



# SCHUYLER COUNTY FARM STATISTICS

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Schuyler county is located in the west central part of New York in the Finger Lakes region. In 1998, there were 70,600 acres in farms, 34 percent of the county's total 210,560 acres. There were 385 farms in the county averaging 183 acres per farm. Schuyler county ranks 45th in the state for number of farms and 43rd for land in farms.

In 1997, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$14.0 million. Total sales averaged \$44,133 per farm. The leading products sold were: dairy products, fruit and berries, cattle and calves, nursery and greenhouse, and hay and silage.

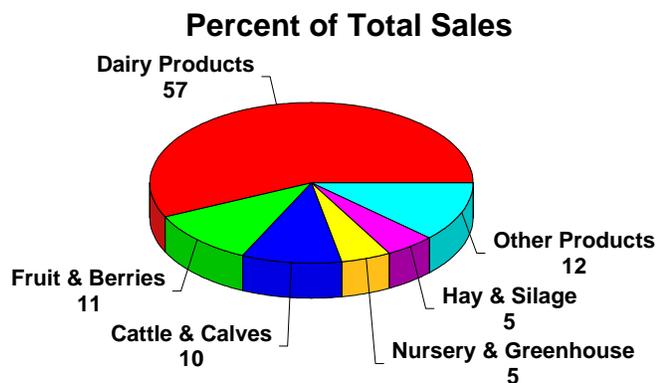
The average value of land and buildings per farm in 1997 was \$202,907. Machinery and equipment were valued at \$41,625 per farm. Total production expenses in 1997 were \$11.4 million for an average of \$35,758 per farm. The Census showed 51 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal 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 \$16,569.

## LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Product	1997 Sales Thous. Dol.	Percent of Total	County Rank
Dairy Products	7,995	57	41
Fruit & Berries	1,492	11	18
Cattle & Calves	1,358	10	45
Nursery & Greenhouse	753	5	46
Hay & Silage	646	5	45
Other Products	1,790	12	
<b>TOTAL SALES</b>	<b>14,034</b>		<b>46</b>

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	1,126	121,594	5/	5/	18,080	5/
1950	1,118	143,301	80,373	19,114	26,249	17,565
1959	675	115,504	67,250	14,451	25,674	8,129
1969	482	87,499	51,651	5/	16,560	5/
1978	444	79,849	47,025	7,648	17,684	7,492
1982	430	82,817	49,450	8,106	17,935	7,326
1987	415	78,500	45,700	8,200	17,400	7,200
1992	370	71,800	42,100	9,800	14,400	5,500
1993	375	70,900	41,600	9,400	14,100	5,800
1994	375	69,600	40,500	9,700	14,500	4,900
1995	375	70,000	40,000	10,200	15,400	4,400
1996	375	69,700	39,500	10,600	15,900	3,700
1997	380	70,200	39,000	11,200	16,800	3,200
1998	385	70,600	38,400	11,600	17,400	3,200

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	182	188
\$10,000 to \$49,999	63	59
\$50,000 to \$99,999	22	36
\$100,000 or more	45	35
Farms Reporting	312	318

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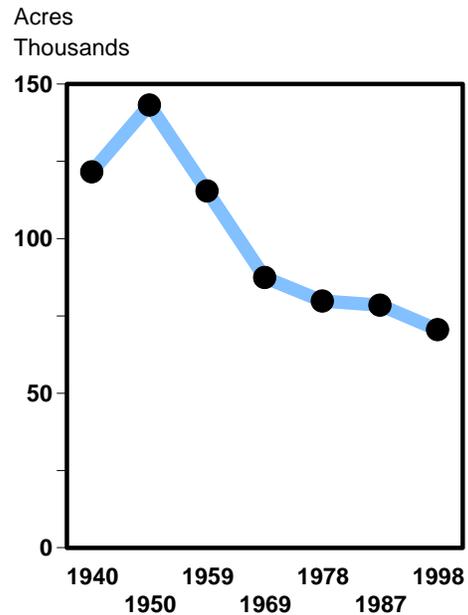
**RESIDENT POPULATION**

In 1998, County's population ranked 61st in the state

Year	Total	Population Per Square Mile
1940	13,000	40
1950	14,200	43
1960	15,000	46
1970	16,700	51
1980	17,700	54
1990	18,700	57
1998	19,125	58

