

**CORN: Acreage, Yield, and Production**

Year	All Planted Acres	Grain			Silage		
		Harvested Acres	Yield Bushels	Production Bushels	Harvested Acres	Yield Tons	Production Tons
1940	6,583	320	35	11,130	N/A	N/A	N/A
1950	5,449	83	43	3,546	5,105	10.5	53,517
1959	5,350	72	47	3,397	5,250	12.4	65,211
1969	11,000	700	81	56,700	N/A	N/A	N/A
1978	20,000	1,100	87	95,700	18,600	14.3	266,800
1982	19,000	3,200	98	312,000	15,600	15.0	234,000
1987	17,000	3,300	115	379,500	13,300	16.5	219,500
1992	15,900	2,000	77	154,000	13,200	13.7	180,800
1997	21,700	4,400	107	470,800	17,100	14.8	253,100
1998	20,800	4,200	111	466,200	16,600	16.1	267,300
1,999	21,700	1,300	110	143,200	20,400	18.3	373,600
2,000	20,200	1,300	87	113,500	18,900	13.6	256,700
2,001	19,500	3,500	126	441,600	15,900	16.7	266,200
2,002	22,800	4,000	92	366,200	18,800	14.9	280,500
2,003	22,300	2,500	96	240,300	19,700	17.6	347,500

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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	1,880	2.2	4,111	83,273	1.4	113,342	85,153	1.4	117,453
1950	5,555	1.5	8,403	69,263	1.2	80,785	74,818	1.2	89,188
1959	16,982	2.5	42,717	52,149	1.9	99,790	69,131	2.1	142,507
1969	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	58,255	2.4	139,652
1978	30,600	2.4	73,400	36,400	1.9	69,200	67,000	2.1	142,600
1982	33,700	2.9	97,700	36,600	2.2	80,500	70,300	2.5	178,200
1987	32,000	2.8	90,200	39,000	2.3	88,000	71,000	2.5	178,200
1992	26,700	2.1	55,000	24,900	1.9	48,300	51,600	2.0	103,300
1997	21,700	2.8	60,000	23,100	2.0	45,100	44,800	2.3	105,100
1998	20,300	2.6	53,000	20,700	2.0	41,900	41,000	2.3	94,900
1999	17,000	2.5	43,200	26,700	2.3	60,400	43,700	2.4	103,600
2000	14,700	2.2	32,100	27,800	2.5	68,600	42,500	2.4	100,700
2001	18,300	3.3	60,400	28,400	2.7	75,400	46,700	2.9	135,800
2002	17,700	3.1	54,600	33,500	2.3	76,600	51,200	2.6	131,200
2003	17,100	2.8	47,100	37,300	1.8	65,800	54,400	2.1	112,900

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# Lewis County

## Farm Statistics

Lewis County is located in the northern part of the State bordering the western edge of the Adirondack mountains. In 2003, there were 196,500 acres in farms, 24 percent of the county's total 816,271 acres. There were 720 farms in the county averaging 273 acres per farm. Lewis County ranks 22nd in the state for number of farms and 12th for land in farms.

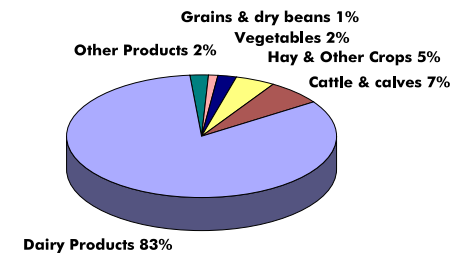
In 2002, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$72.2 million. Total sales averaged \$100,108 per farm. The leading products sold were: dairy products, cattle & calves, hay & other crops, vegetables and grains & dry beans.

The average value of land and buildings per farm in 2002 was \$219,952. Machinery and equipment were valued at \$103,351 per farm. Total production expenses in 2002 were \$58.3 million for an average of \$80,921 per farm. The Census showed 70 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 52 years. Data from the U.S. Department of Commerce showed the median household income in 1999 was \$34,361.

**LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS**

Product	2002 Sales (\$1,000)	Percent of Total	State Rank
Dairy Products	60,030	83	6
Cattle & calves	4,770	7	24
Hay & Other Crops	3,503	5	9
Vegetables	1,479	2	32
Grains & dry beans	941	1	31
Other Products	1,455	2	
<b>TOTAL SALES</b>	<b>72,178</b>		<b>17</b>

