

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

Year	All Planted Acres	Grain			Silage		
		Harvested Acres	Yield Bushels	Production Bushels	Harvested Acres	Yield Tons	Production Tons
1940	10,410	6,752	37	252,057	N/A	N/A	N/A
1950	11,036	6,104	50	304,316	4,092	7.5	30,369
1959	15,799	11,161	51	568,854	4,364	9.2	39,973
1969	17,800	11,800	81	955,800	N/A	N/A	N/A
1978	40,000	33,600	95	3,192,000	5,900	14.0	82,600
1982	40,100	33,900	93	3,162,900	5,900	13.5	79,700
1987	30,500	26,400	115	3,036,000	3,900	17.0	66,300
1992	30,700	25,000	100	2,500,000	4,400	13.8	60,700
1997	36,500	32,300	116	3,746,800	3,900	15.0	58,500
1998	36,700	32,400	121	3,907,200	4,300	17.1	73,500
1999	37,600	35,800	110	3,927,700	1,800	17.3	31,100
2000	30,900	30,400	103	3,119,700	500	13.2	6,600
2001	33,300	26,700	106	2,830,200	6,500	11.2	72,900
2002	27,500	23,700	95	2,258,800	3,200	11.9	38,200
2003	25,900	22,000	122	2,683,300	3,900	18.1	70,400

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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	7,319	1.9	13,779	22,973	1.1	24,281	30,292	1.3	38,060
1950	4,749	1.8	8,490	19,426	1.4	26,600	24,175	1.5	35,090
1959	13,528	2.2	30,002	7,749	1.8	13,637	21,277	2.1	43,639
1969	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	18,721	2.5	46,637
1978	12,700	2.6	33,000	6,100	1.9	11,600	18,800	2.4	44,600
1982	9,800	3.0	29,400	5,000	2.4	12,000	14,800	2.8	41,400
1987	13,000	2.5	32,500	7,000	2.0	14,000	20,000	2.3	46,500
1992	8,400	2.6	21,500	3,200	1.8	5,700	11,600	2.3	27,200
1997	6,200	2.5	15,600	4,200	2.0	8,400	10,400	2.3	24,000
1998	5,800	2.4	13,800	3,700	2.1	7,900	9,500	2.3	21,700
1999	5,500	2.9	15,800	5,300	2.2	11,900	10,800	2.6	27,700
2000	4,300	2.9	12,600	5,900	2.2	13,200	10,200	2.5	25,800
2001	5,300	2.8	15,000	6,400	2.1	13,500	11,700	2.4	28,500
2002	6,000	3.1	18,500	4,400	2.3	10,100	10,400	2.8	28,600
2003	5,200	3.9	20,100	4,900	2.0	9,900	10,100	3.0	30,000

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# Orleans County

## Farm Statistics

Orleans County is located in northwest New York, bordering Lake Ontario. In 2003, there were 132,900 acres in farms, 53 percent of the county's total 250,493 acres. There were 500 farms in the county averaging 266 acres per farm. Orleans county ranks 41st in the state for number of farms and 27th for land in farms.

In 2002, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$68.9 million. Total sales averaged \$136,739 per farm. The leading products sold were: vegetables, fruits & nuts, grains & dry beans, dairy products, and nursery & greenhouse.

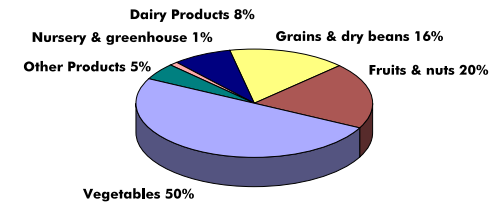
The average value of land and buildings per farm in 2002 was \$332,449. Machinery and equipment were valued at \$113,426 per farm. Total production expenses in 2002 were \$55.6 million for an average of \$110,505 per farm. The Census showed 56 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 53.4 years. The Department of Commerce showed the median household income in 1999 was \$37,972.

**LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS**

Product	2002 Sales (\$1,000)	Percent of Total	State Rank
Vegetables	34,677	50	1
Fruits & nuts	13,408	20	4
Grains & dry beans	10,993	16	3
Dairy Products	5,467	8	45
Nursery & greenhouse	592	1	53
Other Products	3,780	5	
<b>TOTAL SALES</b>	<b>68,917</b>		<b>18</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	Total Cropland	Permanent Pasture	Total Woodland	Other Land
		<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
1940	2,161	208,238	N/A	N/A	14,960	N/A
1950	1,878	201,125	156,573	12,435	16,568	15,549
1959	1,259	175,732	134,849	8,455	16,295	16,133
1969	928	166,176	129,628	N/A	14,036	N/A
1978	709	162,546	131,700	3,131	15,785	11,930
1982	642	153,274	124,493	1,418	14,952	12,411
1987	645	157,500	129,800	2,900	14,800	10,000
1992	550	147,200	117,300	3,300	17,000	9,600
1997	545	154,100	128,400	2,800	12,100	10,800
1998	550	156,900	129,600	3,000	12,700	11,600
1999	565	159,100	131,000	2,900	12,500	12,700
2000	550	159,100	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2001	545	157,900	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2002	500	133,100	108,502	2,648	14,682	7,068
2003	500	132,900	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	299	280
\$10,000 to \$49,999	99	101
\$50,000 to \$99,999	39	30
\$100,000 or more	127	93
<b>Farms Reporting</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>504</b>

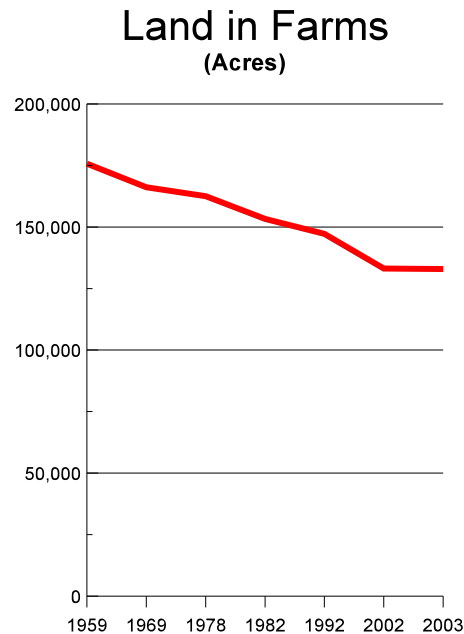
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**RESIDENT POPULATION**

In 2002, Orleans County's population ranked 54th in the state.

Year	Total	Population Per Square Mile
1940	27,800	71
1950	29,800	76
1960	34,200	87
1970	37,300	95
1980	38,500	98
1990	41,800	107
2002	44,171	113

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

Year	All Cattle & Calves	Beef Cows	Milk Cows
	<i>Number on farms</i>		
1940	12,463	N/A	N/A
1950	16,781	1,065	8,032
1959	19,735	1,520	7,834
1969	19,740	1,918	6,040
1978	16,000	1,300	5,200
1982	18,500	2,200	4,700
1987	15,500	1,100	5,000
1992	12,000	1,000	4,000
1997	12,000	1,400	3,500
1998	11,000	1,600	3,500
1999	10,000	1,400	3,500
2000	11,000	1,800	4,000
2001	10,000	2,000	3,500
2002	10,000	2,000	3,500
2003	8,400	1,100	3,000
2004	8,200	1,100	2,800

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**MILK: Cows & Production**

Year	Annual Avg. Milk Cows	Average Production Per Cow	Total Milk Production
	<i>No. Head</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<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	5,100	13,000	66
1982	5,200	13,000	68
1987	5,100	13,800	70
1992	4,200	16,300	69
1997	3,400	17,000	58
1998	3,500	17,100	60
1999	3,800	17,500	67
2000	3,500	17,700	62
2001	3,300	19,700	65
2002	3,300	19,700	65
2003	3,000	21,000	63
2004	N/A	N/A	N/A

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**Oats: Acreage, Yield, and Production**

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>
1940	N/A	10,148	38	380,876
1950	N/A	11,723	30	349,481
1959	N/A	11,026	58	635,051
1969	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1978	7,800	7,700	64	492,800
1982	6,300	6,100	68	414,800
1987	4,500	4,300	78	335,400
1992	2,700	2,600	72	187,200
1997	1,900	1,700	74	125,800
1998	2,200	2,100	66	138,600
1999	1,700	1,400	79	111,000
2000	1,400	1,300	75	97,900
2001	1,300	1,300	81	105,200
2002	700	700	76	53,400
2003	800	700	75	52,300

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**Wheat: Acreage, Yield, and Production**

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>
1940	N/A	16,801	26	442,468
1950	N/A	21,451	27	585,764
1959	N/A	13,906	29	398,388
1969	11,200	10,400	39	405,600
1978	5,500	4,800	33	158,400
1982	9,400	8,500	42	357,000
1987	6,200	5,600	44	246,400
1992	11,400	10,700	56	599,200
1997	14,400	14,100	56	789,600
1998	14,900	13,800	55	759,000
1999	14,300	13,800	63	873,600
2000	16,100	15,300	52	791,200
2001	13,400	13,200	53	698,700
2002	11,900	11,800	61	724,700
2003	14,100	13,400	49	658,800

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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	960	39	61	\$109,000