

FARMS AND FARMLAND UTILIZATION



The number of farms in New York (places selling \$1,000 or more of agricultural products in a year) totaled 35,000 in 2006, down from 35,600 in 2005. Land in farms totaled 7.50 million acres. Farmland accounts for 25 percent of the State's total land area.

Total cropland stands at 4.81 million acres and accounts for 64 percent of total land operated. Harvested cropland at 3.65 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 94.0 percent of the total cropland harvested. Vegetable crops make up 3.4 percent and fruit crops 2.6 percent.

Estimates of farmland utilization are shown in table 2 below. The estimates are based on annual surveys with over 6,000 farms reporting each year.

Table 2. **FARMS AND FARMLAND:** Number of Farms, Land in Farms and Land Use, New York, 1997-2006

Item	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Number of farms	38,000	37,500	37,500	37,500	37,500	37,000	37,000	36,000	35,600	35,000
Acres per farm	205	207	206	205	204	207	207	211	212	214
Land in farms	7,800	7,750	7,710	7,670	7,660	7,660	7,650	7,600	7,550	7,500
Cropland, Total	4,980	4,950	4,950	4,930	4,910	4,910	4,930	4,900	4,850	4,810
Cropland harvested, Total	3,760	3,750	3,810	3,620	3,740	3,730	3,760	3,530	3,720	3,645
Field crops harvested	3,510	3,499	3,563	3,365	3,478	3,480	3,512	3,305	3,500	3,426
Vegetable crops harvested	152	154	150	159	166	155	153	130	126	125
Fruit crops harvested	97	97	97	96	96	95	95	95	94	94
Cropland Pasture	680	670	640	630	630	630	630	620	610	610
Other Cropland	540	530	500	680	540	550	540	750	520	555
Permanent Pasture <u>1/</u>	670	660	640	630	630	630	620	610	610	610
Woodland <u>2/</u>	1,560	1,550	1,530	1,520	1,520	1,520	1,510	1,500	1,500	1,500
Other Land <u>3/</u>	590	590	590	590	600	600	590	590	590	580

1/ Excludes cropland and woodland pasture.

2/ Includes woodland pasture.

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