



*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 or 7.00 million acres are used by the 36,300 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 \$2.39 billion value of production to farmers in 2010.

### **DAIRY PRODUCTS**

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 2010 was 12.7 billion pounds with a preliminary value of \$2.2 billion. New York is the nation's 4<sup>th</sup> leading producer and Wyoming is the State's leading county.

### **MEAT PRODUCTION**

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, hogs and pigs returned \$9.7 million, and sheep and lambs provided \$4.4 million.

### **POULTRY PRODUCTION**

The receipts of New York eggs, ducks, broilers and turkeys plus the receipts for other chickens totaled \$111 million for 2010. Eggs made up \$66.2 million of the total. New York ranks 20<sup>th</sup> among all egg producing states.

### **CROP PRODUCTION**

Field crops, fruits and vegetables returned \$2.05 billion in receipts to New York farmers in 2010.

### **FRUITS**

The value of New York's 2010 tree fruit and grape crops totaled \$332 million, up 14 percent from the 2009 value.

#### **Apples**

New York ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> nationally with production worth about \$233 million in 2010. 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. New York's leading varieties are McIntosh, Empire, Red Delicious and Golden Delicious.

#### **Grapes**

Wine and juice grape production places New York 3<sup>rd</sup> behind California and Washington. The crop was worth \$68.4 million in 2010. Sixty-eight percent of the production was for juice and 30 percent went into wines 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 4<sup>th</sup> in the Nation. Production in 2010 totaled 7.8 million pounds with a value of \$1.36 million.

#### **Pears**

Production ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the nation with 8,300 tons and had a value of \$4.25 million.

#### **Strawberries**

Strawberries are the 4<sup>th</sup> most valuable fruit in New York and placed New York 8<sup>th</sup> in national production. Growers harvested 3.50 million pounds in 2010. The crop was worth \$6.90 million to growers.



## VEGETABLES

The value of vegetable production totaled \$409 million in 2010. Fresh market vegetable production ranks 5<sup>th</sup> among all states. Leading crops in New York are cabbage, sweet corn and onions.

### **Cabbage**

New York produced the third 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 2010 totaled \$74.4 million.

### **Sweet Corn**

Produced statewide, sweet corn had a value of \$71.1 million. Concentrations are found in the Lower Hudson Valley and around the Genesee Valley. Production of fresh market sweet corn crop ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the nation.

### **Onions**

An important crop with value of sales of \$54.2 million in 2010. Onions are grown in New York's muck soils in Orange, Orleans, Oswego, Madison and Wayne counties. The State ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in production for 2010.

### **Snap Beans**

Grown in the Central and Western regions for fresh and processing. The 2010 fresh market and processing crop was valued at \$38.4 million. Fresh production accounted for 64 percent of the total value. New York ranks 4<sup>th</sup> in fresh market production.

### **Other Vegetables**

Tomatoes: \$28.5 million, 11<sup>th</sup> nationally  
Pumpkins: \$35.1 million, 2<sup>nd</sup> nationally  
Cucumbers: \$18.5 million, 7<sup>th</sup> nationally  
Squash: \$36.8 million, 4<sup>th</sup> nationally  
Cauliflower: \$3.42 million, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> in corn silage production with a value of \$311 million. Grain corn ranked 17<sup>th</sup> with production worth \$460 million. Soybeans were valued at \$147 million. The state placed 9<sup>th</sup> in oat production, 27<sup>th</sup> in wheat and 22<sup>nd</sup> for soybeans production. Hay receipts put New York 26<sup>th</sup> and were valued at \$261 million in 2010. Most hay is used on farms and its value is realized through sale of milk and livestock. Fall potatoes production reached a value of \$69.1 million in 2010 and made New York the 11<sup>th</sup> leading producer.

## MAPLE SYRUP

At \$12.3 million, New York ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Vermont in value. New York also ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Vermont in 2011 production with 564,000 gallons



## FLORICULTURE CROPS

In 2010, New York floriculture products were valued at \$183 million. Bedding and garden plants top the list of commodities. The wholesale value of New York's floriculture output ranks 7<sup>th</sup> nationally at \$183 million. A variety of crops are produced in 21.9 million square feet of covered area and on 903 acres of open ground.

