

## FARMS AND FARMLAND UTILIZATION

The number of farms in New York (*places selling \$1,000 or more of agricultural products in a year*) totaled 38,000 in 2000, 1,000 less than a year earlier. Total land in farms dropped to 7.70 million acres. Farmland accounts for 25 percent of the State's total land area.

Total cropland stands at 4.96 million acres and accounts for 64 percent of total land operated. Harvested cropland at 3.64 million acres represents 47 percent of total land operated. Field crops such as corn, hay, haylage and

greenchop, small grains, potatoes, soybeans and other field crops account for 93 percent of the total cropland harvested. Vegetable crops make up 4.4 percent and fruit crops 2.6 percent.

Estimates of farmland utilization are shown in table 3 below. The estimates are based on annual surveys with about 10,000 farms reporting each year. County estimates for major land use categories appear at the end of this book.

Table 3. FARMS AND FARMLAND: Number of Farms, Land in Farms and Land Use, 1991-2000

Item	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Number of farms	38,00	38,00	38,50	38,50	38,00	38,00	38,00	38,00	39,00	38,00
Acres per farm	218	216	210	205	208	205	205	205	200	203
Land in farms	8,300	8,200	8,100	7,900	<i>Thousand acres</i> 7,900	7,800	7,800	7,800	7,800	7,700
Cropland, Total	5,270	5,140	5,080	5,000	5,000	4,980	4,980	4,980	5,030	4,960
Cropland harvested, Total <u>1/</u>	3,752	3,768	3,749	3,808	3,700	3,730	3,760	3,770	3,890	3,640
Field crops harvested	3,500	3,522	3,503	3,562	3,446	3,482	3,510	3,519	3,643	3,385
Vegetable crops harvested	153	143	143	144	155	146	152	154	150	159
Fruit crops harvested	99	103	103	102	99	102	97	97	97	96
Cropland Pasture	740	720	700	690	710	700	680	670	640	630
Other Cropland	778	652	631	502	590	550	540	540	500	690
Permanent Pasture <u>2/</u>	720	740	710	680	680	670	670	670	640	630
Woodland <u>3/</u>	1,690	1,700	1,660	1,600	1,600	1,560	1,560	1,560	1,530	1,520
Other Land <u>4/</u>	620	620	650	620	620	590	590	590	600	590

1/ Beginning with 1992, field crops harvested and cropland harvested includes acres harvested only for haylage or greenchop.

2/ Excludes cropland and woodland pasture.

3/ Includes woodland pasture.

4/ Includes house lots, ponds, roads, waste, etc.