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	6,179	1/	1/
1950	8,868	188	4,585
1959	9,273	412	4,454
1969	10,786	885	3,446
1978	10,000	900	4,600
1982	11,000	900	5,200
1987	10,000	1,000	4,200
1992	9,000	800	3,500
1993	9,000	800	3,700
1994	8,500	1,000	3,600
1995	8,000	700	3,500
1996	8,000	1,000	3,500
1997	9,000	1,200	3,500
1998	10,000	1,100	4,000

1940-1969 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	4,600	10,700	49.2
1982	4,800	12,000	57.6
1987	4,100	14,000	57.4
1992	3,600	16,100	58.0
1993	3,600	16,000	57.6
1994	3,500	16,600	58.1
1995	3,400	17,000	57.8
1996	3,700	16,500	61.0
1997	3,800	16,600	63.1
1998	4,000	16,800	67.2

1/ Not available.

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

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
Acres                  Acres                  Bushels                  Bushels				
1940	1/	5,458	20.5	111,915
1950	1/	6,340	28.1	178,090
1959	1/	6,974	49.1	342,721
1969	1/	1/	1/	1/
1978	5,400	4,800	54.0	259,200
1982	4,000	3,800	49.0	186,200
1987	2,500	2,300	49.0	112,700
1992	1,300	1,200	60.0	72,000
1993	1,200	900	65.0	58,700
1994	2,300	1,900	59.0	112,100
1995	1,400	1,300	52.0	67,000
1996	800	700	49.0	34,300
1997	1,000	900	63.0	56,700
1998	1,100	1,000	61.0	61,000

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/	4,244	20.5	86,909
1950	1/	7,364	24.1	177,523
1959	1/	3,852	25.5	98,161
1969	2,100	2,000	36.5	73,000
1978	500	500	34.0	17,000
1982	1,800	1,700	42.6	72,500
1987	900	700	40.0	28,000
1992	700	700	53.0	37,100
1993	500	400	42.0	16,800
1994	600	600	50.0	30,000
1995	600	600	59.0	35,400
1996	800	800	39.0	31,200
1997	700	600	54.0	32,400
1998	700	600	49.0	29,400

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
399	48	\$33,000	49

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

Year	All Planted	Grain			Silage		
		Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Acres	Bushels	Bushels	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	4,197	2,180	34.4	75,034	1/	1/	1/
1950	4,116	1,449	43.5	63,041	2,170	6.8	14,839
1959	4,043	2,100	51.8	108,816	1,830	9.6	17,636
1969	4,200	1,800	91.0	163,800	1/	1/	1/
1978	8,100	4,700	83.0	390,100	3,300	12.5	41,250
1982	8,800	4,900	74.0	362,600	3,800	10.8	41,000
1987	7,300	4,100	98.0	401,800	2,900	14.0	40,600
1992	6,600	2,800	75.0	210,000	3,500	11.9	41,700
1993	6,200	2,800	109.0	306,400	3,300	13.0	42,900
1994	6,300	3,000	109.0	327,300	3,300	15.5	51,000
1995	6,300	3,000	104.0	311,900	3,300	14.4	47,600
1996	6,300	2,800	102.0	284,700	3,400	16.0	54,300
1997	6,400	2,700	106.0	286,200	3,700	15.1	55,900
1998	5,800	2,400	107.0	256,500	3,400	15.6	53,200

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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	2,604	1.4	3,700	17,406	0.8	14,080	20,010	0.9	17,780
1950	1,644	1.5	2,450	15,520	1.1	16,891	17,164	1.1	19,341
1959	8,392	2.0	16,595	8,785	1.5	12,789	17,177	1.7	29,384
1969	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	14,054	1.9	26,156
1978	8,300	2.5	20,800	10,800	1.7	18,400	19,100	2.1	39,200
1982	9,100	2.7	24,600	9,700	1.7	16,500	18,800	2.2	41,100
1987	6,000	2.4	14,600	7,000	2.0	14,000	13,000	2.2	28,600
1992	6,100	1.9	11,800	8,300	1.5	12,600	14,400	1.7	24,400
1993	5,800	1.8	10,300	9,100	1.5	13,500	14,900	1.6	23,800
1994	5,100	2.2	11,000	9,000	1.7	15,200	14,100	1.9	26,200
1995	6,000	2.1	12,600	7,600	1.9	14,700	13,600	2.0	27,300
1996	7,000	2.2	15,400	7,000	1.6	11,200	14,000	1.9	26,600
1997	6,800	2.2	15,000	8,500	1.7	14,100	15,300	1.9	29,100
1998	6,400	2.1	13,300	7,600	1.7	13,000	14,000	1.9	26,300

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1/ Dry hay only - excludes silage and green chop

2/ Not available