



SCHOHARIE COUNTY FARM STATISTICS

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Schoharie County is located in eastern New York south of the Mohawk Valley. In 1998, there were 118,200 acres in farms, 30 percent of the county's total 398,080 acres. There were 615 farms in the county averaging 192 acres per farm. Schoharie county ranks 30th in the state for number of farms and 31st for land in farms.

In 1997, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$27.0 million. Total sales averaged \$52,071 per farm. The leading products sold were: dairy products, cattle & calves, nursery and greenhouse, hay & silage, and vegetables.

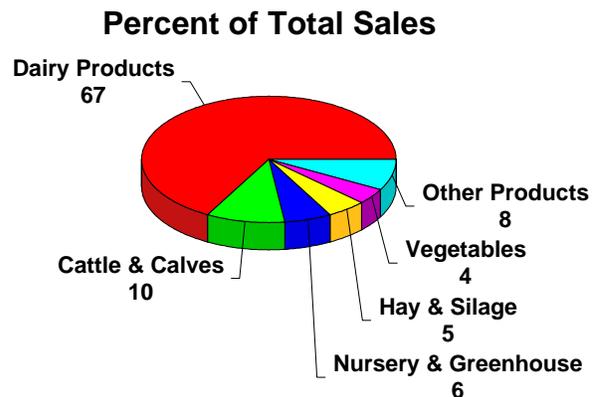
The average value of land and buildings per farm in 1997 was \$231,375. Machinery and equipment were valued at \$39,696 per farm. Total production expenses in 1997 were \$19.5 million for an average of \$37,404 per farm. The Census showed 60 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 53.0 years. Data from the U.S. Department of Commerce showed the average personal income for all wage earners in the county in 1996 was \$17,852.

LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Product	1997 Sales Thous. Dol.	Percent of Total	County Rank
Dairy Products	17,976	67	30
Cattle & Calves	2,665	10	34
Nursery & Greenhouse	1,549	6	36
Hay & Silage	1,410	5	28
Vegetables	1,039	4	26
Other Products	2,334	8	
TOTAL SALES	26,973		42

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	2,453	307,786	5/	5/	60,762	5/
1950	1,940	289,090	149,878	60,275	66,879	12,058
1959	1,188	231,285	108,130	50,782	60,816	11,557
1969	774	172,803	98,879	5/	40,710	5/
1978	669	169,148	100,414	17,712	39,066	11,956
1982	658	156,630	91,460	15,426	41,973	7,771
1987	635	136,200	88,600	11,400	28,600	7,600
1992	610	129,500	78,800	13,300	29,600	7,800
1993	615	127,900	77,900	12,800	29,000	8,200
1994	620	123,700	76,100	11,600	27,600	8,400
1995	615	122,700	75,500	11,000	27,200	9,000
1996	615	120,000	74,000	10,200	26,100	9,700
1997	620	119,000	74,000	9,500	25,700	9,800
1998	615	118,200	74,200	9,300	25,000	9,700

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	274	267
\$10,000 to \$49,999	78	104
\$50,000 to \$99,999	76	54
\$100,000 or more	88	93
Farms Reporting	516	518

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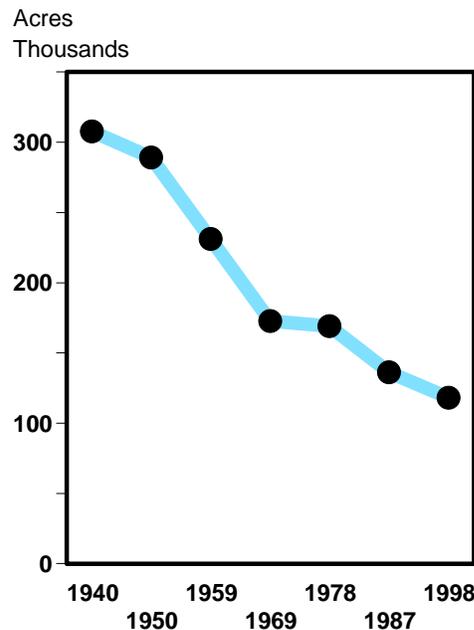
RESIDENT POPULATION

In 1998, County's population ranked 57th in the state

Year	Total	Population Per Square Mile
1940	20,800	33
1950	22,700	36
1960	22,600	36
1970	24,800	40
1980	29,700	48
1990	31,900	51
1998	32,438	52

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	40,093	1/	1/
1950	40,808	470	25,376
1959	33,212	393	20,836
1969	29,742	1,499	16,596
1978	31,000	1,400	17,000
1982	35,000	2,200	17,000
1987	28,500	1,400	14,500
1992	24,000	1,400	10,500
1993	24,000	1,600	11,000
1994	23,500	1,900	10,000
1995	22,500	1,700	10,000
1996	22,000	1,600	9,000
1997	22,000	1,700	8,500
1998	22,000	1,700	8,500

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

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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	17,400	11,200	194.9
1982	17,000	11,500	195.5
1987	13,000	13,400	174.2
1992	10,600	15,500	164.3
1993	10,500	15,200	159.6
1994	9,500	15,600	148.2
1995	9,000	16,000	144.0
1996	8,500	16,000	136.0
1997	8,500	16,000	136.0
1998	8,000	16,200	129.6

1/ Not available.

