

CORN: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	All Planted Acres	Grain			Silage		
		Harvested Acres	Yield Bushels	Production Bushels	Harvested Acres	Yield Tons	Production Tons
1940	24,931	6,864	35	242,261	N/A	N/A	N/A
1950	19,475	5,327	48	257,576	12,940	9.0	116,861
1959	17,278	6,359	50	318,754	10,601	10.0	105,653
1969	18,400	5,100	86	438,600	N/A	N/A	N/A
1978	32,700	14,300	85	1,215,500	18,100	14.0	253,400
1982	33,300	18,700	84	1,598,900	14,400	14.8	213,100
1987	25,500	13,300	108	1,436,400	11,700	16.0	187,200
1992	23,300	8,400	78	655,200	13,900	15.9	221,000
1997	24,200	11,300	107	1,209,100	12,700	15.7	199,400
1998	24,300	11,300	114	1,286,600	13,000	16.3	211,900
1999	24,800	10,200	105	1,071,600	14,600	16.5	240,400
2000	20,100	5,600	106	595,700	14,500	14.9	215,500
2001	22,100	7,500	89	668,700	14,400	13.8	198,100
2002	21,500	6,600	105	693,600	14,800	16.6	245,000
2003	21,200	7,200	111	798,100	14,000	15.2	212,100

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HAY: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	Alfalfa Hay			Other Hay			Total Hay		
	Harvested Acres	Yield Tons	Production Tons	Harvested Acres	Yield Tons	Production Tons	Harvested Acres	Yield Tons	Production Tons
1940	3,985	1.9	7,425	83,226	1.2	103,154	87,211	1.3	110,579
1950	4,416	1.8	7,826	70,783	1.4	98,547	75,199	1.4	106,373
1959	17,748	2.3	40,642	40,639	1.8	74,810	58,387	2.0	115,452
1969	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	49,564	2.3	116,238
1978	19,900	2.3	45,800	38,100	2.0	76,200	58,000	2.1	122,000
1982	16,000	2.9	46,400	35,600	2.2	78,300	51,600	2.4	124,700
1987	17,000	2.8	48,000	40,000	2.1	85,500	57,000	2.3	133,500
1992	15,400	2.4	36,900	22,700	1.9	43,900	38,100	2.1	80,800
1997	11,600	3.0	34,600	19,700	2.5	50,100	31,300	2.7	84,700
1998	10,900	2.8	30,600	17,700	2.6	45,900	28,600	2.7	76,500
1999	12,200	2.8	34,600	21,300	1.9	40,800	33,500	2.3	75,400
2000	9,300	3.0	28,300	23,500	2.2	50,600	32,800	2.4	78,900
2001	11,000	3.0	33,000	25,900	1.8	46,200	36,900	2.1	79,200
2002	11,200	2.8	31,200	26,000	2.3	61,000	37,200	2.5	92,200
2003	10,400	2.8	29,000	30,600	1.8	53,700	41,000	2.0	82,700

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Erie County Farm Statistics

Erie county lies in the western part of the state bordering Lake Erie. In 2003, there were 161,600 acres in farms, 24 percent of the county's total 668,294 acres. There were 1,285 farms in the county averaging 126 acres per farm. Erie county ranks 4th in the state for number of farms and 21st for land in farms.

In 2002, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$92.4 million. Total sales averaged \$71,654 per farm. The leading products sold were: dairy products, nursery & greenhouse, vegetables, fruits & nuts, and horses & ponies.

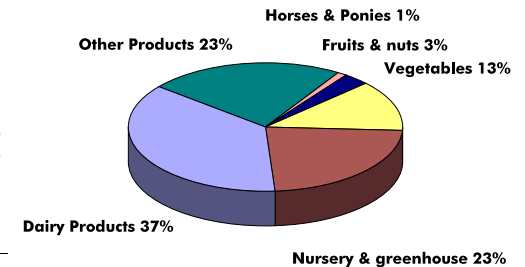
The average value of land and buildings per farm in 2002 was \$247,650. Machinery and equipment were valued at \$55,783 per farm. Total production expenses in 2002 were \$83.1 million for an average of \$64,494 per farm. The Census showed 59 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 54.8 years. Data from the U.S. Department of Commerce showed the median household income in 1999 was \$38,567.

LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Product	2002 Sales (\$1,000)	Percent of Total	State Rank
Dairy Products	34,670	37	22
Nursery & greenhouse	21,514	23	2
Vegetables	12,103	13	9
Fruits & nuts	2,664	3	13
Horses & Ponies	567	1	7
Other Products	20,844	23	
TOTAL SALES	92,362		9

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Leading Agricultural Products Percent of Total



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FARMS, LAND IN FARMS, AND LAND USE

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms <i>Acres</i>	Total Cropland <i>Acres</i>	Permanent Pasture <i>Acres</i>	Total Woodland <i>Acres</i>	Other Land <i>Acres</i>
1940	6,171	442,312	N/A	N/A	51,933	N/A
1950	4,611	376,353	234,156	50,815	65,434	25,948
1959	2,725	289,889	190,770	28,961	48,244	21,914
1969	1,680	222,215	151,082	N/A	40,054	N/A
1978	1,398	202,804	149,816	9,018	31,053	12,917
1982	1,361	190,347	136,652	8,424	29,652	15,619
1987	1,335	171,700	124,200	7,700	28,500	11,300
1992	1,170	160,200	114,400	9,500	25,400	10,900
1997	1,165	153,900	108,300	7,200	26,900	11,500
1998	1,175	156,700	109,300	7,600	28,100	11,700
1999	1,200	155,700	110,300	7,300	27,600	10,500
2000	1,170	151,900	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2001	1,155	151,400	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2002	1,285	161,800	112,036	9,107	26,346	14,111
2003	1,285	161,600	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

