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## **2022 Census of Agriculture data now available** *New York farms were down but the value of agricultural products sold increased*

**ALBANY, NY** --- The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) New York Field Office announced the results of the 2022 Census of Agriculture with new information about the 30,650 New York farms and ranches and those who operate them, including new data about the use of precision agriculture, hemp production, and updates to internet access questions, down to the county level. The number of farms was down for New York by 8% from 2017. Most of this decrease can be attributed to farms with less than \$2,500 in sales being lost, according to Charles Walker, state statistician of the USDA, NASS, New York Field Office.

Census data provide valuable insights into demographics, economics, land and activities on U.S. farms and ranches. Some key New York highlights include:

- The average age of all producers was 56.7 years of age, compared to 55.8 years in 2017.
- The number of female producers increased to 21,894 in 2022.
- The per farm average net income increased from \$42,875 in 2017 to \$76,281 in 2022.
- The total value of agricultural products sold was \$8.04 billion, an increase of 50% over \$5.37 billion in 2017.
- Organic farm numbers in 2022 decreased 20% to 1,067 from 2017.
- Value of sales was \$225 million for organic farming, up from \$206 million in 2017.

Other demographic highlights include:

- New and beginning producers with 10 years or less of farming comprised of 16,234 producers.
- Producers with military service were represented by 4,275 producers.

Results are available in many online formats including NASS's searchable database, Quick Stats, maps, and traditional data tables. To address questions about the 2022 Census of Agriculture data, @USDA\_NASS will host a live X (formerly known as Twitter) #StatChat on Wednesday, February 14 at 1 p.m. EST. All Census of Agriculture information is available at [www.nass.usda.gov/AgCensus](http://www.nass.usda.gov/AgCensus).

The Census tells the story of American agriculture and is an important part of our history. First conducted in 1840 in conjunction with the decennial Census, the Census of Agriculture accounts for all U.S. farms and ranches and the people who operate them. After 1920, the Census happened every four to five years. By 1982, it was regularly conducted once every five years. Today, NASS sends questionnaires to more than 3 million potential U.S. farms and ranches. Nearly 41% of those who responded did so online. Conducted since 1997 by USDA NASS – the federal statistical agency responsible for producing official data about U.S. agriculture – it remains the only source of comprehensive agricultural data for every state and county in the nation and is invaluable for planning the future.

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