



# Westchester County

## Farm Statistics

### Westchester County Census of Agriculture Facts

Number of Farms	129
Land in Farms	9,917 acres
Average size of Farm	77 acres
Market Value of Production	\$8.9 million
Crop Sales	\$8.4 million
Livestock	\$.5 million
Average Age of Operator	56.8

Westchester County is located in southeastern New York near New York City. In 2003, there were 9,900 acres in farms, 4 percent of the county's total 277,007 acres. There were 130 farms in the county averaging 76 acres per farm. Westchester county ranks 52nd in the state for number of farms and 52nd for land in farms.

In 2002, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$8.9 million. Total sales averaged \$68,637 per farm. The leading products sold were: nursery & greenhouse, vegetables, fruits & nuts, horses & ponies, and hay & other crops.

The average value of land and buildings per farm in 2002 was \$1,087,369. Machinery and equipment were valued at \$64,567 per farm. Total production expenses in 2002 were \$11.8 million for an average of \$92,095 per farm. The Census showed 58 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 56.8 years. The Department of Commerce showed the median household income in 1999 was \$63,582.

#### LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

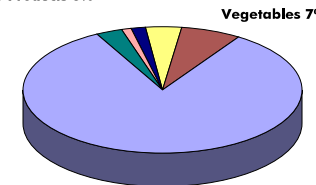
Product	2002 Sales (\$1,000)	Percent of Total	State Rank
Nursery & greenhouse	7,367	83	8
Vegetables	603	7	43
Fruits & nuts	380	4	30
Horses & Ponies	156	2	31
Hay & Other Crops	94	1	52
Other Products	254	3	
<b>TOTAL SALES</b>	<b>8,854</b>		<b>49</b>

2002 Census of Agriculture

#### Leading Agricultural Products

Percent of Total

Nursery & greenhouse 83%  
 Other Products 3%  
 Hay & Other Crops 1%  
 Horses & Ponies 2%  
 Fruits & nuts 4%  
 Vegetables 7%



Nursery & greenhouse 83%

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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	518	44,255	N/A	N/A	9,662	N/A
1950	664	48,545	20,430	5,709	12,960	9,446
1959	303	25,388	13,373	1,907	6,633	3,475
1969	133	15,168	8,398	N/A	2,711	N/A
1978	168	9,025	4,773	393	2,789	1,070
1982	158	10,423	5,272	596	3,004	1,551
1987	135	8,800	4,600	400	2,500	900
1992	115	6,300	3,500	N/A	900	1,900
1997	110	8,100	3,300	1,000	1,800	2,000
1998	100	7,900	3,200	1,000	1,800	1,900
1999	105	7,800	3,000	1,000	1,800	2,000
2000	100	10,200	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2001	100	8,700	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2002	130	9,900	2,462	1,270	4,843	1,325
2003	130	9,900	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

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

Year	Alfalfa Hay			Other Hay			Total Hay		
	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	449	2.0	897	6,745	1.1	7,755	7,194	1.2	8,652
1950	747	2.3	1,713	7,823	1.3	10,507	8,570	1.4	12,220
1959	471	2.4	1,141	3,527	1.6	5,470	3,998	1.7	6,611
1969	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,451	1.7	4,109
1978	500	2.4	1,200	2,100	1.8	3,800	2,600	1.9	5,000
1982	200	2.5	500	1,800	2.4	4,300	200	2.4	4,800
1987	900	2.9	2,600	1,000	2.1	2,100	1,900	2.5	4,700
1992	500	1.8	900	900	1.1	1,000	1,400	1.4	1,900
1997	500	2.8	1,400	500	1.6	800	1,000	2.2	2,200
1998	400	2.5	1,000	700	1.7	1,200	1,100	2.0	2,200
1999	400	1.8	700	1,000	1.8	1,800	1,400	1.8	2,500
2000	300	2.3	700	1,000	1.5	1,500	1,300	1.7	2,200
2001	300	4.3	1,300	1,100	2.8	3,100	1,400	3.1	4,400
2002	200	2.5	500	300	1.7	500	500	2.0	1,000
2003	200	1.5	300	300	0.7	200	500	1.0	500

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

**FARMS BY SALES CLASS**

Sales Class	1997	2002
Under \$10,000	54	82
\$10,000 to \$49,999	30	14
\$50,000 to \$99,999	10	13
\$100,000 or more	23	20
Farms Reporting	117	129

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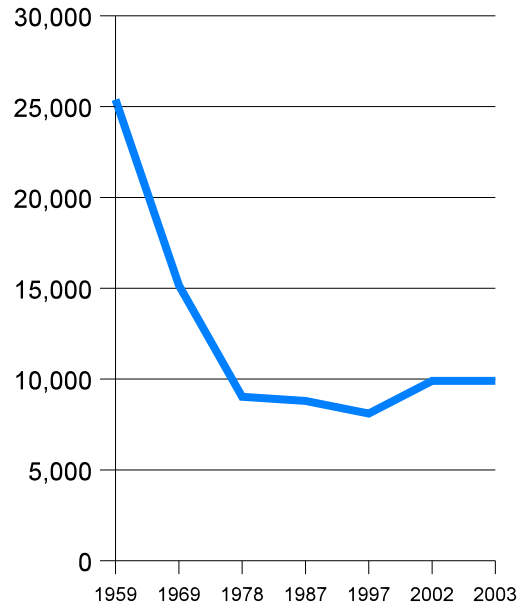
**RESIDENT POPULATION**

In 2002, Westchester County's population ranked 8th in the state.

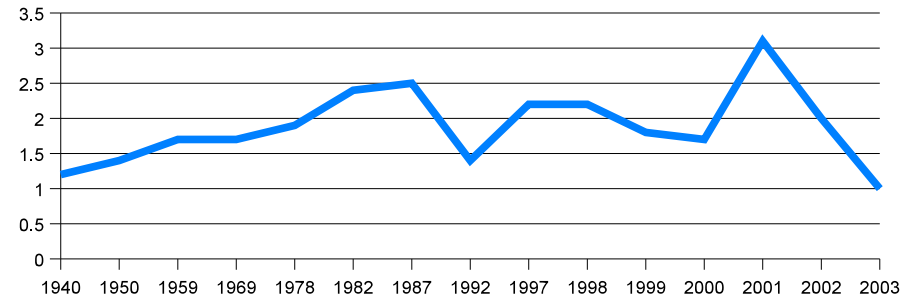
Year	Total	Population Per Square Mile
1940	573,600	1,325
1950	625,800	1,445
1960	808,900	1,868
1970	894,400	2,066
1980	866,600	2,001
1990	874,900	2,021
2002	923,459	2,134

U.S. Census of Population

**Land in Farms (Acres)**



**Total Hay Yield (Tons)**



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

Year	Total Equine	Rank in State	Total Equine Sold	Value of Sales
2002	803	52	69	\$156,000