



**NEW GILLIBRAND REPORT: NEW YORK DAIRY FARMS DOWN 23 PERCENT IN 5 YEAR SPAN**

According to data from the USDA, New York State lost 1,705 dairy farms from 2002 to 2007, a decrease of 23 percent of New York’s dairy farmland in just five years. As of 2010, New York had just 5,400 dairy farms.

**County Statistics for Western New York:**

As of 2007, Western New York is home to more than 910 dairy farms, down from nearly 1,170 in 2002, an average decrease of 20 percent.

County	Number of Dairy Farms 2002	Number of Dairy Farms 2007	Percentage of Farms Lost
Allegany	175	115	34%
Cattaraugus	267	208	22%
Chautauqua	308	229	26%
Erie	152	119	22%
Niagara	48	43	10%
Wyoming	218	181	17%

**County Statistics for Rochester-Finger Lakes Region:**

As of 2007, the Rochester-Finger Lakes Region is home to more than 830 dairy farms, down from nearly 900 in 2002, an average decrease of 15 percent. Note: Seneca and Yates counties gained farms during this period.

County	Number of Dairy Farms 2002	Number of Dairy Farms 2007	Percentage of Farms Lost
Genesee	98	68	31%
Livingston	95	76	20%
Monroe	26	14	46%
Ontario	126	122	3%
Orleans	47	37	21%
Seneca	105	110	-5%
Tompkins	87	84	3%
Wayne	86	60	30%
Yates	223	262	-17%

### County Statistics for Central New York:

As of 2007, Central New York is home to more than 1,240 dairy farms, down from 1,635 in 2002, an average decrease of 23 percent.

County	Number of Dairy Farms 2002	Number of Dairy Farms 2007	Percentage of Farms Lost
Cayuga	173	156	10%
Cortland	178	125	30%
Herkimer	239	187	22%
Madison	238	198	17%
Oneida	304	209	31%
Onondaga	119	112	6%
Oswego	110	76	31%
Otsego	274	180	34%

### County Statistics for the Southern Tier:

As of 2007, the Southern Tier is home to more than 850 dairy farms, down from more than 1,100 in 2002, an average decrease of 24 percent.

County	Number of Dairy Farms 2002	Number of Dairy Farms 2007	Percentage of Farms Lost
Broome	68	49	28%
Chemung	46	36	22%
Chenango	267	208	22%
Delaware	220	157	29%
Schuyler	62	48	23%
Steuben	333	254	24%
Tioga	126	102	19%

### County Statistics for the Capital Region:

As of 2007, the Capital Region is home to nearly 640 dairy farms, down from nearly 850 in 2002, an average decrease of 28 percent.

County	Number of Dairy Farms 2002	Number of Dairy Farms 2007	Percentage of Farms Lost
Albany	38	21	45%
Columbia	63	51	19%
Fulton	44	28	36%
Greene	30	23	23%
Montgomery	181	156	14%
Rensselaer	82	57	30%
Saratoga	62	38	39%
Schenectady	8	6	25%
Schoharie	113	87	23%
Washington	226	170	25%

### County Statistics for the North Country:

As of 2007, the North Country is home to more than 1,050 dairy farms, down from nearly 1,500 in 2002, an average decrease of 39 percent.

County	Number of Dairy Farms 2002	Number of Dairy Farms 2007	Percentage of Farms Lost
Clinton	160	120	25%
Essex	35	23	34%
Franklin	204	158	23%
Hamilton	0	0	n/a
Jefferson	325	231	29%
Lewis	318	257	19%
St. Lawrence	445	262	41%
Warren	2	0	100%

## County Statistics for the Hudson Valley:

As of 2007, the Hudson Valley is home to nearly 150 dairy farms, down from more than 230 in 2002, an average decrease of 48 percent.

County	Number of Dairy Farms 2002	Number of Dairy Farms 2007	Percentage of Farms Lost
Dutchess	45	38	16%
Orange	94	54	43%
Putnam	4	2	50%
Rockland	6	0	100%
Sullivan	53	32	40%
Ulster	28	22	21%
Westchester	3	1	67%

*Source: United States Department of Agriculture*