



SULLIVAN COUNTY FARM STATISTICS

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Sullivan County is located in southern New York on the southwestern edge of the Catskill mountains bordering Pennsylvania. In 1998, there were 60,900 acres in farms, 10 percent of the county's total 620,800 acres. There were 370 farms in the county averaging 165 acres per farm. Sullivan county ranks 47th in the state for number of farms and 45th for land in farms.

In 1997, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$23.4 million. Total sales averaged \$75,126 per farm. The leading products sold were: poultry products, dairy products, cattle and calves, nursery and greenhouse, and hay and silage.

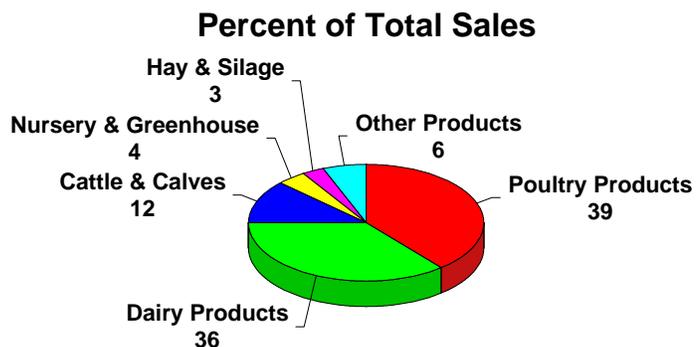
The average value of land and buildings per farm in 1997 was \$379,677. Machinery and equipment were valued at \$62,091 per farm. Total production expenses in 1997 were \$19.8 million for an average of \$63,162 per farm. The Census showed 62 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 54.9 years. Data from the U.S. Department of Commerce showed the average personal income for all wage earners in the county in 1996 was \$23,019.

LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

| Product | 1997 Sales Thous. Dol. | Percent of Total | County Rank |
|--------------------|---------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Poultry Products | 9,225 | 39 | 4 |
| Dairy Products | 8,335 | 36 | 40 |
| Cattle & Calves | 2,837 | 12 | 32 |
| Greenhouse | 955 | 4 | 42 |
| Hay & Silage | 633 | 3 | 46 |
| Other Products | 1,379 | 6 | |
| TOTAL SALES | 23,364 | | 44 |

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 | 2,778 | 254,304 | 5/ | 5/ | 86,986 | 5/ |
| 1950 | 1,881 | 191,978 | 74,407 | 35,548 | 70,171 | 11,852 |
| 1959 | 1,034 | 135,767 | 53,498 | 27,702 | 46,987 | 7,580 |
| 1969 | 647 | 92,673 | 48,303 | 5/ | 26,300 | 5/ |
| 1978 | 475 | 75,602 | 40,734 | 7,237 | 22,822 | 4,809 |
| 1982 | 460 | 75,663 | 41,580 | 6,601 | 22,912 | 4,570 |
| 1987 | 415 | 65,000 | 33,100 | 7,200 | 21,300 | 3,400 |
| 1992 | 360 | 61,600 | 32,200 | 7,100 | 19,000 | 3,300 |
| 1993 | 365 | 60,900 | 31,800 | 6,800 | 18,800 | 3,500 |
| 1994 | 370 | 60,300 | 32,600 | 6,700 | 17,500 | 3,500 |
| 1995 | 365 | 61,200 | 34,000 | 6,700 | 16,900 | 3,600 |
| 1996 | 370 | 61,500 | 35,400 | 6,700 | 15,800 | 3,600 |
| 1997 | 375 | 62,400 | 36,700 | 6,700 | 15,100 | 3,900 |
| 1998 | 370 | 60,900 | 35,400 | 6,700 | 15,000 | 3,800 |

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 | 162 | 156 |
| \$10,000 to \$49,999 | 58 | 75 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 23 | 28 |
| \$100,000 or more | 63 | 52 |
| Farms Reporting | 306 | 311 |

