

## FARMS AND FARMLAND UTILIZATION



The number of farms in New York (*places selling \$1,000 or more of agricultural products in a year*) totaled 36,600 in 2008, up from 36,400 in 2007. Land in farms totaled 7.10 million acres. Farmland accounts for 23 percent of the State's total land area.

Total cropland stands at 4.24 million acres and accounts for 60 percent of total land operated. Harvested cropland at 3.61 million acres represents 51 percent of total land operated. Field crops such as corn, hay, haylage and greenchop, small grains, potatoes, soybeans and other field crops account for 93.2 percent of the total cropland harvested. Vegetable crops make up 4.3 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 7,000 farms reporting each year.

Table 2. **FARMS AND FARMLAND:** Number of Farms, Land in Farms and Land Use, New York, 1999-2008

Item	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Number of farms	37,500	37,500	37,500	37,000	37,000	36,000	35,600	35,000	36,400	36,600
Acres per farm	206	205	204	207	205	208	206	208	198	194
					<i>(Thousand acres)</i>					
Land in farms	7,710	7,670	7,660	7,660	7,590	7,490	7,350	7,270	7,200	7,100
Cropland, Total	4,950	4,930	4,910	4,910	4,820	4,700	4,540	4,435	4,340	4,240
Cropland harvested, Total	3,810	3,620	3,740	3,730	3,710	3,690	3,640	3,605	3,675	3,610
Field crops harvested	3,563	3,365	3,478	3,480	3,462	3,455	3,410	3,374	3,418	3,366
Vegetable crops harvested	150	159	166	155	153	141	137	138	165	154
Fruit crops harvested	97	96	96	95	95	94	93	93	92	90
Cropland Pasture	640	630	630	630	600	550	480	430	280	260
Other Cropland	500	680	540	550	510	460	420	400	385	370
Permanent Pasture <sup>1/</sup>	640	630	630	630	650	660	680	700	715	715
Woodland <sup>2/</sup>	1,530	1,520	1,520	1,520	1,530	1,540	1,540	1,550	1,560	1,560
Other Land <sup>3/</sup>	590	590	600	600	590	590	590	585	585	585

<sup>1/</sup> Excludes cropland and woodland pasture.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes woodland pasture.

<sup>3/</sup> Includes house lots, ponds, roads, waste, etc.