

AGRICULTURE

NIAGARA COUNTY

Niagara County generates a wealth of agricultural crops - dairy, fruit, vegetable, grain, livestock, and it produces them in abundance. A combination of rich soil and beneficial geographic location have helped make us an agricultural standout in the Empire State.

We are proud of our farming heritage... a heritage that is displayed through the many fine family farms that continue to work and produce, generation after generation, in Niagara County.

LAND IN FARMS (ACRES)

	NY State	Niagara County
2002	7,660,969	148,041
2007 (D)		142,636
2012 (D)		142,818

FARMS BY LAND USE

	2002	2007	2012
	801	865	760

ACREAGE BY LAND USE 2007 & 2012

	2007	2012
Land in Farms	142,636	142,818
Cropland ¹	113,623	118,529
Permanent Pasture ²	5,158	4,049
Woodland ³	13,666	10,716
Other ⁴	3,790	1,073

1. Includes cropland pastured.
2. Excludes cropland and woodland pastured.
3. Includes woodland pastured.
4. Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc.

SOURCE: U. S. Census of Agriculture, New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, New York Agriculture Statistics Service and U.S. Department of Agriculture.

CASH RECEIPTS FROM FARM MARKETINGS 2012 (IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

All Products	\$122,675
All Livestock	\$ 46,370
All Crops	\$ 76,305
Dairy Products	\$ 39,577
Livestock & Poultry	\$ 46,370
Vegetables	\$ 15,374
Fruit	\$ 15,451
Greenhouse & Nursery	\$ 4,996
Field & Other Crops	\$ 5,287

MILK COWS & PRODUCTION

Milk Cows (number)

2002	7,500
2007	9,336
2012	9,100
Total Milk Production (in 1,000's of lbs.)	
2002	150,000
2009	208,000
2010	156,000

Average Production per Cow (NY State) (in 1,000's of lbs.)

2009	22,600
2010	17,100

CATTLE INVENTORY

All Cattle and Calves

2002	19,000
2007	21,932
2012	20,168

Beef Cows

2002	1,830
2007	1,742
2012	1,401

BERRIES HARVESTED (NO. OF ACRES) COUNTYWIDE

	2007	2012
Berries (all)	104	106
Blueberries	24	21
Raspberries	16	31
Strawberries	61	48

SELECTED PRINCIPAL CROPS HARVESTED

Field crops (acres)

Corn	
Grain	32,816
Silage	9,274
Wheat	7,555
Oats	1,569
Dry Hay	
Total	30,279
Alfalfa	7,216

Orchard Crops

2002	6,857
2007	6,297
2012	5,017

Number of Acres

	2002	2007	2012
Apples	3,588	3,317	2,663
Cherries	912	178	176
Grapes	1,293	1,298	912
Peaches	579	548	464
Pears	383	297	173
Plums & Prunes	92	93	96



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