



***Agriculture is important to New York State. The value of agricultural production was over \$5.70 billion in 2012. About 23% of the state's land area, or 7.00 million acres are used by the 36,000 farms to produce a very diverse array of food products. Here are some of the items in which New York ranks high nationally.***

### **Livestock Products**

Dairy and animal production in New York provided \$3.0 billion value of production to farmers in 2012.

### **Milk Production**

Milk is New York's leading agricultural product and is produced all across the state. Milk sales account for one-half of total agricultural receipts. Production in 2012 was 13.2 billion pounds with a preliminary value of \$2.56 billion. New York is the nation's 4th leading producer.

### **Meat Production**

New York livestock producers marketed 295 million pounds of meat animals during 2012 bringing in \$333 million in cash receipts.

### **Poultry Production**

The combined value of eggs and the value of sales for chickens was \$93.7 million for 2012. New York ranks 22nd among all egg producing states in value of production.

### **Crop Production**

Field crops, fruits and vegetables returned \$2.70 billion to New York farmers in 2012.

### **FRUITS**

The value of New York's 2012 tree fruit, berry and grape crops totaled \$323 million, down 6 percent from the 2011 value.

#### ***Apples***

New York ranks 2nd nationally with production worth about \$249.8 million in 2012. Three general areas produce most of the apples: along the southern Lake Ontario shore, along the Hudson Valley, and along the upper Lake Champlain Valley.

#### ***Grapes***

Wine and juice grape production place New York 3rd behind California and Washington. The crop value is estimated at \$52.3 million in 2012. Grapes utilized for juice accounted for 62 percent of the total grapes utilized with 36 percent going for wine and 2 percent for fresh market. The four major producing areas are Lake Erie area, the Finger Lakes, the Hudson Valley and the eastern end of Long Island.

#### ***Tart Cherries***

Production in New York ranks 5th in the Nation. Production in 2012 totaled 2.7 million pounds with a value of \$2.84 million.

#### ***Pears***

Production ranked 4th in the nation with 3,100 tons and had a value of \$2.35 million.

#### ***Strawberries***

Strawberries are the 3rd most valuable fruit in New York and places New York 8th in national production. Growers harvested 3.20 million pounds in 2012. The crop was worth \$6.88 million to growers.



## VEGETABLES

The value of vegetable production totaled \$450 million in 2012. The value of fresh market vegetable production ranks 5th among all states. Leading crops in New York are cabbage, sweet corn and onions.

### *Cabbage*

New York produced the largest crop of cabbage in the Nation. Cabbage is principally grown south of Lake Ontario in Monroe, Genesee, Orleans, Ontario, and Niagara counties. New York cabbage is typically stored for sale as fresh during winter months. Value of the fresh market crop in 2012 totaled \$106 million.

### **Sweet Corn**

Produced statewide, sweet corn had a value of \$68.4 million. Concentrations are found in the Lower Hudson Valley and around the Genesee Valley. Production of fresh market sweet corn crop ranked 4th in the nation.

### **Onions**

An important crop with value of sales of \$46 million in 2012. Onions are grown in New York's muck soils in Orange, Orleans, Oswego, Madison and Wayne counties. The state ranked 5th in production for 2012.

### **Snap Beans**

Snap beans are grown in the Central and Western regions for fresh and processing. The 2012 fresh market and processing crop was valued at \$52.2 million. Fresh production accounted for 64 percent of the total value. New York ranks 4th in fresh market production.

### **Other Vegetables** (Ranked by value of production)

Tomatoes: \$47.2 million, 4th nationally  
 Pumpkins: \$33.0 million, 1st nationally  
 Cucumbers: \$25.8 million, 4th nationally  
 Squash: \$41.2 million, 2nd nationally  
 Cauliflower: \$4.29 million, 3rd nationally

## FIELD CROPS

New York produces a variety of field crops largely in support of its dairy industry. Corn, soybeans and wheat are most widely grown. New York ranks 3rd in corn silage production with a value of \$532 million. Grain corn ranked 21st in production and was worth \$688 million. Soybeans were valued at \$195 million. The state placed 8th in oat production, 34th in wheat and 23rd for soybean production. Hay value of production put New York 22nd and was valued at \$386 million in 2012. Most hay is used on farms and its value is realized through the sale of milk and livestock. Potato production reached a value of \$64.4 million in 2012 and made New York the 14th leading producer.

## MAPLE SYRUP

At \$15.7 million, New York ranks 2nd behind Vermont in value. New York also ranks 2nd behind Vermont in 2012 production with 360,000 gallons.

## FLORICULTURE CROPS

In 2012, New York floriculture products were valued at \$169 million. Bedding and garden plants top the list of commodities. The wholesale value of New York's floriculture output ranks 9th nationally. A variety of crops are produced in 25.2 million square feet of covered area and on 607 acres of open ground.

