



# A Look at *New York* Agriculture

Capital: Albany

Population: 19,378,102

Founded: July 26, 1788 (11<sup>th</sup>)

State Flower: Rose

State Bird: Bluebird

State Tree: Sugar Maple

Number of Counties: 62

Largest City: NYC - 8.2 million

Nickname: The Empire State

Number of Farms: 36,000

Average Farm Size: 193 acres

Total Farmland: 7 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 -25°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 \$332 million in 2010.
- Apples and Grapes lead New York fruit crops in value. New York ranks 2nd nationally in apple production, with production valued at \$233 million in 2010. New York ranks 3rd in wine and juice grapes with production valued at \$68.4 million in 2010.
- Vegetables - The value of vegetables totaled \$409 million in 2010. Fresh Market vegetables rank 6th and processing vegetables are 5th 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 3rd in corn silage, valued at \$311 million. Production of grain corn ranked 17th with a value of \$460 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 2010 was 12.7 billion pounds, with a value of \$2.2 billion. New York is the nation's 4th leading producer, and Wyoming is the state's leading county.
- New York ranks fourth for milk and dairy production in the United States.
- Meat - New York livestock producers marketed 289 million pounds of meat animals during 2010, bringing in \$191 million in cash receipts. Sales from cattle and calves accounted for \$183 million of the total, hogs and pigs returned \$9.7 million, and sheep and lambs provided \$4.4 million.
- The state has over 200 thousand ducks. It ranks fifth nationally for the production of duck meat and duck products.
- Eggs made up \$66.2 million of the total followed by broilers at \$6.57 million. New York ranks 20th among all egg producing states.
- Maple syrup is a very important crop in New York agriculture. New York ranks 2nd in maple production behind Vermont with 564,000 gallons produced, valued at \$12.3 million.

## General

- Agriculture is important to New York State.
- Agricultural production returned almost \$4.7 billion to the farm economy in 2010.
- About 23 percent of the state's land area are used to produce a very diverse-array of food products.