



SENECA COUNTY FARM STATISTICS

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Seneca County is located in the Finger Lakes region, bordering both Cayuga and Seneca Lakes. In 1998, there were 128,500 acres in farms, 62 percent of the county's total 208,000 acres. There were 500 farms in the county averaging 257 acres per farm. Seneca county ranks 42nd in the state for number of farms and 29th for land in farms.

In 1997, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$41.1 million. Total sales averaged \$99,440 per farm. The leading products sold were: dairy products, corn for grain, soybeans, fruit and berries, and cattle and calves.

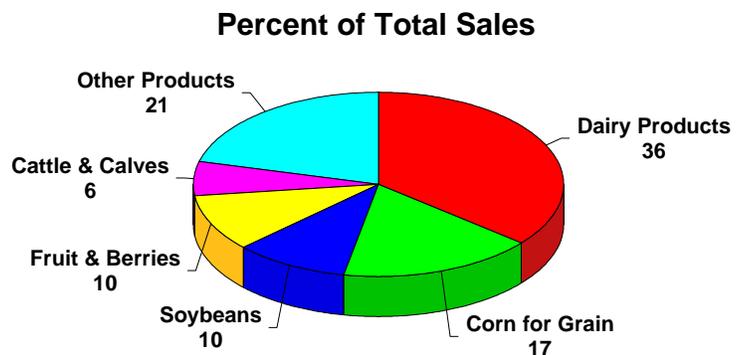
The average value of land and buildings per farm in 1997 was \$313,580. Machinery and equipment were valued at \$59,851 per farm. Total production expenses in 1997 were \$30.8 million for an average of \$74,570 per farm. The Census showed 62 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 50.5 years. Data from the U.S. Department of Commerce showed the average personal income for all wage earners in the county in 1996 was \$20,348.

LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Product	1997 Sales Thous. Dol.	Percent of Total	County Rank
Dairy Products	14,885	36	37
Corn for Grain	6,923	17	5
Soybeans	4,164	10	1
Fruit & Berries	3,903	10	13
Cattle & Calves	2,504	6	36
Other Products	8,690	21	
TOTAL SALES	41,069		33

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	1,413	162,709	5/	5/	12,332	5/
1950	1,275	153,602	116,561	7,250	15,876	13,915
1959	813	132,005	103,381	3,685	12,991	11,948
1969	585	122,135	94,895	5/	12,493	5/
1978	506	124,207	101,326	2,061	13,323	7,497
1982	499	124,304	103,582	1,499	13,093	6,130
1987	480	130,500	107,600	2,500	13,700	6,700
1992	455	126,500	103,200	3,600	13,900	5,800
1993	460	125,000	102,000	3,500	13,400	6,100
1994	470	123,400	101,000	3,200	12,500	6,700
1995	475	125,200	101,600	3,000	12,500	8,100
1996	485	125,200	101,400	2,800	12,300	8,700
1997	495	126,200	102,400	2,600	12,400	8,800
1998	500	128,500	103,300	2,800	13,000	9,400

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	139	138
\$10,000 to \$49,999	98	100
\$50,000 to \$99,999	56	59
\$100,000 or more	93	116
Farms Reporting	386	413

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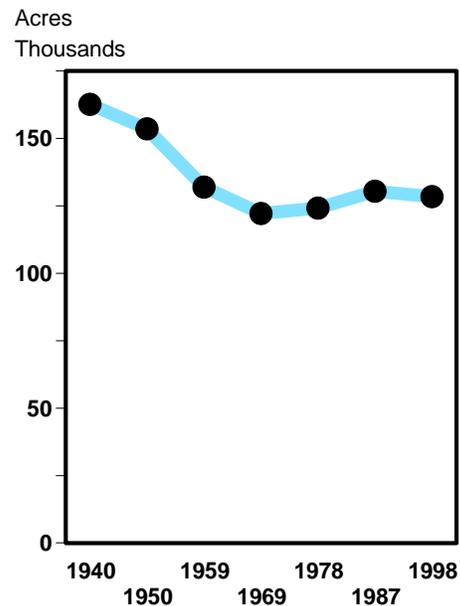
RESIDENT POPULATION

In 1198, County's population ranked 58th in the state

Year	Total	Population Per Square Mile
1940	25,700	79
1950	29,300	90
1960	32,000	98
1970	35,100	108
1980	33,700	104
1990	33,700	104
1998	31,943	98

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	11,921	1/	1/
1950	12,526	360	6,404
1959	13,214	475	6,349
1969	11,762	680	4,842
1978	11,000	1,000	4,100
1982	13,000	1,100	4,400
1987	15,000	1,400	6,400
1992	15,000	1,000	5,600
1993	15,000	1,000	6,000
1994	14,500	1,200	5,700
1995	13,500	1,000	5,000
1996	15,000	1,000	5,500
1997	16,000	1,500	6,000
1998	17,000	1,500	6,500

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	4,200	11,200	47.0
1982	5,000	13,800	69.0
1987	6,000	13,600	81.6
1992	5,900	17,000	100.3
1993	5,800	16,500	95.7
1994	5,500	17,000	93.5
1995	5,500	17,800	97.9
1996	6,000	17,500	105.0
1997	6,300	17,500	110.2
1998	6,400	17,800	113.9

1/ Not available.

