



# WESTCHESTER COUNTY

## FARM STATISTICS

April 2000

Westchester County is located in southeastern New York near New York City. In 1998, there were 7,900 acres in farms, three percent of the county's total 277,120 acres. There were 100 farms in the county averaging 79 acres per farm. Westchester county ranks 52nd in the state for number of farms and 53th for land in farms.

In 1997, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$10.0 million. Total sales averaged \$116,135 per farm. The leading products sold were: nursery and greenhouse, horses and ponies, vegetables, fruits and berries and hay and silage.

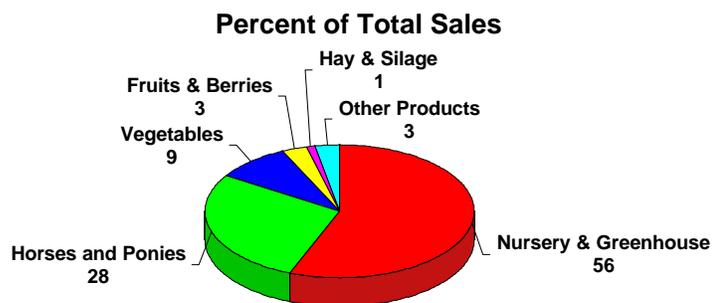
The average value of land and buildings per farm in 1997 was \$690,132. Machinery and equipment were valued at \$60,317 per farm. Total production expenses in 1997 were \$6.4 million for an average of \$70,040 per farm. The Census showed 47 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 53.7 years. Data from the U.S. Department of Commerce showed the average personal income for all wage earners in the county in 1996 was \$43,921.

### LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Product	1997 Sales Thous. Dol.	Percent of Total	County Rank
Nursery & Greenhouse	5,963	56	8
Horses and Ponies	3,001	28	2
Vegetables	980	9	27
Fruits & Berries	269	3	33
Hay & Silage	139	1	52
Other Products	216	3	
<b>TOTAL SALES</b>	<b>10,568</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	518	44,255	5/	5/	9,662	5/
1950	664	48,545	20,430	5,709	12,960	9,446
1959	303	25,388	13,373	1,907	6,633	3,475
1969	133	15,168	8,398	5/	2,711	5/
1978	168	9,025	4,773	393	2,789	1,070
1982	158	10,423	5,272	596	3,004	1,551
1987	135	8,800	4,600	400	2,500	900
1992	115	6,300	3,500	-	900	1,900
1993	120	6,200	3,500	-	700	2,000
1994	115	6,500	3,400	200	900	2,000
1995	115	7,100	3,400	400	1,200	2,100
1996	110	7,600	3,400	700	1,500	2,000
1997	110	8,100	3,300	1,000	1,800	2,000
1998	100	7,900	3,200	1,000	1,800	1,900

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	50	37
\$10,000 to \$49,999	19	27
\$50,000 to \$99,999	9	8
\$100,000 or more	19	19
<b>Farms Reporting</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>91</b>

U. S. Census of Agriculture

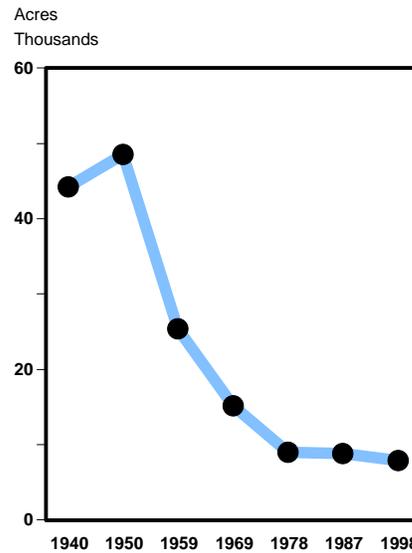
**RESIDENT POPULATION**

In 1998, County's population ranked 8th in the state

Year	Total	Population Per Square Mile
1940	573,600	1325
1950	625,800	1445
1960	808,900	1868
1970	894,400	2066
1980	866,600	2001
1990	874,900	2021
1998	897,920	2074

U.S. Census of Population

**Land in Farms**



**HAY: Acreage, Yield, and Production 1/**

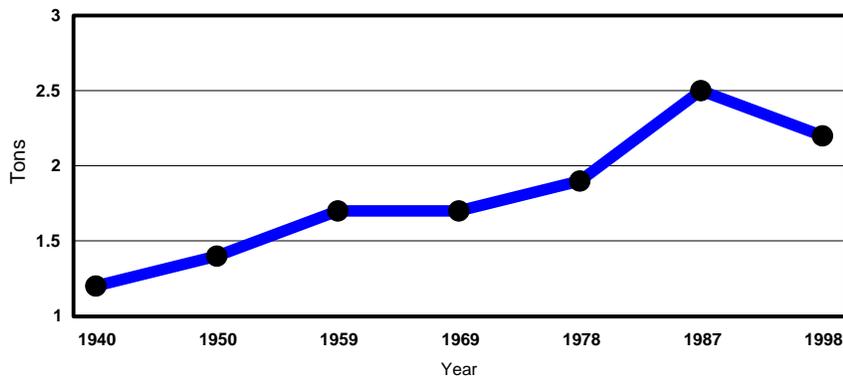
Year	Alfalfa Hay			Other Hay			Total Hay		
	Harvested Acres	Yield Tons	Production Tons	Harvested Acres	Yield Tons	Production Tons	Harvested Acres	Yield Tons	Production Tons
1940	449	2.0	897	6,745	1.1	7,755	7,194	1.2	8,652
1950	450	2.3	1,713	7,823	1.3	10,507	8,570	1.4	12,220
1959	451	2.4	1,141	3,527	1.6	5,470	3,998	1.7	6,611
1969	452	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2,451	1.7	4,109
1978	453	2.4	1,200	2,100	1.8	3,800	2,600	1.9	5,000
1982	454	2.5	500	1,800	2.4	4,300	200	2.4	4,800
1987	455	2.9	2,600	1,000	2.1	2,100	1,900	2.5	4,700
1992	456	1.8	900	900	1.1	1,000	1,400	1.4	1,900
1993	457	1.8	700	1,100	1.7	1,900	1,500	1.7	2,600
1994	458	1.8	700	1,100	1.9	2,100	1,500	1.9	2,800
1995	459	1.5	900	700	1.9	1,300	1,300	1.7	2,200
1996	460	2.4	1,200	800	2.0	1,600	1,300	2.2	2,800
1997	461	2.8	1,400	500	1.6	800	1,000	2.2	2,200
1998	462	2.4	1,200	400	2.0	800	900	2.2	2,000

1940-1978 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Dry hay only - excludes silage and green chop

2/ Not available

**Total Hay Yield**



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

Total Equine	Rank in State	Inventory Value	Rank in State
435	46	3,001,000	2

