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Ag Pulse

Madison County....The Heart of New York

Dear Town Official:

This newsletter is being sent to you by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Madison County on behalf of the Madison County Farmland Protection Board.

We hope that you find the information in this newsletter helpful. We welcome your comments. Call us at 684-3001.

Sincerely,

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2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile



Madison, New York

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- Steven Durfee
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- Douglas Holdridge
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Recently a public official asked for the most recent information about Madison County agriculture. After our conversation, I thought that many other Madison County residents would be interested in the 2-page factsheet developed by USDA/National Agricultural Statistic Service (NASS) every 5 years. The complete factsheet is

available at: http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/Publications/2007/Online_Highlights/County_Profiles/New_York/index.asp. We've assembled a sample of what's available from the web.

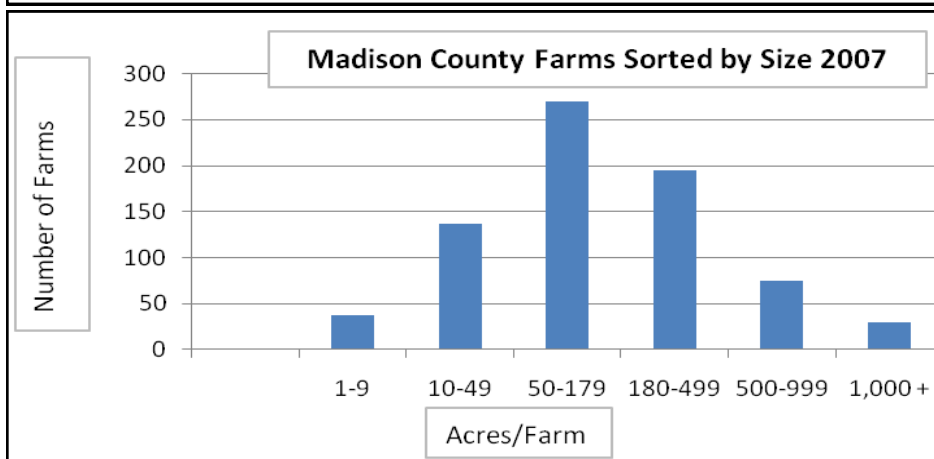
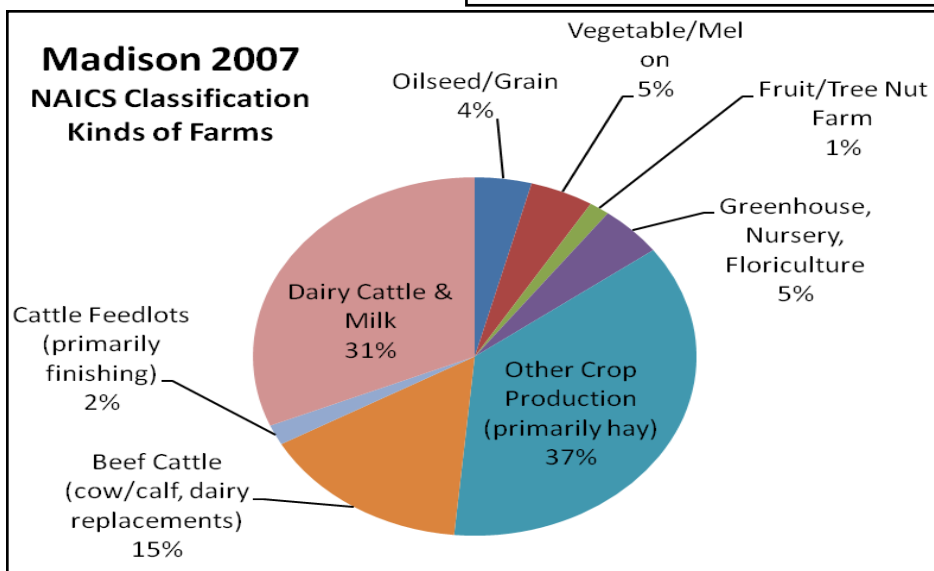
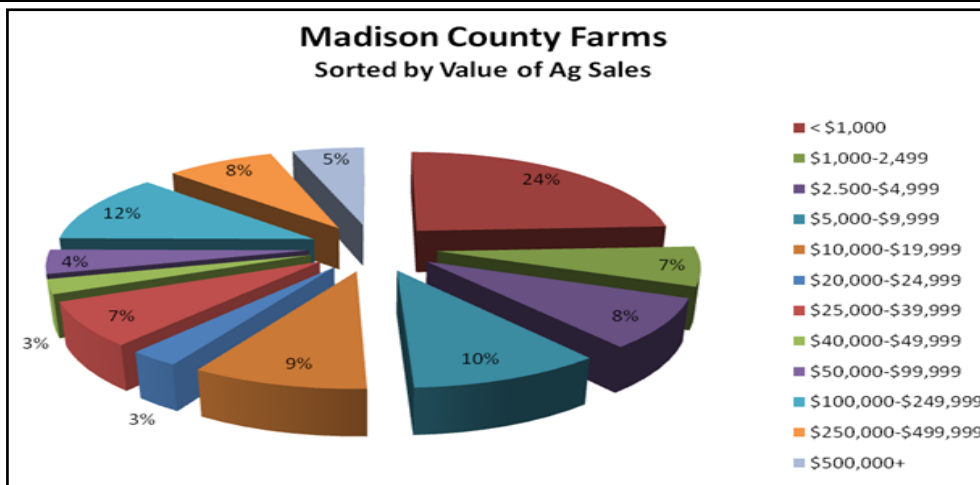
The Ag Census data is the most comprehensive database of agricultural

characteristics and statistics on the national, state, county, and even the ZIP CODE level. It's used extensively to review trends, assess how the agricultural sector is changing, and develop agricultural and land use policies.

	2007	2002	% Change
Number of Farms	744	734	+1
Land in Farms	188,320 acres	168,264 acres	+12
Average Size of Farm	253 acres	229 acres	

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	2007	2002	% Change
Market Value of Production	\$86,331,000	\$61,604,000	+40
Crop Sales	\$16,124,000 (19%)		
Livestock Sales	\$70,207,000 (81%)		
Government Payments	\$1,629,000	\$3,469,000	-53
Average per Farm	\$6,733	\$13,876	-51




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