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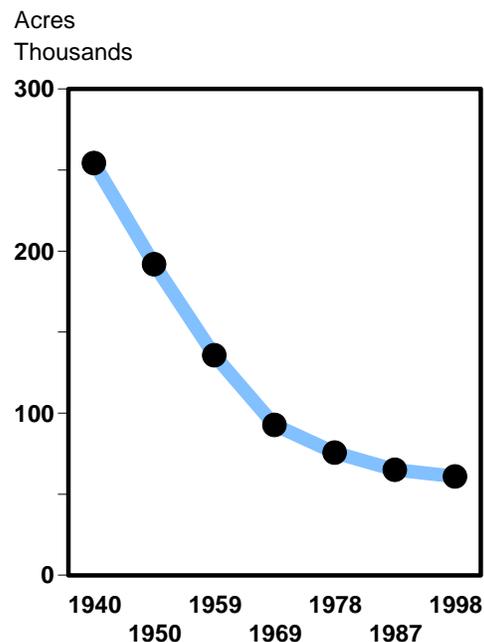
RESIDENT POPULATION

In 1998, County's population ranked 37th in the state

| Year | Total | Population Per Square Mile |
|------|--------|----------------------------|
| 1940 | 37,900 | 39 |
| 1950 | 40,700 | 42 |
| 1960 | 45,300 | 47 |
| 1970 | 52,600 | 54 |
| 1980 | 65,200 | 67 |
| 1990 | 69,300 | 71 |
| 1998 | 69,111 | 71 |

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Land in Farms



CATTLE: Number on Farms, January 1

| Year | All Cattle & Calves | Beef Cows | Milk Cows |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Number on farms | | | |
| 1940 | 26,271 | 1/ | 1/ |
| 1950 | 22,944 | 198 | 13,566 |
| 1959 | 19,591 | 324 | 11,089 |
| 1969 | 16,967 | 963 | 8,584 |
| 1978 | 15,000 | 1,200 | 7,200 |
| 1982 | 16,000 | 1,100 | 8,900 |
| 1987 | 13,000 | 1,000 | 6,400 |
| 1992 | 11,000 | 800 | 5,300 |
| 1993 | 11,000 | 700 | 5,000 |
| 1994 | 11,000 | 800 | 4,400 |
| 1995 | 10,500 | 700 | 4,500 |
| 1996 | 10,000 | 900 | 4,000 |
| 1997 | 10,000 | 1,000 | 4,000 |
| 1998 | 11,000 | 1,000 | 4,000 |

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture
1/ Not available.

MILK: Cows & Production

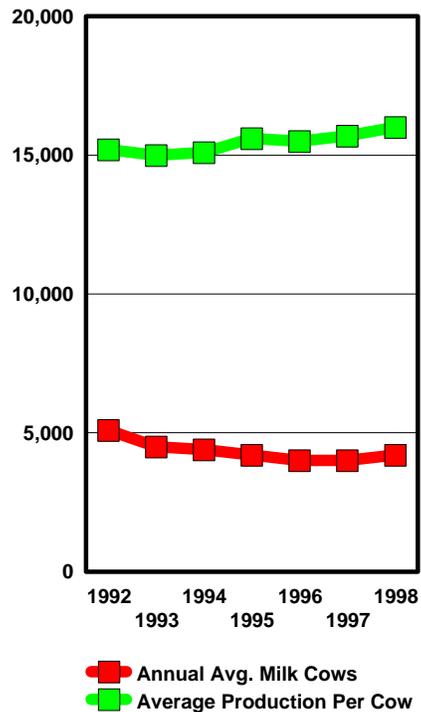
| Year | Annual Avg. Milk Cows | Average Production Per Cow | Total Milk Production |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| No. Head Pounds Million lbs. | | | |
| 1940 | 1/ | 1/ | 1/ |
| 1950 | 1/ | 1/ | 1/ |
| 1959 | 1/ | 1/ | 1/ |
| 1969 | 1/ | 1/ | 1/ |
| 1978 | 7,400 | 11,000 | 81.4 |
| 1982 | 7,500 | 11,300 | 84.8 |
| 1987 | 6,100 | 13,900 | 84.8 |
| 1992 | 5,100 | 15,200 | 77.5 |
| 1993 | 4,500 | 15,000 | 67.5 |
| 1994 | 4,400 | 15,100 | 66.4 |
| 1995 | 4,200 | 15,600 | 65.5 |
| 1996 | 4,000 | 15,500 | 62.0 |
| 1997 | 4,000 | 15,700 | 62.8 |
| 1998 | 4,200 | 16,000 | 67.2 |

1/ Not available.