1940 - 1982 and all land breakouts after 1999 are U.S. Census of Agriculture

FARMS BY SALES CLASS

Sales Class	1997	2002
Under \$10,000	708	828
\$10,000 to \$49,999	243	227
\$50,000 to \$99,999	76	71
\$100,000 or more	186	163
Farms Reporting	1,213	1,289

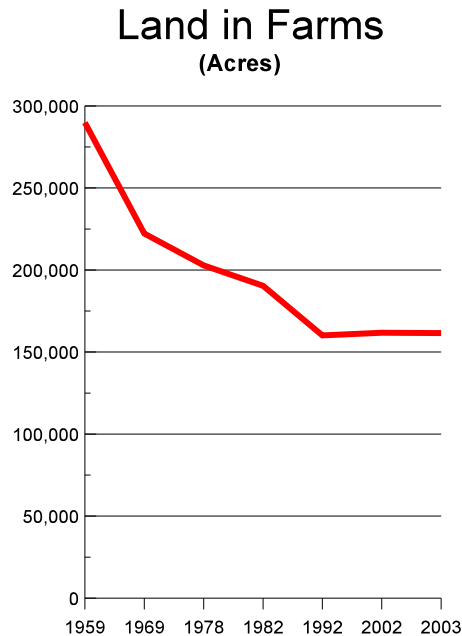
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RESIDENT POPULATION

In 2002, Erie County's population ranked 7th in the state.

Year	Total	Population Per Square Mile
1940	798,400	764
1950	899,200	860
1960	1,064,700	1,019
1970	1,113,500	1,066
1980	1,015,500	972
1990	968,500	927
2002	950,265	910

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CATTLE: Number on Farms, January 1

Year	All Cattle & Calves	Beef Cows	Milk Cows
1940	46,969	N/A	N/A
1950	47,485	1,159	28,423
1959	46,033	1,865	25,707
1969	39,373	2,365	21,477
1978	44,000	2,700	23,000
1982	45,000	3,000	22,000
1987	36,500	1,600	19,000
1992	31,000	1,200	16,000
1997	31,000	1,600	15,500
1998	30,000	1,500	16,000
1999	30,000	1,500	16,000
2000	30,000	1,400	16,000
2001	28,000	1,400	15,000
2002	28,000	1,400	15,000
2003	31,700	1,500	15,600
2004	31,000	1,500	15,600

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MILK: Cows & Production

Year	Annual Avg. Milk Cows <i>No. Head</i>	Average Production Per Cow <i>Pounds</i>	Total Milk Production <i>Million lbs.</i>
1940	N/A	N/A	N/A
1950	N/A	N/A	N/A
1959	N/A	N/A	N/A
1969	N/A	N/A	N/A
1978	22,300	11,000	245
1982	21,500	11,500	247
1987	18,000	14,000	252
1992	15,700	16,200	254
1997	16,000	16,600	266
1998	16,000	17,000	272
1999	16,000	17,400	278
2000	15,500	17,700	274
2001	14,800	18,600	275
2002	14,800	18,600	275
2003	15,600	18,300	285
2004	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Oats: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	Planted <i>Acres</i>	Harvested <i>Acres</i>	Yield <i>Bushels</i>	Production <i>Bushels</i>
1940	N/A	30,931	34	1,055,309
1950	N/A	23,401	30	701,300
1959	N/A	18,366	56	1,028,471
1969	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1978	7,900	7,000	55	385,000
1982	8,100	7,000	67	469,000
1987	6,000	5,400	64	345,600
1992	3,600	2,800	75	210,000
1997	3,100	2,800	65	182,000
1998	3,700	3,200	60	192,100
1999	3,200	2,600	83	216,100
2000	2,500	1,600	60	95,900
2001	3,300	3,000	68	202,600
2002	1,700	1,700	65	111,100
2003	2,100	1,800	63	112,500

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Wheat: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	Planted <i>Acres</i>	Harvested <i>Acres</i>	Yield <i>Bushels</i>	Production <i>Bushels</i>
1940	N/A	13,841	21	292,817
1950	N/A	12,460	24	302,839
1959	N/A	8,224	29	239,103
1969	4,100	3,800	35	133,000
1978	1,700	1,600	37	59,200
1982	2,400	2,100	38	79,800
1987	1,600	1,300	46	59,800
1992	2,200	1,900	52	98,800
1997	1,600	1,400	53	74,200
1998	1,700	1,500	48	72,500
1999	2,000	1,900	63	120,300
2000	2,300	2,200	50	110,000
2001	2,300	2,200	42	93,100
2002	2,100	2,000	49	97,300
2003	2,000	1,900	49	92,800

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EQUINE: Inventory and Value, Census of Agriculture, 2002

Year	Total Equine	Rank in State	Total Equine Sold	Value of Sales
2002	3,229	1	225	\$567,000