

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Erie, New York

Number of farms

1,289 farms in 2002, 1,213 farms in 1997, up 6 percent.

Land in farms

161,747 acres in 2002, 159,239 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Average size of farm

125 acres in 2002, 131 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$92,362,000 in 2002, \$80,375,000 in 1997, up 15 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$42,381,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$49,981,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

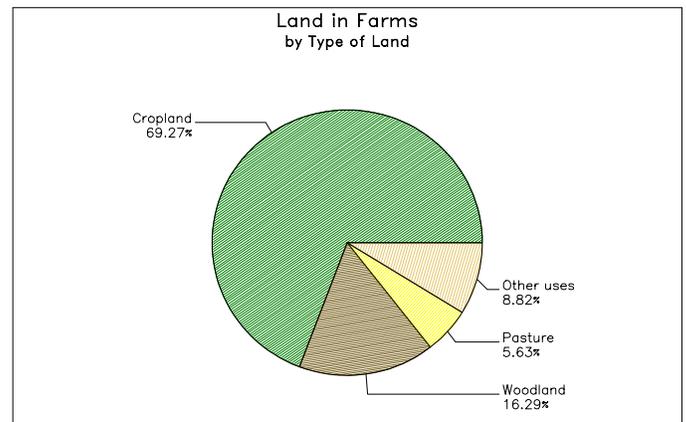
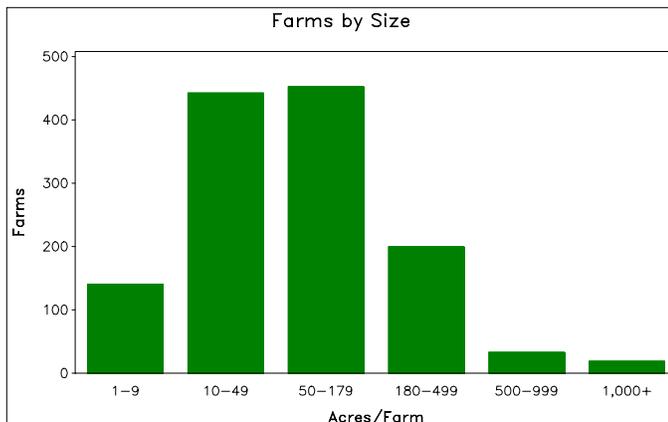
\$71,654 in 2002, \$66,262 in 1997, up 8 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,109,000 in 2002, \$931,000 in 1997, up 127 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$7,930 in 2002, \$3,278 in 1997, up 142 percent.



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United States Department of Agriculture, New York Agricultural Statistics Service**

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Ranked items among the 62 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	92,362	9	61	591	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	42,381	6	61	589	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	49,981	15	59	547	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	1	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	12,103	9	58	145	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	2,664	13	58	213	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	21,514	2	61	128	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	186	24	53	291	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	57	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	54	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	34,670	22	52	134	2,493
Hogs and pigs	196	12	55	1,271	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	96	25	55	833	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	567	7	57	318	3,014
Aquaculture	139	12	40	515	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	96	33	55	880	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	2	58	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	31,698	24	55	1,009	3,059
Pheasants	(D)	2	45	(D)	1,541
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	4,477	5	54	688	2,599
Horses and ponies	3,229	1	58	177	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	51,407	17	57	275	3,059
Corn for silage	14,643	14	52	91	2,307
Corn for grain	6,416	21	51	1,183	2,592
All Vegetables harvested	3,331	13	58	194	2,710
Soybeans	2,148	14	46	1,369	2,076

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	428	Farming	766
\$1,000 to \$2,499	194	Other	523
\$2,500 to \$4,999	102		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	104	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	106	Male	1,058
\$20,000 to \$24,999	36	Female	231
\$25,000 to \$39,999	66		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	19	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	71		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	92	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	35	White	1,888
\$500,000 or more	36	Black or African American	10
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	83,068	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Average per farm (\$)	64,494	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	15,528	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	12,056	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	7

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.