OATS: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
Acres Acres Bushels Bushels				
1940	1/	10,251	29.5	301,904
1950	1/	12,142	34.6	419,731
1959	1/	14,802	55.6	823,730
1969	1/	1/	1/	1/
1978	15,300	15,000	65.0	975,000
1982	14,000	13,500	68.0	918,000
1987	8,500	7,700	53.0	408,100
1992	5,600	4,700	71.0	333,700
1993	5,500	4,700	63.0	296,100
1994	3,300	2,900	64.0	185,600
1995	3,100	2,800	55.0	155,000
1996	3,600	3,000	52.0	156,900
1997	4,200	3,800	74.0	281,200
1998	4,400	4,400	65.0	286,000

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1/ Not Available

WHEAT: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
Acres Acres Bushels Bushels				
1940	1/	13,555	23.8	322,516
1950	1/	20,899	26.3	549,962
1959	1/	13,344	32.4	432,234
1969	10,600	9,800	41.0	401,800
1978	4,700	4,500	36.0	162,000
1982	9,700	8,900	44.0	391,600
1987	8,400	7,300	44.0	321,200
1992	9,000	8,800	58.0	510,400
1993	6,600	5,900	43.0	253,700
1994	7,800	7,500	53.0	397,500
1995	8,400	7,700	54.0	415,800
1996	10,300	9,700	44.0	426,800
1997	8,700	8,400	59.0	495,600
1998	9,000	8,400	57.0	478,800

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1/ Not available.

EQUINE: Inventory and Value,

1997 Census of Agriculture

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CORN: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	All Planted Acres	Grain			Silage		
		Harvested Acres	Yield Bushels	Production Bushels	Harvested Acres	Yield Tons	Production Tons
1940	9,155	5,307	35.4	188,010	1/	1/	1/
1950	7,053	4,132	52.7	217,721	2,727	8.7	23,609
1959	12,972	9,892	51.7	511,856	3,034	9.7	29,396
1969	13,300	8,500	80.0	680,000	1/	1/	1/
1978	28,500	23,700	80.0	1,896,000	4,600	12.0	55,200
1982	41,200	36,100	83.3	3,007,100	4,900	13.3	65,200
1987	31,000	26,400	106.0	2,798,400	4,100	16.5	67,600
1992	33,900	25,500	90.0	2,295,000	6,900	15.1	104,200
1993	31,900	26,400	111.0	2,930,400	5,200	15.5	80,600
1994	32,200	27,900	115.0	3,214,600	4,300	16.1	69,100
1995	32,500	29,500	107.0	3,157,600	3,000	15.1	45,200
1996	32,800	29,000	105.0	3,046,900	3,700	16.7	61,700
1997	33,400	27,600	113.0	3,118,800	5,500	15.2	83,600
1998	33,600	27,700	113.0	3,130,100	5,900	16.2	95,500

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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	6,571	1.3	8,747	21,157	1.0	20,937	27,728	1.1	29,684
1950	4,252	1.9	8,013	14,445	1.4	20,529	18,697	1.5	28,542
1959	8,170	2.2	17,904	8,896	1.6	14,523	17,066	1.9	32,427
1969	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	16,448	2.3	37,343
1978	8,200	2.4	19,700	10,100	1.7	17,200	18,300	2.0	36,900
1982	9,100	2.6	23,700	8,700	1.9	16,500	17,800	2.3	40,200
1987	7,000	2.8	19,600	9,000	2.1	18,500	16,000	2.4	38,100
1992	11,000	2.2	24,700	6,900	2.0	14,000	17,900	2.2	38,700
1993	9,900	2.7	26,500	8,500	2.0	16,900	18,400	2.4	43,400
1994	8,800	3.2	28,300	8,400	2.3	19,100	17,200	2.8	47,400
1995	8,600	2.8	24,100	8,200	2.0	16,200	16,800	2.4	40,300
1996	8,400	2.8	23,500	6,600	2.2	14,500	15,000	2.5	38,000
1997	9,600	2.7	26,100	5,600	2.0	11,200	15,200	2.5	37,300
1998	9,000	2.6	23,100	4,900	2.2	10,600	13,900	2.4	33,700

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1/ Dry hay only - excludes silage and green chop

2/ Not available