

A Look at New York Agriculture



Capital: Albany

Population: 19,541,453

Founded: July 26, 1788 (11th)

State Flower: Rose

State Bird: Bluebird

State Tree: Sugar Maple

Number of Counties: 62

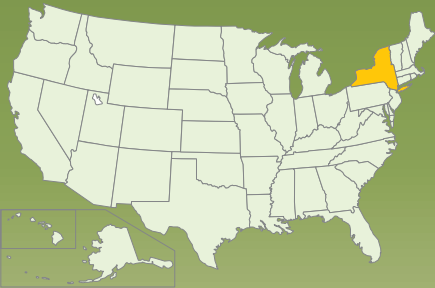
Largest City: NYC - 8.4 million

Nickname: The Empire State

Number of Farms: 36,600

Average Farm Size: 197 acres

Total Farmland: 7.1 million acres



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Climate & Soil

- New York has a temperate climate with annual precipitation of 47" per year.
- The temperature ranges between 106°F and -11°F, but the Atlantic Ocean tends to moderate weather extremes in the city.
- State Soil: Honeoye
- The soils in the state fall generally into the groups classified as spodosols. They are acid in reaction and generally light in both color and texture. They are not superior agricultural soils, but because of the proximity of New York's agricultural areas to its heavily populated consuming centers, many of the better soils are intensively cultivated.

Crops & Livestock

- Fruit - New York's fruit crops were valued at \$363 million in 2007.
- Apples and Grapes lead New York fruit crops in value.
- Vegetables - The value of vegetables totaled \$338 million in 2007. Fresh Market vegetables rank 6th and processing vegetables are 7th among all states. Leading crops in New York are Cabbage, Sweet Corn and Onions.
- Field Crops - New York produces a variety of field crops largely in support of its dairy industry. Corn, oats and wheat are most widely grown with soybeans steadily increasing importance. New York ranks 2nd in corn silage, valued at \$208 million. Production of grain corn ranked 22th with a value of \$146 million.
- Dairy Milk is New York's leading agricultural product and is produced all across the state. Milk sales account for over one-half of total agricultural receipts. Production in 2007 was 12.4 billion pounds, with a value of \$2.2 billion. New York is the nation's 3rd leading producer, and Wyoming is the state's leading county.
- New York ranks third for milk and dairy production in the United States.
- Meat - New York livestock producers marketed 228 million pounds of meat animals during 2007, bringing in \$400 million in cash receipts. Sales from cattle and calves accounted for \$318 million of the total, hogs and pigs returned \$28 million, and sheep and lambs provided \$10 million.
- The state has over 200 thousand ducks. It ranks fifth nationally for the production of duck meat and duck products.
- Eggs made up \$59.8 million of the total followed by broilers at \$6.57 million. New York ranks 22nd among all egg producing states.

General

- Agriculture is important to New York State.
- Agricultural production returned over \$5 billion to the farm economy in 2007.
- About 25 percent of the state's land area are used to produce a very diverse-array of food products.