

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

Year	All Planted <i>Acres</i>	Grain			Silage		
		Harvested <i>Acres</i>	Yield <i>Bushels</i>	Production <i>Bushels</i>	Harvested <i>Acres</i>	Yield <i>Tons</i>	Production <i>Tons</i>
1940	3,318	1,275	29	37,480	N/A	N/A	N/A
1950	2,663	1,151	40	45,871	1,163	8.6	10,001
1959	1,093	337	56	18,986	686	10.7	7,325
1969	1,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1978	1,100	500	86	43,000	600	15.0	9,000
1982	1,800	1,000	100	100,000	700	16.0	11,200
1987	1,500	1,200	100	120,000	200	16.0	3,200
1992	1,600	1,300	93	120,900	200	14.0	2,800
1997	2,600	2,300	135	310,500	300	17.0	5,100
1998	2,800	2,400	122	293,400	400	17.0	6,800
1999	2,700	2,600	107	278,600	100	16.0	1,600
2000	2,800	2,600	115	299,000	200	14.0	2,800
2001	2,000	1,800	132	237,300	100	16.0	1,600
2002	1,600	1,200	91	109,500	N/A	N/A	N/A
2003	1,300	1,200	120	143,600	100	10.0	1,000

1940 - 1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

**HAY: Acreage, Yield, and Production**

Year	Alfalfa Hay			Other Hay			Total Hay		
	Harvested <i>Acres</i>	Yield <i>Tons</i>	Production <i>Tons</i>	Harvested <i>Acres</i>	Yield <i>Tons</i>	Production <i>Tons</i>	Harvested <i>Acres</i>	Yield <i>Tons</i>	Production <i>Tons</i>
1940	853	1.6	1,399	3,828	1.3	5,068	4,681	1.4	6,467
1950	419	1.6	652	2,106	1.3	2,804	2,525	1.4	3,456
1959	452	3.0	1,366	1,011	2.0	2,008	1,463	2.3	3,374
1969	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	888	2.3	2,069
1978	400	2.5	1,000	500	2.6	1,300	900	2.6	2,300
1982	400	2.3	900	500	2.2	1,100	900	2.2	2,000
1987	500	2.8	1,400	500	2.6	1,300	1,000	2.7	2,700
1992	500	2.2	1,100	600	1.8	1,100	1,100	2.0	2,200
1997	300	2.7	800	300	3.3	1,000	600	3.0	1,800
1998	300	3.3	1,000	200	3.0	600	500	3.2	1,600
1999	300	2.7	800	700	1.4	1,000	1,000	1.8	1,800
2000	600	1.5	900	600	1.3	800	1,200	1.4	1,700
2001	700	3.0	2,100	600	1.2	700	1,300	2.2	2,800
2002	200	2.5	500	700	0.9	600	900	1.2	1,100
2003	200	3.0	600	900	1.9	1,700	1,100	2.1	2,300



# Suffolk County

## Farm Statistics

Suffolk County is located on Long Island. In 2003, there were 34,000 acres in farms, 6 percent of the county's total 583,807 acres. There were 645 farms in the county averaging 53 acres per farm. Suffolk county ranks 27th in the state for number of farms and 50th for land in farms.

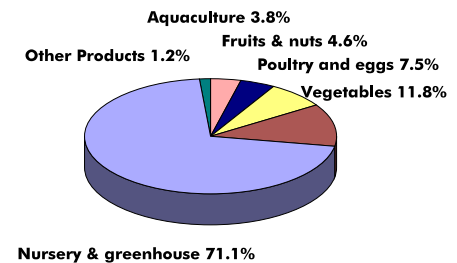
In 2002, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$201.2 million. Total sales averaged \$309,035 per farm. The leading products sold were: nursery & greenhouse, vegetables, poultry and eggs, fruits & nuts, and aquaculture.

The average value of land and buildings per farm in 2002 was \$920,960. Machinery and equipment were valued at \$206,704 per farm. Total production expenses in 2002 were \$176.4 million for an average of \$270,618 per farm. The Census showed 63 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 53.1 years. The U.S. Department of Commerce showed the median household income in 1999 was \$65,288.

**LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS**

Product	2002 Sales <i>(\$1,000)</i>	Percent of Total	State Rank
Nursery & greenhouse	142,994	71	1
Vegetables	23,651	12	3
Poultry and eggs	15,052	7	2
Fruits & nuts	9,274	5	7
Aquaculture	7,740	4	1
Other Products	2,471	1	
<b>TOTAL SALES</b>	<b>201,182</b>		<b>1</b>

2002 Census of Agriculture

**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	2,344	119,016	N/A	N/A	22,790	N/A
1950	2,187	123,346	83,171	2,183	22,841	15,151
1959	1,258	89,776	66,092	2,142	11,970	9,572
1969	743	61,520	53,557	N/A	3,411	N/A
1978	777	51,853	44,733	659	2,401	4,613
1982	797	49,898	41,040	835	2,790	5,233
1987	775	43,300	36,900	700	2,300	3,400
1992	690	38,900	32,900	500	1,900	3,600
1997	725	38,500	28,100	1,200	2,000	7,200
1998	715	36,900	29,000	900	1,500	5,500
1999	735	37,400	29,700	900	1,500	5,300
2000	715	34,600	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2001	705	32,500	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2002	645	34,000	26,616	921	1,849	4,614
2003	645	34,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

**FARMS BY SALES CLASS**

Sales Class	1997	2002
Under \$10,000	235	258
\$10,000 to \$49,999	162	142
\$50,000 to \$99,999	75	61
\$100,000 or more	249	190
<b>Farms Reporting</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>651</b>

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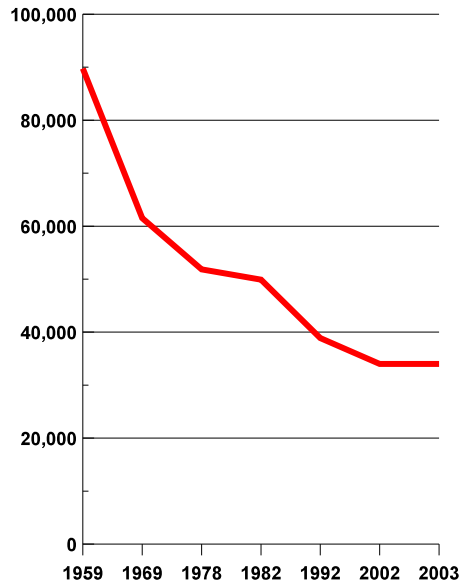
**RESIDENT POPULATION**

In 2002, Suffolk County's population ranked 4th in the state.

Year	Total	Population Per Square Mile
1940	197,400	217
1950	276,100	303
1960	666,800	732
1970	1,127,000	1,237
1980	1,284,200	1,410
1990	1,321,900	1,451
2002	1,419,369	1,556

U.S. Census of Population

**Land in Farms**



**Nursery and Greenhouse, Census of Agriculture 1997 & 2002**

Year	Bedding & Garden Plants	Potted Flowering Plants	Nursery Stock
	<i>Sq. ft. under glass or other protection</i>		
1997	4,964,997	3,318,578	280,308
2002	6,280,223	3,437,661	156,426

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

Year	Total Equine	Rank in State	Total Equine Sold	Value of Sales
2002	1,391	40	74	\$528,000

**Suffolk County Census of Agriculture Facts**

Number of Farms	651
Land in Farms	34,127 acres
Average size of Farm	129 acres
Market Value of Production	\$201.2 million
Crop Sales	\$177.7 million
Livestock	\$23.5 million
Average Age of Operator	53.1