

# 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
1982	9,189,559	150,411
1987	8,416,228	146,537
1992	7,458,015	135,494
1997		127,355
2000	7,700,000	133,200

## FARMS BY LAND USE 2000

Farms	830
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## ACREAGE BY LAND USE (2000)

All Uses	133,200
Cropland <sup>1</sup>	120,300
Permanent Pasture <sup>2</sup>	1,200
Woodland <sup>3</sup>	8,100
Other <sup>4</sup>	3,600

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

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

## CASH RECEIPTS FROM FARM MARKETINGS - 1997

All products	\$56,620,000
All livestock	\$19,265,000
All crops	\$37,355,000
Dairy Products	\$15,256,000
Livestock & Poultry	\$19,265,000
Vegetables	\$8,805,000
Fruit	\$13,476,00
Greenhouse & Nursery	4,597,000
Field & Other Crops <sup>1</sup>	9,089

1. Includes potatoes and dry beans.

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## MILK COWS & PRODUCTION

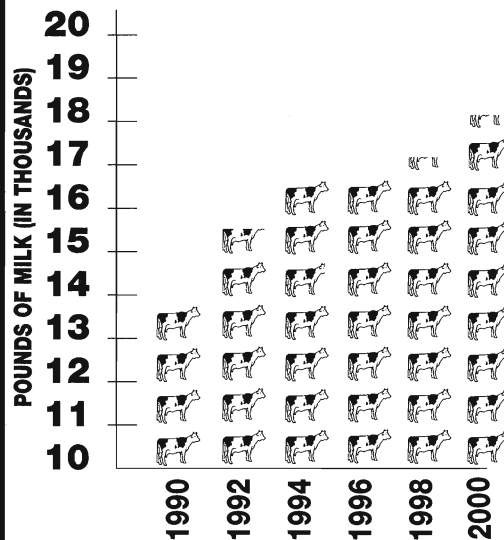
Milk Cows (number)	
1999	8,000
2000	7,500

## Total Milk Production (in thousands of lbs.)

1999	138,400
2000	140,800

## AVERAGE PRODUCTION PER COW

(IN THOUSANDS OF POUNDS)



SOURCE: New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, New York Agriculture Statistics Service

## BERRIES/GRAPES HARVESTED - 1997

(IN POUNDS)

Strawberries	132,070
Raspberries	13,480
Blueberries	13,600
Grapes	7,389,764

## CATTLE INVENTORY 1994 & 1995 & 1997 & 2000 & 2001

All Cattle and Calves	
1994	17,500
1995	16,000
1997	17,814
2000	19,000
2001	18,000

## Beef Cows

1994	1,500
1995	1,200
1997	1,780
2000 & 2001	1,700

## SELECTED PRINCIPAL CROPS HARVESTED - 2000 (THOUSANDS OF ACRES)

### FIELD CROPS

Corn	
Grain	20,900
Silage	9,400
Wheat	8,800
Oats	3,400
Dry Hay	
Total	23,400
Alfalfa	8,800
Other	14,600

### ORCHARD CROPS

TOTAL	
1982	12.6
1987	10.6
1997	8.3

### NO. OF ACRES

	1997	1992	1987	1982
Apples	5,357	5,510	6,031	6,552
Cherries	781	1,112	1,459	1,568
Grapes	887	1,258	1,423	2,571
Peaches	505	440	573	753
Pears	601	695	781	775
Plums & Prunes	125	222	396	379

SOURCE: NYS Dept. of Agriculture & Markets, Agricultural Statistics Service.



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