OATS: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Acres	Bushels	Bushels
1940	1/	10,511	27.0	283,595
1950	1/	7,941	30.0	239,836
1959	1/	7,058	42.0	296,269
1969	1/	1/	1/	1/
1978	2,500	2,000	59.0	118,000
1982	3,300	2,500	56.0	140,000
1987	2,200	700	54.0	37,800
1992	1,000	400	55.0	22,000
1993	800	400	59.0	23,600
1994	1,000	800	50.0	40,000
1995	800	400	59.0	23,600
1996	300	300	61.0	18,300
1997	400	400	49.0	19,600
1998	400	400	60.0	24,000

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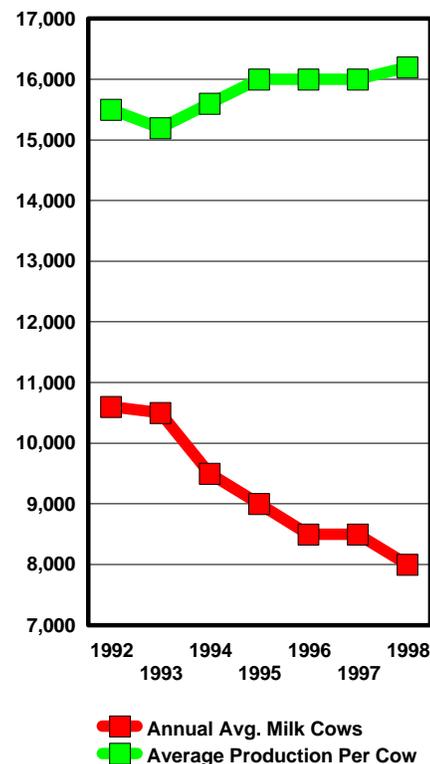
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EQUINE: Inventory and Value,

1997 Census of Agriculture

Total Equine	Rank in State	Inventory Value	Rank in State
681	34	\$150,000	31

MILK: Cows & Production



CORN: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	All Planted	Grain			Silage		
		Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
		Acres	Acres	Bushels	Bushels	Acres	Tons
1940	10,789	1,171	34.0	39,780	1/	1/	1/
1950	8,814	1,198	46.5	55,667	7,333	9.2	67,712
1959	7,849	2,367	67.6	160,101	5,413	9.8	53,178
1969	9,800	1,900	94.0	178,600	1/	1/	1/
1978	15,900	4,700	98.0	460,600	11,000	14.5	159,500
1982	15,900	5,400	100.5	542,700	10,300	12.7	130,800
1987	13,500	5,000	118.0	590,000	8,200	14.0	114,800
1992	12,500	5,100	87.0	443,700	6,900	11.1	76,600
1993	13,300	5,200	97.0	504,400	8,000	13.5	108,200
1994	13,200	5,500	115.0	633,700	7,700	14.4	110,700
1995	12,500	5,200	105.0	546,000	7,200	13.4	96,800
1996	11,800	4,600	103.0	474,400	7,100	14.9	105,600
1997	12,000	4,400	109.0	479,600	7,500	13.0	97,800
1998	11,900	4,300	113.0	484,300	7,600	14.5	110,200

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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	10,554	1.7	18,378	70,520	1.1	77,468	81,074	1.2	95,846
1950	11,187	1.9	21,086	61,194	1.3	82,419	72,381	1.4	103,505
1959	21,595	1.7	36,796	41,269	1.1	46,061	62,864	1.3	82,857
1969	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	46,277	1.9	89,847
1978	25,600	2.5	64,000	34,500	1.8	62,100	60,100	2.1	126,100
1982	25,000	2.6	65,000	29,200	1.8	52,600	54,200	2.2	117,600
1987	22,000	2.4	53,600	22,000	1.7	36,400	44,000	2.0	90,000
1992	19,200	2.3	44,100	18,400	1.7	31,200	37,600	2.0	75,300
1993	16,600	2.2	36,600	20,800	1.9	40,400	37,400	2.1	77,000
1994	14,700	2.7	39,000	20,600	2.2	45,600	35,300	2.4	84,600
1995	14,600	2.4	35,000	20,000	2.1	41,100	34,600	2.2	76,100
1996	14,100	2.5	35,200	18,200	2.1	39,100	32,300	2.3	74,300
1997	14,900	2.3	34,200	18,100	1.8	31,800	33,000	2.0	66,000
1998	14,000	2.2	30,200	16,200	1.8	29,400	30,200	2.0	59,600

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1/ Dry hay only - excludes silage and green chop

2/ Not available