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

| Total Equine | Rank in State | Inventory Value | Rank in State |
|--------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 739 | 31 | \$321,000 | 15 |

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 | Tons |
| 1940 | 4,940 | 956 | 42.4 | 40,516 | 1/ | 1/ | 1/ |
| 1950 | 2,478 | 174 | 38.5 | 6,692 | 2,128 | 9.0 | 19,220 |
| 1959 | 2,169 | 165 | 65.2 | 10,755 | 1,983 | 11.6 | 22,977 |
| 1969 | 3,600 | 200 | 85.0 | 17,000 | 1/ | 1/ | 1/ |
| 1978 | 4,600 | 1,000 | 95.0 | 95,000 | 3,500 | 14.5 | 50,750 |
| 1982 | 4,600 | 1,100 | 102.0 | 112,200 | 3,300 | 13.8 | 45,500 |
| 1987 | 3,500 | 1,000 | 99.0 | 99,000 | 2,400 | 15.0 | 36,000 |
| 1992 | 2,500 | 1,100 | 116.0 | 127,600 | 1,300 | 17.0 | 22,100 |
| 1993 | 3,400 | 1,100 | 88.0 | 96,800 | 2,300 | 13.3 | 30,600 |
| 1994 | 3,400 | 1,200 | 109.0 | 130,900 | 2,200 | 15.5 | 34,200 |
| 1995 | 3,400 | 1,000 | 110.0 | 110,100 | 2,400 | 12.6 | 30,300 |
| 1996 | 3,400 | 800 | 108.0 | 86,400 | 2,500 | 14.0 | 34,900 |
| 1997 | 3,500 | 800 | 106.0 | 84,800 | 2,700 | 14.0 | 37,800 |
| 1998 | 3,400 | 800 | 107.0 | 85,600 | 2,600 | 15.7 | 40,800 |

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

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 | 277 | 2.1 | 580 | 52,574 | 1.1 | 58,079 | 52,851 | 1.1 | 58,659 |
| 1950 | 1,351 | 1.5 | 2,030 | 39,444 | 1.3 | 52,169 | 40,795 | 1.3 | 54,199 |
| 1959 | 2,065 | 1.9 | 3,996 | 31,054 | 1.5 | 45,370 | 33,119 | 1.5 | 49,366 |
| 1969 | 2/ | 2/ | 2/ | 2/ | 2/ | 2/ | 23,558 | 1.7 | 39,774 |
| 1978 | 3,400 | 2.3 | 7,800 | 26,400 | 1.8 | 47,500 | 29,800 | 1.9 | 55,300 |
| 1982 | 3,000 | 2.4 | 7,200 | 23,600 | 1.8 | 42,500 | 26,600 | 1.9 | 49,700 |
| 1987 | 2,000 | 2.5 | 5,000 | 20,000 | 2.2 | 44,100 | 22,000 | 2.2 | 49,100 |
| 1992 | 2,100 | 2.1 | 4,400 | 14,000 | 1.9 | 26,500 | 16,100 | 1.9 | 30,900 |
| 1993 | 1,800 | 1.9 | 3,400 | 16,700 | 1.6 | 26,600 | 18,500 | 1.6 | 30,000 |
| 1994 | 1,600 | 2.3 | 3,600 | 16,600 | 1.8 | 30,000 | 18,200 | 1.9 | 33,600 |
| 1995 | 3,000 | 1.7 | 5,100 | 15,400 | 1.8 | 27,700 | 18,400 | 1.8 | 32,800 |
| 1996 | 3,500 | 2.2 | 7,700 | 14,500 | 2.1 | 30,500 | 18,000 | 2.1 | 38,200 |
| 1997 | 3,100 | 2.7 | 8,300 | 15,900 | 1.9 | 30,900 | 19,000 | 2.1 | 39,200 |
| 1998 | 2,900 | 2.5 | 7,300 | 14,500 | 1.9 | 28,100 | 17,400 | 2.0 | 35,400 |

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1/ Dry hay only - excludes silage and green chop

2/ Not available