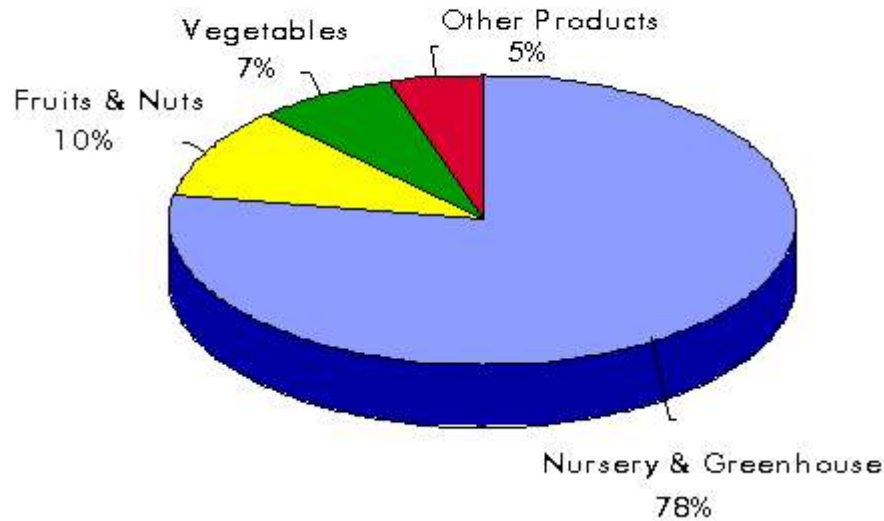


## Leading Agricultural Products Percent of Total



### LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Product	2002 Sales (\$1,000)	Percent of Total	State Rank
Nursery & Greenhouse	2,456	78	27
Fruits & Nuts	317	10	32
Vegetables	235	7	51
Other Products	151	5	
<b>TOTAL SALES</b>	<b>3,159</b>		<b>54</b>

2002 Census of Agriculture



## Rockland County Farm Statistics

Rockland County lies in the Hudson Valley Region bordering New York City. In 2003, there were 1,000 acres in farms, 1 percent of the county's total 111,500 acres. There were 30 farms in the county averaging 33 acres per farm. Rockland county ranks 56th in the state for number of farms and 59th for land in farms.

In 2002, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$3.2 million. Total sales averaged \$108,939 per farm. The leading products sold were: nursery & greenhouse, fruits & nuts, and vegetables.

The average value of land and buildings per farm in 2002 was \$1,075,563. Machinery and equipment were valued at \$68,688 per farm. Total production expenses in 2002 were \$3.2 million for an average of \$111,798 per farm. The Census showed 59 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 55.8 years. Data from the U.S. Department of Commerce showed the median household income in 1999 was \$67,971

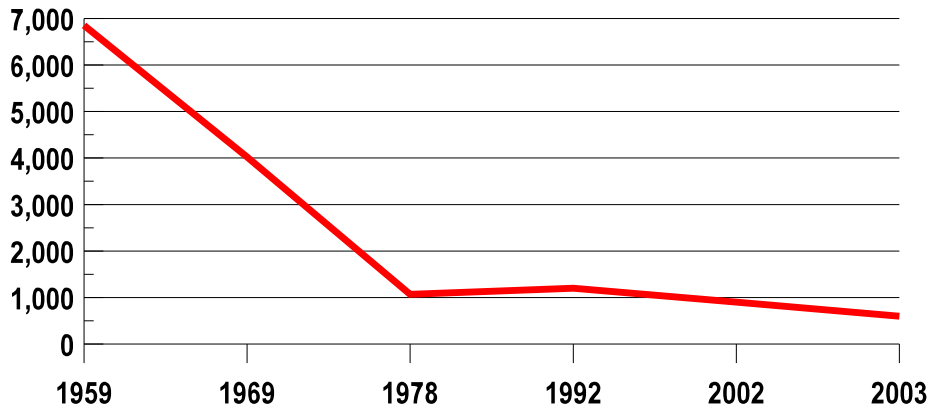
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FARMS, LAND IN FARMS, AND LAND USE

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Total Cropland	Permanent Pasture	Total Woodland	Other Land
		Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
1940	355	18,711	N/A	N/A	5,325	N/A
1950	408	17,376	9,170	602	4,702	2,902
1959	100	6,852	4,000	600	1,281	971
1969	50	4,022	2,692	N/A	939	N/A
1978	37	1,069	679	140	95	155
1982	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1987	30	1,200	800	N/A	200	200
1992	30	900	600	N/A	300	N/A
1997	25	600	400	N/A	100	100
1998	25	600	400	N/A	100	100
1999	25	600	400	N/A	100	100
2000	25	600	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2001	25	600	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2002	30	1,000	581	28	391	N/A
2003	30	1,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

**Land in Farms**  
(Acres)



FARMS BY SALES CLASS

Sales Class	1997	2002
Under \$10,000	14	10
\$10,000 to \$49,999	4	9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1	3
\$100,000 or more	7	7
Farms Reporting	26	29

U. S. Census of Agriculture

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

Year	Total Equine	Rank in State
2002	149	56

**RESIDENT POPULATION**

In 2002, Rockland County's population ranked 14th in the state.

Year	Total	Population
1940	74,300	427
1950	89,300	513
1960	136,800	786
1970	229,900	1,321
1980	259,500	1,491
1990	265,500	1,526
2002	286,753	1,646