

New York State Agriculture Snapshot

About 23% of New York State's land area, or 7 million acres, is farmland. There are nearly 36,000 family farms producing some of the world's best food. Agriculture is a major driver of the New York State economy and the State ranks high among the major agricultural states in the nation. It is the second largest producer of apples and maple syrup, second in cabbage and snap beans, third in grapes, grape juice and wine, and fourth in pears and dairy.

Information provided by NYS Department of Ag and Markets <http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/>

New York Farm Characteristics	2002	2007	2012
Number of Farms	36,352	36,352	35,537
Approximate total land area (acres)	30,216,824	30,162,489	30,161,174
Total farmland (acres)	7,660,969	7,174,743	7,183,576
Percent of total land area	25.4	23.8	23.8
Cropland (acres)	4,841,367	4,314,954	4,217,041
Woodland (acres)	1,649,585	1,559,522	1,613,045
Pastureland (acres)	550,225	714,615	724,581
Average farm size (acres)	206	197	202
Farms by size (percent)			
1 to 99 acres	47.9	51.2	52
100 to 499 acres	42.8	40.4	39.7
500 to 999 acres	6.6	5.5	5
1000 to 1,999 acres	2.2	2.1	2.1
2,000 or more acres	0.6	0.8	1
Farms by sales (percent)			
Less than \$9,999	55.9	54.6	50.8
\$10,000 to \$49,999	18.5	20.4	22
\$50,000 to \$99,999	8.2	6.2	7.3
\$100,000 to \$499,999	14.4	14	15
More than \$500,000	2.9	4.8	5.5
Farm organization			
Individuals/family, sole proprietorship	32,654	30,621	29,679
Percent of total	87.6	84.2	83.5
Family-held corporations (farms)	1,388	1,885	2,055
Percent of total	3.7	5.2	5.8
Partnerships (farms)	2,846	3,347	3,096
Percent of total	7.6	9.2	9
Non-family corporations farms	193	225	300
Percent of total	0.5	0.6	1
Other farms - cooperative, estate or trust, etc.	174	274	407
Percent of total	0.5	0.8	1
Characteristics of principal farm operators			
Average operator age (years)	54.1	56.2	57
% with farming as the primary occupation	60.8	54	57
Men	31,583	29,664	29,078
Women	5,672	6,688	6,459

Data in table is from USDA website -

<https://data.ers.usda.gov/reports.aspx?StateFIPS=36&StateName=New%20York&ID=10633>