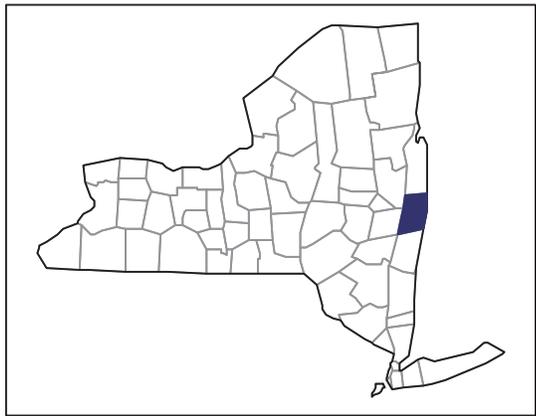


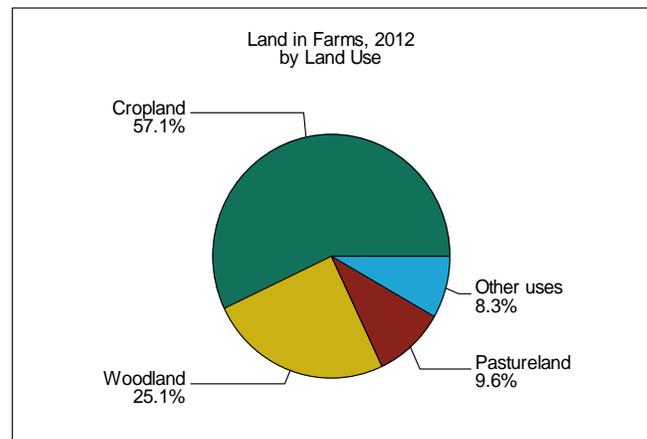
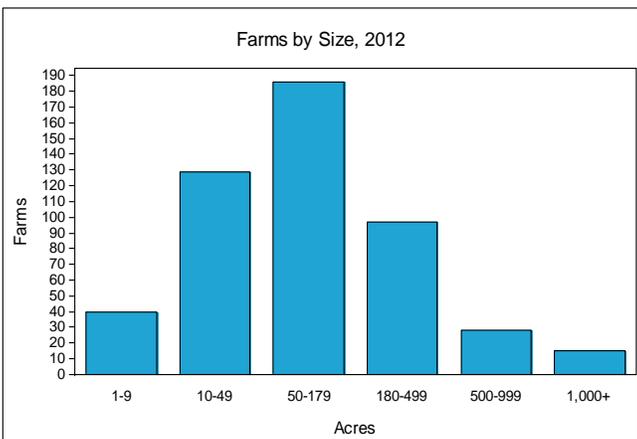
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Rensselaer County New York

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	495	506	- 2
<b>Land in Farms</b>	88,763 acres	85,034 acres	+ 4
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	179 acres	168 acres	+ 7
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$53,066,000	\$37,512,000	+ 41
Crop Sales \$28,075,000 (53 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$24,991,000 (47 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$107,204	\$74,133	+ 45
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$733,000	\$818,000	- 10
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$4,855	\$5,346	- 9





## Rensselaer County – New York

### Ranked items among the 62 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	53,066	37	62	1,729	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	28,075	26	60	1,517	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	24,991	38	61	1,454	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	12,516	22	54	1,425	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	2,716	29	59	523	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	928	25	58	504	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	8,027	9	60	305	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	42	38	53	529	1,530
Other crops and hay	3,847	31	55	771	3,049
Poultry and eggs	108	32	57	1,376	3,013
Cattle and calves	4,963	32	55	1,823	3,056
Milk from cows	17,179	37	52	364	2,038
Hogs and pigs	124	24	54	1,204	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	435	13	56	382	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	953	13	59	267	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	33	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	1,230	3	59	209	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	22,710	37	55	849	3,057
Corn for grain	12,697	20	54	1,126	2,638
Corn for silage	4,776	33	52	387	2,237
Vegetables harvested, all	1,489	21	59	387	2,801
Soybeans for beans	1,091	32	49	1,667	2,162
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Rabbits, live	(D)	1	54	2	2,157
Cattle and calves	11,366	37	56	1,829	3,063
Layers	5,566	26	59	781	3,040
Sheep and lambs	3,397	6	56	257	2,897
Horses and ponies	1,412	29	60	789	3,072

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	124	Farming	259
\$1,000 to \$2,499	25	Other	236
\$2,500 to \$4,999	52	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	55	Male	398
\$10,000 to \$19,999	63	Female	97
\$20,000 to \$24,999	24	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	25	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	9	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	39	Asian	2
\$100,000 to \$249,999	38	Black or African American	3
\$250,000 to \$499,999	12	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	29	White	784
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	46,854	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	94,654	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	7
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	10,339		
Average per farm (\$)	20,887		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item. <sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.