

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

Year	All Planted Acres	Grain			Silage		
		Harvested Acres	Yield Bushels	Production Bushels	Harvested Acres	Yield Tons	Production Tons
1940	22,442	8,032	37	296,593	N/A	N/A	N/A
1950	20,493	4,372	44	190,172	15,617	8.6	134,801
1959	19,660	2,406	48	115,652	17,109	8.2	140,035
1969	27,200	3,300	91	300,300	N/A	N/A	N/A
1978	40,600	9,000	96	863,800	31,000	14.4	447,150
1982	44,200	14,300	102	1,452,900	29,700	12.9	382,100
1987	40,500	12,700	110	1,397,000	26,800	15.0	402,000
1992	41,500	12,600	110	1,386,000	27,100	15.2	411,900
1997	35,700	8,700	104	904,800	26,700	14.0	373,800
1998	35,300	8,600	106	913,600	26,700	15.8	421,900
1999	35,500	8,700	105	913,800	26,800	17.1	459,200
2000	27,600	8,500	88	749,800	19,100	12.9	247,000
2001	32,300	13,600	125	1,696,000	18,300	19.1	349,000
2002	33,100	7,500	98	735,500	25,600	13.4	344,200
2003	31,900	8,300	138	1,143,300	23,200	18.2	423,000

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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	4,278	1.8	7,836	101,657	1.1	110,480	105,935	1.1	118,316
1950	11,214	1.7	19,440	78,756	1.2	97,102	89,970	1.3	116,542
1959	27,322	1.8	50,061	61,314	1.4	84,677	88,636	1.5	134,738
1969	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	65,766	2.0	132,598
1978	27,900	2.7	75,300	42,600	1.8	76,700	70,500	2.2	152,000
1982	30,500	2.3	70,200	41,200	1.7	70,000	71,700	2.0	140,200
1987	21,000	2.7	57,700	42,000	2.2	90,600	63,000	2.4	148,300
1992	19,900	2.5	49,700	25,600	1.8	46,200	45,500	2.1	95,900
1997	18,700	2.5	46,500	21,700	1.9	40,700	40,400	2.2	87,200
1998	17,500	2.3	40,900	19,500	1.9	37,600	37,000	2.1	78,500
1999	14,000	2.1	29,100	24,500	1.5	36,800	38,500	1.7	65,900
2000	11,100	2.2	24,300	28,200	2.0	57,200	39,300	2.1	81,500
2001	13,800	2.9	39,800	31,000	2.0	60,700	44,800	2.2	100,500
2002	15,400	2.2	33,200	31,400	2.0	62,400	46,800	2.0	95,600
2003	15,300	3.7	56,000	38,300	1.6	61,000	53,600	2.2	117,000

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# Washington County

## Farm Statistics

Washington County is located in eastern New York bordering the eastern Adirondack mountains and Vermont. In 2003, there were 205,800 acres in farms, 38 percent of the county's total 534,680 acres. There were 880 farms in the county averaging 234 acres per farm. Washington county ranks 12th in the state for number of farms and 10th for land in farms.

In 2002, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$82.0 million. Total sales averaged \$92,413 per farm. The leading products sold were: dairy products, cattle & calves, vegetables, hay & other crops, and grains & dry beans.

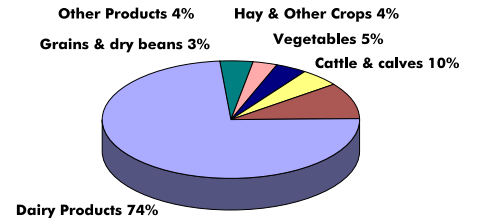
The average value of land and buildings per farm in 2002 was \$298,920. Machinery and equipment were valued at \$94,903 per farm. Total production expenses in 2002 were \$78.6 million for an average of \$88,313 per farm. The Census showed 62 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 53.4 years. The Department of Commerce showed the median household income in 1999 was \$37,668.

**LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS**

Product	2002 Sales (\$1,000)	Percent of Total	State Rank
Dairy Products	61,170	74	5
Cattle & calves	7,828	10	9
Vegetables	4,018	5	20
Hay & Other Crops	3,478	4	10
Grains & dry beans	2,107	3	19
Other Products	3,369	4	
<b>TOTAL SALES</b>	<b>81,970</b>		<b>14</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	2,934	410,391	N/A	N/A	78,440	N/A
1950	2,349	384,889	208,448	72,377	87,664	16,400
1959	1,625	351,043	166,351	80,504	81,416	22,772
1969	1,038	267,339	149,946	N/A	63,866	N/A
1978	932	258,586	160,781	20,128	62,217	15,460
1982	948	256,796	156,372	23,555	58,371	18,498
1987	960	249,100	152,200	21,900	59,200	15,800
1992	875	226,000	135,700	22,900	50,400	17,000
1997	885	209,500	129,800	16,900	47,900	14,900
1998	880	208,000	130,200	16,500	46,700	14,600
1999	910	210,800	132,900	15,700	45,900	16,300
2000	885	209,200	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2001	875	218,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2002	880	206,200	130,695	14,194	47,088	13,823
2003	880	205,800	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

**FARMS BY SALES CLASS**

Sales Class	1997	2002
Under \$10,000	410	440
\$10,000 to \$49,999	190	184
\$50,000 to \$99,999	75	67
\$100,000 or more	200	196
<b>Farms Reporting</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>887</b>

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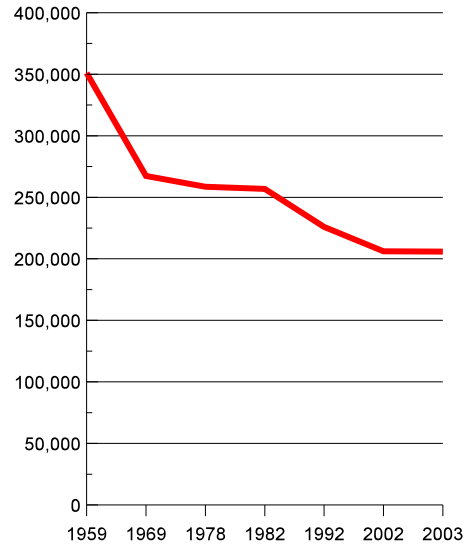
**RESIDENT POPULATION**

In 2002, Washington County's population ranked 43rd in the state.

Year	Total	Population Per Square Mile
1940	46,700	56
1950	47,100	56
1960	48,500	58
1970	52,700	63
1980	54,800	66
1990	59,300	71
2002	61,042	73

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**Land in Farms  
(Acres)**



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

Year	All Cattle & Calves	Beef Cows	Milk Cows
1940	45,874	N/A	N/A
1950	50,038	482	29,258
1959	55,006	493	32,497
1969	51,939	2,055	28,410
1978	57,000	1,700	31,000
1982	61,000	2,500	32,000
1987	60,000	1,800	31,500
1992	56,000	1,800	27,500
1997	54,000	2,000	24,500
1998	52,000	2,000	25,000
1999	51,000	1,700	24,500
2000	49,000	1,600	23,000
2001	47,000	1,400	22,000
2002	47,000	1,400	22,000
2003	53,100	1,600	22,300
2004	52,000	1,500	23,300

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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	31,200	12,500	390
1982	32,000	12,600	403
1987	31,000	13,800	428
1992	27,500	15,000	413
1997	24,500	16,100	394
1998	24,500	16,400	402
1999	23,000	16,700	384
2000	22,500	16,900	380
2001	22,700	16,800	381
2002	22,700	16,800	381
2003	23,000	16,000	368
2004	N/A	N/A	N/A

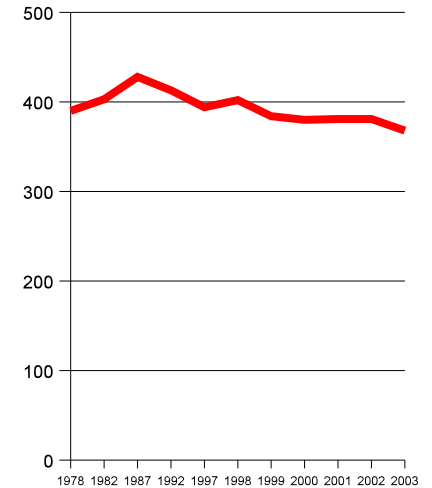
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**Oats: Acreage, Yield, and Production**

Year	Planted <i>Acres</i>	Harvested <i>Acres</i>	Yield <i>Bushels</i>	Production <i>Bushels</i>
1940	N/A	11,640	28	321,218
1950	N/A	8,120	28	225,957
1959	N/A	8,942	48	427,871
1969	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1978	2,000	1,500	53	79,500
1982	2,200	1,300	58	75,400
1987	2,100	500	56	44,800
1992	1,100	500	56	28,000
1997	500	500	50	25,000
1998	600	500	61	30,500
1999	600	200	60	11,900
2000	300	200	81	16,100
2001	1,600	1,100	60	65,800
2002	500	200	53	10,600
2003	700	600	52	31,400

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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	1,573	11	69	\$168,000