

FARMS AND FARMLAND UTILIZATION

The number of farms in New York (*places selling \$1,000 or more of agricultural products in a year*) totaled 34,200 in 2007, down from 35,000 in 2006. Land in farms totaled 7.50 million acres. Farmland accounts for 25 percent of the State's total land area.

Total cropland stands at 4.83 million acres and accounts for 64 percent of total land operated. Harvested cropland at 3.72 million acres represents 50 percent of total land operated. Field crops such as corn, hay, haylage and greenchop, small grains, potatoes, soybeans and other field crops account for 93.5 percent of the total cropland harvested. Vegetable crops make up 4.0 percent and fruit crops 2.5 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, 1998-2007

Item	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Number of farms	37,500	37,500	37,500	37,500	37,000	37,000	36,000	35,600	35,000	34,200
Acres per farm	207	206	205	204	207	207	211	212	214	219
					<i>(Thousand acres)</i>					
Land in farms	7,750	7,710	7,670	7,660	7,660	7,650	7,600	7,550	7,500	7,500
Cropland, Total	4,950	4,950	4,930	4,910	4,910	4,930	4,900	4,850	4,810	4,830
Cropland harvested, Total	3,750	3,810	3,620	3,740	3,730	3,760	3,530	3,720	3,645	3,720
Field crops harvested	3,499	3,563	3,365	3,478	3,480	3,512	3,305	3,500	3,426	3,477
Vegetable crops harvested	154	150	159	166	155	153	130	126	125	150
Fruit crops harvested	97	97	96	96	95	95	95	94	94	93
Cropland Pasture	670	640	630	630	630	630	620	610	610	600
Other Cropland	530	500	680	540	550	540	750	520	555	510
Permanent Pasture ^{1/}	660	640	630	630	630	620	610	610	610	600
Woodland ^{2/}	1,550	1,530	1,520	1,520	1,520	1,510	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Other Land ^{3/}	590	590	590	600	600	590	590	590	580	570

^{1/} Excludes cropland and woodland pasture.

^{2/} Includes woodland pasture.

^{3/} Includes house lots, ponds, roads, waste, etc.