



Catskills FarmLink

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County Profile:

Schoharie

Agricultural Statistics

The total number of farms: 525

Leading agricultural products:

Product	2007 Sales (\$1,000)	Percent of Total	State Rank
Dairy Products	21,287	61%	34
Cattle & Calves	3,271	9%	34
Nursery & Greenhouse	681	2%	45
Hay & Other Crops	3,567	10%	15
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,144	2%	31
Fruits, Tree Nuts, and Berries	741	6%	28
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, & sweet potatoes	2,620	7%	27
TOTAL SALES	35,153		43

Acres in farmland: 95,490 acres

Average size of farm: 182 acres

Top crops by acre:

Forage	35,495 (land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage and greenchop)
Corn for silage	4,729
Corn for grain	3,611
Vegetables	891
Oats for grain	382

By land use type:

Cropland	55.54%
Woodland	24.58%
Pasture	11.98%
Other uses	7.91%

Catskills FarmLink is a collaborative effort of:
[Catskill Mountainkeeper](#); Cornell Cooperative
 Extension of [Delaware, Schoharie](#) and [Sullivan](#)
 Counties; [Delaware Highlands Conservancy](#); [Farm](#)
[Catskills](#); [Farmhearts](#); [NYC Department of](#)
[Environmental Protection](#); and the [Watershed](#)
[Agricultural Council](#).

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Total agricultural receipts: \$35,153,000
Crop sales \$9,793,000 (28%)
Livestock sales \$25,361,000 (72%)
Average per farm \$66,959

Value of sales by commodity group:

Grains, oilseeds, dry beans and dry peas	\$35,153,000
Vegetables, melons, potatoes and sweet potatoes	\$2,620,000
Fruits, tree nuts and berries	\$741,000
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture and sod	\$681,000
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	\$40,000
Other crops and hay	\$3,567,000
Poultry and eggs	\$112,000
Cattle and calves	\$3,271,000
Milk and other dairy products from cows	\$21,287,000
Hogs and pigs	\$136,000
Sheep, goats and their products	\$125,000
Horses, ponies, mules, burros and donkeys	\$250,000
Aquaculture	\$87,00
Other animals and other animal products	\$93,000

Statistics from 2007 USDA Agricultural Census:

http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/Publications/2007/Online_Highlights/County_Profiles/New_York/

Farmers' Markets

Farmers' Market Federation of New York

Diane Eggert
117 Highbridge Street
Fayetteville, NY 13066
(315) 637-4690

Sharon Springs Farmers' Market

The Roseboro Hotel, Main Street
Sharon Springs, NY
Saturdays 9am – 2pm
June – October

Agencies and Organizations

NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets

Division of Agricultural Protection and Development Services
Public Affairs Office
Farms and agribusinesses

Tax exemptions for farmers
Production, marketing and export assistance
Public Affairs office publishes list of Agricultural Organizations representing farm businesses
Agricultural Protection and Development: (518) 457-7076
Public Affairs: (518) 457-3136
agriculture.ny.gov

US Department of Agriculture/Rural Development

Rural Housing and Community Development Service
Rural Business and Cooperative Development Service
Rural Utilities Service
Farm Service Agency
Businesses, Cooperatives, Municipalities Business and Industry
Direct and Guaranteed Loans, Rural Business Enterprise and Opportunity Grants, Intermediary Re-lending Program, Economic Development Loans and Grants, Cooperative Development Service. Loan and Grant program for Rural Utilities (energy, telecommunications, water/waste disposal systems)
Rural Development Office in Oneonta: (607) 432-6261
Syracuse Headquarters Offices - Rural Development: (315) 477-6400
Farm Service Agency: (315) 477-6303
rurdev.usda.gov/Home.html

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

Natural Resources Conservation Districts
NRCS: land/water conservation
NRCS provides technical and financial assistance for land/soil/waterway/ecological conservation activities
Resource Conservation and Development Councils
RC & D Councils: sustainable natural resources-based economic development
RC&D's provide technical and financial packaging assistance to natural resources-dependent businesses and communities
Natural Resources Conservation Service: (607) 777-9829
South Central NY RC&D Council: (607) 334-4715
nracs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nracs/site/national/home/

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation - DEC Wood Utilization and Marketing Program

Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC)
EFC Technical Advisory Service
EFC Clean Air Small Business Assistance Program
EFC Industrial Finance Program
Wood Utilization and Marketing Program for timber producers/harvesters, trade show participation
Pollution prevention clearinghouse and technical assistance/workshops

Waste and wastewater management.

Clean Air Act compliance

EFC: Industrial Finance Program - loans for resource recovery, waste disposal, sewage, water supply

Region 4 Headquarters at Schenectady: (518) 357-2234

Regional Forestry Headquarters at Stamford: (607) 652-7364

Environmental Facilities Corp: (800) 882-9721

dec.ny.gov/lands/4963.html

Catskill Center for Conservation and Development

Catskill Alternative Agricultural Program

Planning for Land Use

Resource Conservation and Development

Technical assistance in land use planning and zoning; sustainable development; alternative waste technologies; alternative agriculture

(845) 586-2611

catskillcenter.org

Catskill Watershed Corporation

Assists watershed communities with funding for economic development projects

(845) 586-1400

cwconline.org

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Schoharie County

Initiatives include children, youth and family well-being, community and economic vitality, environmental and natural resource enhancement, agricultural and food systems sustainability, nutrition, health and safety

(518) 234-4303

cceschoharie.org

Cornell University

Cornell Farming Alternatives Program:

Farmers needing to develop viable new lines, products and markets

Publishes newsletter, holds conferences, and publishes research to help farmers and those working with the farm community

Farming Alternatives Program: (607) 255-9832

cornell.edu

Northeast Organic Farming Association of NY

Publishes newsletter, sponsors conferences and represents interests of organic farmers

(315) 365-2299

nofany.org

FarmNet/FarmLink

FarmNet provides financial consultations, family counseling, legal consulting, matches farmers planning for retirement with potential farm owners, and other services to existing, retiring and potential farmers

(800) 547-3276

nyfarmnet.org

newyorkfarmlink.org

American Farmland Trust

Provides technical assistance on purchases of development rights programs

(518) 581-0078

farmland.org

NYS Farmers Direct Marketing Association

Holds 2-3 twilight meetings on farms each year and sponsors winter conference

(607) 862-3985

NYS Vegetable Growers Association

Holds conferences, exhibits, educational outreach session

(607) 539-7648

nysvga.org

Empire State Forest Products Association

Promotes long-range management of New York forestlands; promotes NY primary and secondary forest products and a healthy business climate

(518) 463-1297

esfpa.org

Catskill Forest Association

(Chapter of New York State Forest Owners Association)

Programs for forest land improvement, sustainable wood products development and forestry education

CFA: (845) 586-3054

NYFOA: (800) 836-3566

catskillforest.org

Watershed Agricultural Program (WAP)

The mission of the Watershed Agricultural Council is to support the economic viability of agriculture and forestry through the protection of water quality and the promotion of land conservation in the New York City Watershed region. The Council is supported by the U.S. Forest Service, New York City Department of Environmental Protection and other private, public, and foundation sources.

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nycwatershed.org

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