## Onondaga County Agriculture Council



## Agriculture in Onondaga County

#### Farms in Onondaga County 692 using 150,499 acres of land (43% of open land\*)

#### average farm size 217 acres

## average farm sales \$198,515

Data Source: USDA 2007 Ag Census

# Agriculture in Onondaga County composition

Onondaga Agriculture by the numbers	Econ Value	Prop. Importance	State Rank	National Rank	
			(61 counties)	(3076 counties)	
Cattle and caves	7,301	5.31%	16	1,449	
Christmas trees	242	0.18%	14	204	
Fruit	12,574	9.15%	10	127	
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans	9,571	6.97%	10	1,253	
Hogs and pigs	38	0.03%	41	1,691	
Horses etc	1,418	1.03%	11	137	
Milk and other dairy	80,417	58.54%	10	81	
Nurseries	4,164	3.03%	20	531	
Other Corps and hay	2,762	2.01%	27	619	
Poultry and eggs	11,369	8.28%	4	534	
Vegetables	7,225	5.26%	16	252	
Other	291	0.21%			
Overall	137,372	100.00%	11	607	

Data Source: USDA 2007 Ag Census

# **Dairy Situation**

	9/12	10/12	11/12	12/12	01/13
Milk Price per 100weith (cwt)	17.40	18.00	18.60	20.20	20.70
Direct cost of Production	19.89	19.27	18.35	18.26	18.25
Indirect Cost	8.59	8.68	8.56	8.43	8.34
Total Farm Costs	28.48	27.95	26.91	26.69	26.59
Net Profit (Loss) per cwt	(11.08)	(9.95)	(8.31)	(6.49)	(5.89)

Data Source: USDA ERS and dairyherd.com

#### Value of Agriculture to Communities (Cost of Community Services)

	Residential		Commercial/Industrial		Agriculture/Open Land	
	National	New York	National	New York	National	New York
Received Revenue	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Cost of Community Serives	1.19	1.32	0.29	0.24	0.37	0.36
Profit (Loss) to Municipality per revenue dollar received	(0.19)	(0.32)	0.71	0.76	0.63	0.64

Source: American Farmland Trust (09/2007 COCS Report)

## **Economic Multipliers**

	Output	Employment
Crops	1.93	1.63
Livestock	1.57	1.34
Food processing & production	1.83	3.17
Ag Services	1.98	1.98
Government	1.86	1.53
Services	1.99	1.65

Source: Cornell Dyson Report

## **Onondaga County Agriculture Council**

Chartered with

- Help to ensure that county government is working to promote and preserve Onondaga County's strong farming community.
- Develop strategies and programs to promote local food regionally
- Strengthen and enhance connections between the County's urban core and rural, agricultural areas
- Work to review, improve and develop pro-agriculture/farming policies and regulations to make it easier for farms and agribusinesses to stay and prosper

## **Onondaga County Agriculture Council**

- We are looking at the entire Food Distribution Chain
  From Field to Table
  - Advise County Executive and Legislature
  - Members include: Representative form Production Agriculture, Processors, Distributors, Grocery, County and Local Governments, Other Supporting Organizations
  - Was formed in March of 2012

- Support local Food and Farms
- Buy Local Brands form Local Stores

