

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 2009, the same as in 2008. Land in farms totaled 7.10 million acres. Farmland accounts for 23 percent of the State's total land area.

Total cropland stands at 4.23 million acres and accounts for 60 percent of total land operated. Harvested cropland at 3.65 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 93.6 percent of the total cropland harvested. Vegetable crops make up 3.9 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 12,000 farms reporting each year.

Table 2. **FARMS AND FARMLAND:** Number of Farms, Land in Farms and Land Use, New York, 2000-2009

Item	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Number of farms	37,500	37,500	37,000	37,000	36,000	35,600	35,000	36,400	36,600	36,600
Acres per farm	205	204	207	205	208	206	208	198	194	194
	(Thousand Acres)									
Land in farms	7,670	7,660	7,660	7,590	7,490	7,350	7,270	7,200	7,100	7,100
Cropland, Total	4,930	4,910	4,910	4,820	4,700	4,540	4,435	4,340	4,240	4,230
Cropland harvested, Total	3,620	3,740	3,730	3,710	3,690	3,640	3,605	3,675	3,610	3,645
Field crops harvested	3,365	3,478	3,480	3,462	3,455	3,410	3,374	3,418	3,366	3,413
Vegetable crops harvested	159	166	155	153	141	137	138	165	154	142
Fruit crops harvested	96	96	95	95	94	93	93	92	90	90
Cropland Pasture	630	630	630	600	550	480	430	280	260	240
Other Cropland	680	540	550	510	460	420	400	385	370	345
Permanent Pasture ^{1/}	630	630	630	650	660	680	700	715	715	690
Woodland ^{2/}	1,520	1,520	1,520	1,530	1,540	1,540	1,550	1,560	1,560	1,570
Other Land ^{3/}	590	600	600	590	590	590	585	585	585	560

^{1/} Excludes cropland and woodland pasture.

^{2/} Includes woodland pasture.

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