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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	2,126	339,848	N/A	N/A	61,623	N/A
1950	1,701	320,626	147,687	79,598	79,334	14,007
1959	1,291	290,847	130,092	68,050	79,727	12,978
1969	905	219,117	120,236	N/A	56,759	N/A
1978	771	209,267	122,928	18,239	51,884	16,216
1982	771	205,846	120,961	18,701	49,743	16,441
1987	785	199,600	117,200	19,300	46,300	16,800
1992	725	186,200	109,900	16,800	43,400	16,100
1997	745	193,100	107,100	18,300	52,700	15,000
1998	740	191,900	107,300	18,000	51,700	14,900
1999	760	191,000	108,600	17,200	50,700	14,500
2000	740	186,400	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2001	730	186,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2002	720	196,800	114,242	12,215	52,365	17,678
2003	720	196,500	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	246	297
\$10,000 to \$49,999	128	105
\$50,000 to \$99,999	98	86
\$100,000 or more	259	233
<b>Farms Reporting</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>721</b>

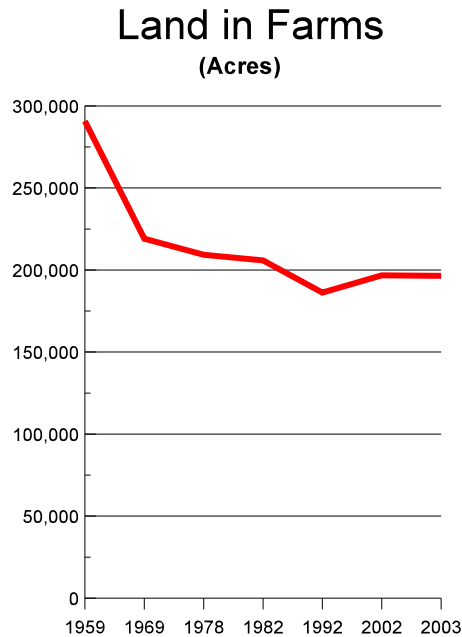
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**RESIDENT POPULATION**

In 2002, Lewis County's population ranked 59th in the state.

Year	Total	Population Per Square Mile
1940	22,800	18
1950	22,500	18
1960	23,200	18
1970	23,600	18
1980	25,000	20
1990	26,800	21
2002	26,944	21

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**CATTLE: Number on Farms, January 1**

Year	All Cattle & Calves	Beef Cows	Milk Cows
1940	48,764	N/A	N/A
1950	46,875	531	31,383
1959	49,343	340	33,559
1969	47,477	1,163	30,738
1978	52,000	600	30,500
1982	65,000	600	33,000
1987	56,000	600	33,000
1992	51,000	600	30,500
1997	52,000	700	29,000
1998	51,000	600	28,500
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2000	51,000	600	28,500
2001	49,000	600	27,000
2002	49,000	600	27,000
2003	50,000	800	26,500
2004	49,000	800	26,600

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**MILK: Cows & Production**

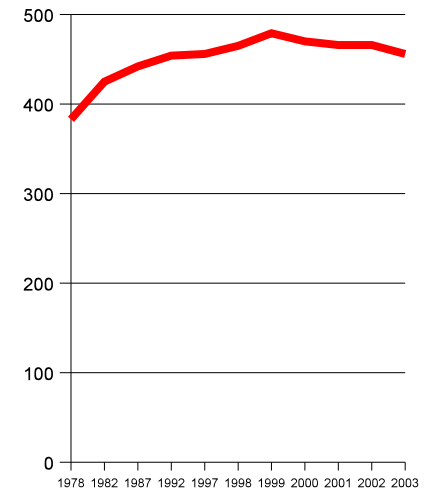
Year	Annual Avg. Milk Cows <i>No. Head</i>	Average Production Per Cow <i>Pounds</i>	Total Milk Production <i>Million lbs.</i>
1940	N/A	N/A	N/A
1950	N/A	N/A	N/A
1959	N/A	N/A	N/A
1969	N/A	N/A	N/A
1978	31,100	12,300	383
1982	33,500	12,700	425
1987	32,000	13,800	442
1992	29,500	15,400	454
1997	28,500	16,000	456
1998	28,500	16,300	465
1999	28,500	16,800	479
2000	28,000	16,800	470
2001	27,300	17,100	466
2002	27,300	17,100	466
2003	26,600	17,100	456
2004	N/A	N/A	N/A

**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	12,845	33	422,757
1950	N/A	11,275	24	273,090
1959	N/A	13,140	52	678,492
1969	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1978	7,200	4,700	55	258,500
1982	5,300	3,400	58	197,200
1987	3,500	2,600	50	130,000
1992	2,600	2,100	78	163,800
1997	1,500	1,300	54	70,200
1998	1,700	1,400	65	91,500
1999	1,500	700	68	47,900
2000	1,600	1,200	71	84,700
2001	1,200	800	75	60,000
2002	1,500	800	51	40,600
2003	1,400	1,000	62	62,000

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**Milk Production (Million Pounds)**



**EQUINE: Inventory and Value, Census of Agriculture, 2002**

Year	Total Equine	Rank in State	Total Equine Sold	Value of Sales
2002	689	44	42	\$42,000