64,500	21,000
1994	1,040	229,800	120,400	28,600	61,500	19,300
1995	1,030	227,900	121,300	28,200	60,000	18,400
1996	1,030	223,900	121,600	27,300	57,100	17,900
1997	1,035	222,500	122,800	26,900	55,700	17,100
1998	1,045	225,700	125,800	26,800	55,600	17,500

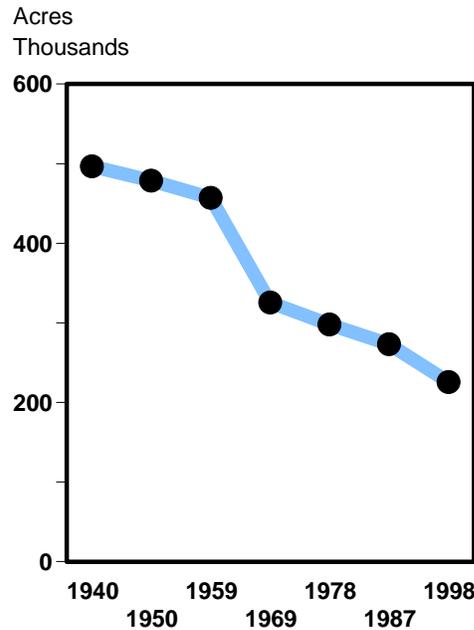
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FARMS BY SALES CLASS

Sales Class	1992	1997
Number of Farms		
Under \$10,000	380	427
\$10,000 to \$49,999	148	136
\$50,000 to \$99,999	126	116
\$100,000 or more	213	186
Farms Reporting	867	865

U. S. Census of Agriculture

Land in Farms



RESIDENT POPULATION

In 1998, County's population ranked 42nd in the state

Year	Total	Population Per Square Mile
1940	46,100	46
1950	50,800	51
1960	51,900	52
1970	56,200	56
1980	59,100	59
1990	60,500	60
1998	60,788	60

U.S. Census of Population

CATTLE: Number on Farms, January 1

Year	All Cattle & Calves	Beef Cows	Milk Cows
	Number on farms		
1940	70,807	1/	1/
1950	73,314	1137	45,373
1959	77,926	833	48,271
1969	60,365	1,876	34,078
1978	62,000	1,800	34,000
1982	74,000	2,200	34,500
1987	60,000	2,100	32,000
1992	50,000	1,900	25,500
1993	49,000	2,400	23,500
1994	47,000	2,600	24,000
1995	46,000	2,500	23,000
1996	44,000	2,400	23,000
1997	43,000	2,500	22,000
1998	41,000	2,300	20,000

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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	34,000	11,900	404.6
1982	34,000	12,500	425.0
1987	31,000	14,300	443.3
1992	24,500	16,100	394.5
1993	24,000	15,900	381.6
1994	24,000	15,700	376.8
1995	23,000	16,200	372.6
1996	22,000	16,000	352.0
1997	21,500	16,100	346.2
1998	20,500	16,300	334.2

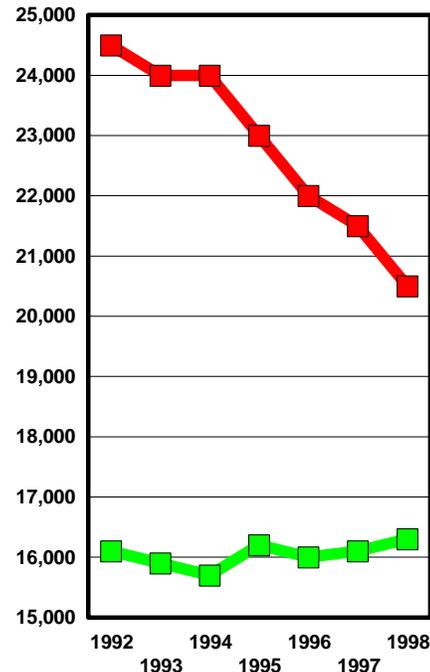
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OATS: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Acres	Bushels	Bushels
1940	1/	13,150	32.4	426,152
1950	1/	10,782	34.3	369,335
1959	1/	13,614	49.9	678,752
1969	1/	1/	1/	1/
1978	9,100	7,500	58.0	435,000
1982	7,300	5,700	62.0	353,400
1987	4,400	3,400	57.0	193,800
1992	2,500	1,900	65.0	123,500
1993	2,400	1,600	60.0	96,000
1994	2,700	2,300	66.0	151,800
1995	2,000	1,700	61.0	103,500
1996	1,200	1,000	57.0	57,300
1997	1,400	1,300	57.0	74,100
1998	1,700	1,500	63.0	94,500

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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
1443	6	\$556,000	8

CORN: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	All Planted Acres	Grain			Silage		
		Harvested Acres	Yield Bushels	Production Bushels	Harvested Acres	Yield Tons	Production Tons
1940	16,329	2,588	38.5	99,707	1/	1/	1/
1950	14,676	1,252	50.0	62,604	13,186	10.6	139,253
1959	13,455	817	60.2	49,199	12,565	10.6	132,589
1969	19,200	2,800	94.0	263,200	1/	1/	1/
1978	25,900	4,500	91.0	409,500	21,200	14.5	307,400
1982	25,700	6,400	85.5	547,200	18,900	13.4	253,300
1987	25,000	7,200	115.0	828,000	17,500	15.0	262,200
1992	21,100	4,900	86.0	421,400	15,300	14.5	221,900
1993	21,200	5,000	95.0	475,000	16,000	14.9	238,400
1994	21,400	5,300	112.0	594,400	16,100	15.2	244,200
1995	20,900	5,900	102.0	601,500	14,900	14.0	208,400
1996	20,400	6,200	100.0	621,500	13,900	15.5	215,100
1997	20,800	5,900	104.0	613,600	14,700	14.4	211,600
1998	19,200	5,400	110.0	594,500	13,800	15.3	210,700

1940 - 1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available

HAY: Acreage, Yield, and Production 1/

Year	Alfalfa Hay			Other Hay			Total Hay		
	Harvested Acres	Yield Tons	Production Tons	Harvested Acres	Yield Tons	Production Tons	Harvested Acres	Yield Tons	Production Tons
1940	4,215	1.9	8,007	121,146	1.2	149,998	125,361	1.3	158,005
1950	6,630	2.1	13,728	98,128	1.5	150,472	104,758	1.6	164,200
1959	24,424	2.1	51,218	82,300	1.5	123,556	106,724	1.6	174,774
1969	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	73,895	2.2	161,327
1978	36,600	2.4	87,800	47,500	1.9	90,300	84,100	2.1	178,100
1982	33,700	2.5	84,300	45,400	2.1	95,300	79,100	2.3	179,600
1987	28,500	2.8	81,000	40,000	2.2	88,300	68,500	2.5	169,300
1992	25,100	2.1	53,000	33,100	1.8	60,900	58,200	2.2	113,900
1993	23,700	2.4	57,500	37,900	1.8	67,400	61,600	2.0	124,900
1994	21,000	2.9	61,300	37,500	2.0	76,000	58,500	2.4	137,300
1995	22,600	2.4	54,200	35,400	1.9	67,600	58,000	2.1	121,800
1996	21,300	2.4	51,100	31,100	2.0	63,600	52,400	2.2	114,700
1997	21,300	2.5	53,800	29,400	2.0	57,500	50,700	2.2	111,300
1998	20,000	2.4	47,500	26,400	2.0	53,000	46,400	2.2	100,500

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1/ Dry hay only - excludes silage and green chop

2/ Not available