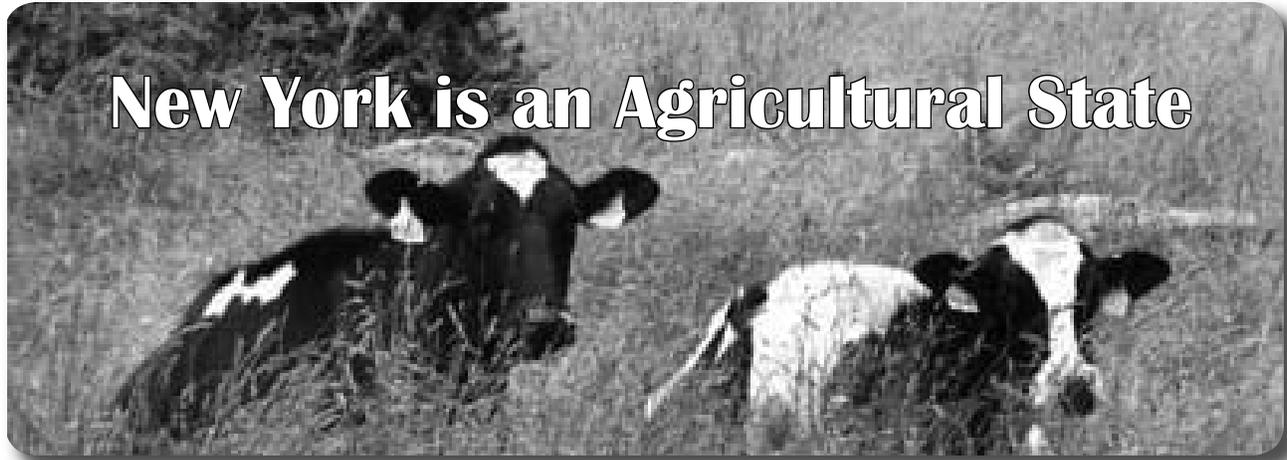


# New York is an Agricultural State



*Agriculture is important to New York State. Agricultural production returned almost \$4.7 billion to the farm economy in 2009. About 23 percent of the state's land area, or 7.10 million acres are used by the 36,600 farms to produce a very diverse array of food products. Here are some of the items in which New York ranks high nationally:*

## LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

Dairy and animal production in New York provided \$1.82 billion value of production to farmers in 2009.

## DAIRY PRODUCTS

Milk is New York's leading agricultural product and is produced all across the state. Milk sales account for one-half of total agricultural receipts. Production in 2009 was 12.4 billion pounds with a preliminary value of \$1.7 billion. New York is the nation's 3<sup>rd</sup> leading producer and Wyoming is the State's leading county.

## MEAT PRODUCTION

New York livestock producers marketed 228 million pounds of meat animals during 2009 bringing in \$134 million in cash receipts. Sales from cattle and calves accounted for \$124 million, hogs and pigs returned \$10.3 million, and sheep and lambs provided \$3.2 million.

## POULTRY PRODUCTION

The receipts of New York eggs, ducks, broilers and turkeys plus the receipts for other chickens totaled \$82.4 million for 2009. Eggs made up \$66.4 million of the total. New York ranks 20<sup>th</sup> among all egg producing states.

## CROP PRODUCTION

Field crops, fruits and vegetables returned \$2.49 billion in receipts to New York farmers in 2009.

## FRUITS

The value of New York's 2009 tree fruit and grape crops totaled \$305 million, down 11 percent from the 2008 value.

### *Apples*

New York ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> nationally with production worth about \$224 million in 2009. Three general areas produce most of the apples: along the southern Lake Ontario shore, along the Hudson Valley, and along the upper Lake Champlain Valley. New York's leading varieties are McIntosh, Empire, Red Delicious and Golden Delicious.

### *Grapes*

Wine and juice grape production places New York 3<sup>rd</sup> behind California and Washington. The crop was worth \$48.3 million in 2009. Sixty-six percent of the production was for juice and 34 percent went into wines. The four major producing areas are Lake Erie area, the Finger Lakes, the Hudson Valley and the eastern end of Long Island.

### *Tart Cherries*

Production in New York ranks 4<sup>th</sup> in the Nation. Production in 2009 totaled 11.2 million pounds with a value of \$2.46 million.

### *Pears*

Production ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the nation with 11,200 tons and had a value of \$4.85 million.

### *Strawberries*

Strawberries are the 3<sup>rd</sup> most valuable fruit in New York and places New York 9<sup>th</sup> in national production. Growers harvested 4.40 million pounds in 2009. The crop was worth \$9.02 million to growers.

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## VEGETABLES

The value of vegetable production totaled \$325 million in 2009. Fresh market vegetable production ranks 5<sup>th</sup> among all states. Leading crops in New York are cabbage, sweet corn and onions.

### *Cabbage*

New York produced the third largest crop of cabbage in the Nation. Cabbage is principally grown south of Lake Ontario in Monroe, Genesee, Orleans, Ontario, and Niagara counties. New York cabbage is typically stored for sale as fresh during winter months. Value of the fresh market crop in 2009 totaled \$54.5 million.

### *Sweet Corn*

Produced statewide, sweet corn had a value of \$58.3 million. Concentrations are found in the Lower Hudson Valley and around the Genesee Valley. Production of fresh market sweet corn crop ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the nation.

### *Onions*

An important crop with value of sales of \$67.6 million in 2009. Onions are grown in New York's muck soils in Orange, Orleans, Oswego, Madison and Wayne counties. The state ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in production for 2009.

### *Snap Beans*

Grown in the Central and Western regions for fresh and processing. The 2009 fresh market and processing crop was valued at \$38.4 million. Fresh production accounted for 61 percent of the total value. New York ranks 4<sup>th</sup> in fresh market production.

### *Other Vegetables*

Tomatoes: \$32.7 million, 9th nationally  
Pumpkins: \$21.8 million, 2nd nationally  
Cucumbers: \$16.1 million, 4th nationally  
Squash: \$23.0 million, 4th nationally  
Cauliflower: \$2.4 million, 3rd nationally

## FIELD CROPS

New York produces a variety of field crops largely in support of its dairy industry. Corn, soybeans and wheat are most widely grown. New York ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in corn silage production with a value of \$290 million. Grain corn ranked 21st with production worth \$315 million. Soybeans were valued at \$97.8 million. The state placed 7th in oat production, 31st in wheat and 25th for soybeans production. Hay receipts put New York 27th and was valued at \$310 million in 2009. Most hay is used on farms and its value is realized through sale of milk and livestock. Fall potatoes production reached a value of \$62 million in 2009 and made New York the 11th leading producer.

## MAPLE SYRUP

At \$17.8 million, New York ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Vermont in value. New York also ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Vermont in 2010 production with 312,000 gallons



## FLORICULTURE CROPS

In 2009, New York floriculture products were valued at \$171 million. Bedding and garden plants top the list of commodities. The wholesale value of New York's floriculture output ranks 7<sup>th</sup> nationally at \$171 million. A variety of crops are produced in 23.4 million square feet of covered area and on 2,589 acres of open ground.

