



Agriculture Is Vital to New York's Economy

- Agriculture contributes \$5.7 billion to the state's economy annually. Leading crops include apples, grapes, cabbage, sweet corn and onions. The state also produces over 200,000 ducks, making New York the fifth largest duck producing state.
- According to the 2012 USDA Census of Agriculture New York has more than 35,500 farms and 7.1 million acres of farmland. Over 91% of farms are less than 500 acres, with the average farm size of 202 acres.
 - 32,559 farms have less than 500 acres.
 - 1,872 farms have between 500-1000 acres.
 - 1,106 farms have more than 1000 acres.
- Agriculture is important to New York, with about 25 percent of the state's land area in production. Dairy milk is New York's leading agricultural product and is produced all across the state. The Empire State is the third largest milk producing state in the U.S.
- 99 percent of New York's farms are family owned.

Crop Insurance Is Vital to New York's Agricultural Sector

- Crop insurance protected \$554 million of liability on growing crops in New York in 2014. There were over 1 million acres insured and more than \$36 million was paid to farmers in indemnities for production and/or revenue losses.
- The top commodities (liability) for crop insurance protection in 2014 were:
 - Corn - \$234 million, protecting 629,299 acres.
 - Apples - \$117 million, protecting 32,424 acres.
 - Soybeans - \$77 million, protecting 237,318 acres.
- The private crop-hail insurance product provided an additional \$1.5 million in liability protection on growing crops in New York.