

FARMS AND FARMLAND UTILIZATION

The number of farms in New York (*places selling \$1,000 or more of agricultural products in a year*) totaled 37,500 in 2001, 500 less than a year earlier. Total land in farms dropped to 7.60 million acres. Farmland accounts for 25 percent of the State's total land area.

Total cropland stands at 4.86 million acres and accounts for 64 percent of total land operated. Harvested cropland at 3.69 million acres represents 49 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 2. **FARMS AND FARMLAND:** Number of Farms, Land in Farms and Land Use, 1992-2001

Item	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Number of farms	38,000	38,500	38,500	38,000	38,000	38,000	38,000	39,000	38,000	37,500
Acres per farm	216	210	205	208	205	205	205	200	203	203
Land in farms	8,200	8,100	7,900	7,900	<i>Thousand acres</i>		7,800	7,800	7,700	7,600
Cropland, Total	5,140	5,080	5,000	5,000	4,980	4,980	4,980	5,030	4,960	4,860
Cropland harvested, Total <u>1/</u>	3,768	3,749	3,808	3,700	3,730	3,760	3,770	3,890	3,640	3,690
Field crops harvested	3,522	3,503	3,562	3,446	3,482	3,510	3,519	3,643	3,385	3,428
Vegetable crops harvested	143	143	144	155	146	152	154	150	159	166
Fruit crops harvested	103	103	102	99	102	97	97	97	96	96
Cropland Pasture	720	700	690	710	700	680	670	640	630	630
Other Cropland	652	631	502	590	550	540	540	500	690	540
Permanent Pasture <u>2/</u>	740	710	680	680	670	670	670	640	630	620
Woodland <u>3/</u>	1,700	1,660	1,600	1,600	1,560	1,560	1,560	1,530	1,520	1,520
Other Land <u>4/</u>	620	650	620	620	590	590	590	600	590	600

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.