

CORN: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	All Planted Acres	Grain			Silage		
		Harvested Acres	Yield Bushels	Production Bushels	Harvested Acres	Yield Tons	Production Tons
1940	7,195	1,867	27	50,094	N/A	N/A	N/A
1950	4,899	968	44	42,303	3,618	6.8	24,494
1959	4,646	1,714	48	81,525	2,856	9.5	27,031
1969	3,867	1,086	95	102,738	2,781	N/A	N/A
1978	7,700	3,000	80	240,000	4,500	13.0	58,500
1982	9,200	4,400	81	356,400	4,700	11.2	52,600
1987	6,500	2,700	84	226,800	3,000	12.5	37,500
1992	6,000	1,600	88	140,800	4,100	10.1	41,400
1997	4,200	1,200	110	132,000	3,000	13.2	39,600
1998	4,200	1,200	111	133,300	3,000	14.5	43,500
1999	5,000	1,000	97	96,700	4,000	13.0	52,900
2000	3,600	400	86	34,200	3,200	12.0	39,300
2001	3,900	800	83	66,300	3,100	11.0	35,000
2002	4,300	1,500	83	125,200	2,800	12.0	32,800
2003	3,700	700	131	91,400	2,900	18.0	51,700

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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	3,326	1.5	5,031	42,691	0.9	39,844	46,017	1.0	44,875
1950	4,069	1.7	6,866	31,458	1.2	36,687	35,527	1.2	43,573
1959	7,667	1.7	13,153	29,190	1.1	32,021	36,857	1.2	45,174
1969	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	21,106	1.9	40,782
1978	7,600	2.6	19,800	20,100	1.6	32,200	27,700	1.9	52,000
1982	8,900	2.1	18,700	19,300	1.7	32,800	28,200	1.8	51,500
1987	7,500	2.7	20,600	17,000	1.9	31,800	24,500	2.1	52,400
1992	9,100	2.4	22,000	10,600	1.7	17,700	19,700	2.0	39,700
1997	7,700	2.0	15,300	12,200	1.6	19,300	19,900	1.7	34,600
1998	7,200	1.9	13,500	11,000	1.6	17,700	18,200	1.7	31,200
1999	6,600	1.8	11,700	13,800	1.5	20,200	20,400	1.6	31,900
2000	6,500	1.7	10,800	16,600	1.4	22,800	21,700	1.5	32,400
2001	7,500	2.1	16,100	16,600	1.4	23,600	24,100	1.6	39,700
2002	6,500	1.7	10,800	16,800	1.5	26,000	23,300	1.6	36,800
2003	6,400	2.0	12,600	19,200	1.1	21,700	25,600	1.3	34,300

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Albany County

Farm Statistics

Albany county lies at the foot of the Adirondacks and at the tip of the Hudson River Valley Region. In 2003, there were 69,000 acres in farms, 21 percent of the county's total 335,005 acres. There were 480 farms in the county averaging 144 acres per farm. Albany county ranks 43th in the state for number of farms and 45th for land in farms.

In 2002, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$19.4 million. Total sales averaged \$39,990 per farm. The leading products sold were: nursery & greenhouse, cattle & calves, dairy products, vegetables, and hay & other crops.

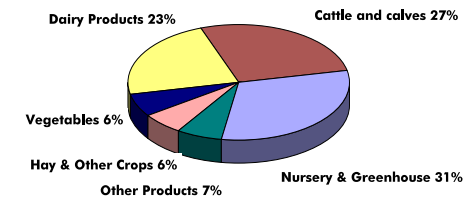
The average value of land and buildings per farm was \$506,093. Machinery and equipment was valued at \$58,939 per farm. Total production expenses in 2002 were \$24.6 million for an average of \$50,873 per farm. The Census showed 55 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 56.3 years. Data from the U.S. Department of Commerce showed the median household income in 1999 was \$42,935.

LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Product	2002 Sales (\$1,000)	Percent of Total	State Rank
Nursery & Greenhouse	5,998	31	9
Cattle and calves	5,266	27	19
Dairy Products	4,408	23	46
Vegetables	1,246	6	34
Hay & Other Crops	1,178	6	43
Other Products	1,259	7	
TOTAL SALES	19,355		45

2002 Census of Agriculture

Leading Agricultural Products Percent of Total Sales



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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 4/ <i>Acres</i>
1940	2,177	206,036	N/A	N/A	33,362	N/A
1950	1,453	160,858	99,456	20,573	30,175	10,654
1959	964	136,013	77,266	21,065	26,169	11,513
1969	574	86,156	49,140	N/A	18,578	N/A
1978	509	82,975	49,568	6,174	20,428	6,805
1982	510	82,788	50,082	7,007	18,742	6,957
1987	510	70,100	42,500	6,100	15,500	6,000
1992	460	63,700	38,500	5,200	15,200	4,800
1997	475	61,000	37,371	4,642	12,801	5,915
1998	470	60,600	38,000	5,800	11,800	5,000
1999	485	64,000	39,900	5,500	11,600	7,000
2000	470	61,100	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2001	465	56,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2002	480	69,100	40,870	6,421	16,986	4,723
2003	480	69,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

CATTLE: Number on Farms, January 1

Year	All Cattle & Calves <i>Number on farms</i>	Beef Cows <i>Number on farms</i>	Milk Cows <i>Number on farms</i>
1940	16,919	N/A	N/A
1950	16,640	382	9,552
1959	16,497	743	9,270
1969	11,120	1,229	4,844
1978	12,000	1,500	4,100
1982	11,000	1,400	3,700
1987	11,500	1,400	2,900
1992	10,000	1,200	1,700
1997	9,000	1,700	1,700
1998	9,000	1,700	1,700
1999	8,500	1,600	1,500
2000	8,500	1,900	1,500
2001	8,000	2,000	1,500
2002	8,000	2,000	1,500
2003	9,700	1,700	1,900
2004	9,500	1,600	2,000

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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	3,800	10,200	39
1982	3,700	11,200	41
1987	2,700	13,000	35
1992	1,700	14,800	25
1997	1,700	15,900	27
1998	1,600	16,300	26
1999	1,500	16,500	25
2000	1,500	16,800	25
2001	1,800	14,400	26
2002	1,800	14,400	26
2003	1,900	13,700	26
2004	N/A	N/A	N/A

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FARMS BY SALES CLASS

Sales Class	1997	2002
Under \$10,000	222	331
\$10,000 to \$49,999	116	87
\$50,000 to \$99,999	28	28
\$100,000 or more	30	38
Farms Reporting	396	484

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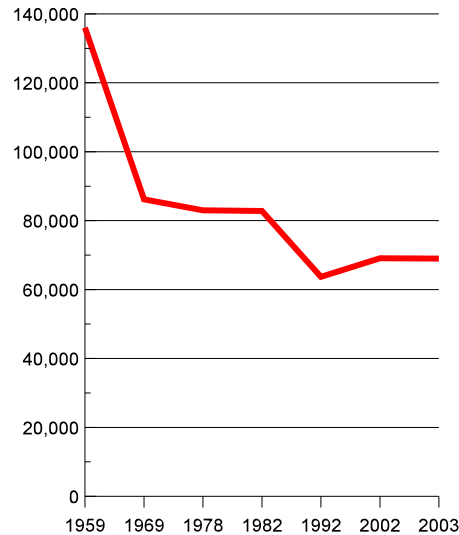
RESIDENT POPULATION

In 2002, Albany County's population ranked 13th in the state

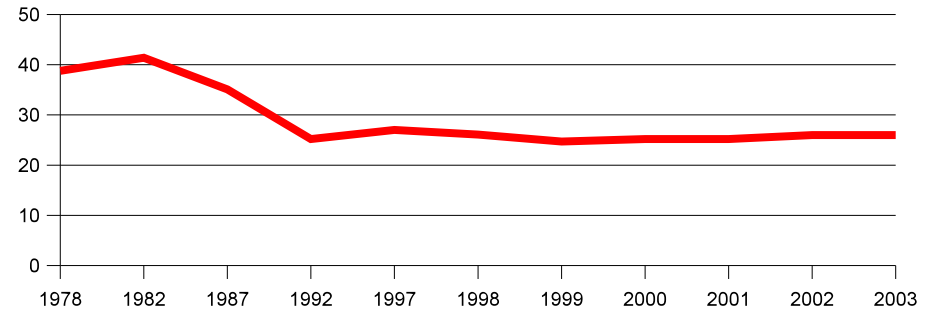
Year	Total	Population Per Square Mile
1940	221,300	422
1950	239,400	457
1960	272,900	452
1970	286,760	547
1980	285,900	546
1990	292,600	559
2002	294,565	563

U.S. Census of Population

**Land in Farms
(Acres)**



**Milk Production
(Million Pounds)**



EQUINE: Inventory and Value, Census of Agriculture, 2002

Year	Total Equine	Rank in State	Total Equine Sold	Value of Sales
2,002	863	41	77	\$104,000