

A Look at *New York* Agriculture

Capital: Albany

Population: 19,677,151

Founded: July 26, 1788 (11th)

State Flower: Rose

State Bird: Bluebird

State Tree: Sugar Maple

Number of Counties: 62

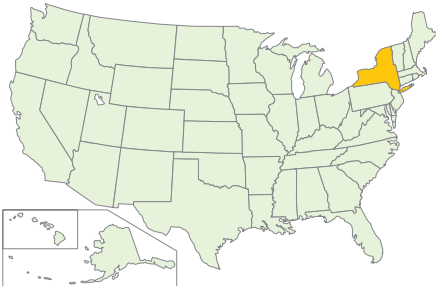
Largest City: NYC - 8,335,897

Nickname: The Empire State

Number of Farms: Over 33,400

Average Farm Size: 207 acres

Total Farmland: 6.9 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

- Hay & haylage is the most valuable crop in New York State, with 1,750,000 acres harvested and a production value of \$829 million.
- Corn used for grain in New York State is the second most valuable crop with 80,500,000 bushels produced and valued at \$543 million.
- Apples are the most valuable fruit crop in New York State, with utilized apples reaching 1.3 billion pounds produced and valued at \$300 million.
- Soybeans were harvested over 325,000 acres and produced 15 million bushels, totaling \$208 million in value.
- Cabbage reached the highest production value amongst vegetable crops in New York State, with 424 million pounds produced and valued at \$74 million.
- Other notable crops in New York State include snap beans, sweet corn, maple syrup, oats, squash, pumpkins, and barley.
- Cattle in New York State lead livestock with 100,000 beef cows and 630,000 dairy cows. Including calves, cattle reached 1.4 million.
- Sheep, including lambs, are the second highest in livestock inventory in New York State, reaching 79,000.
- Other livestock in New York State are goats for milk and dairy and hogs.
- Milk production topped 15 billion pounds, valued at over \$4 billion. Milk is New York States' most valuable commodity.

General

- New York State has diverse agricultural products and farm operations from dairy and apple to vineyards and vegetable farms.
- New York State has over 650 farmer's markets and farm stands.
- Within the United States, New York State holds first place for a variety of dairy products including cottage cheese and yogurt production; second place for maple syrup, apples, cabbage, and snap beans; and third place for grapes.