



## Agriculture

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### **Agriculture in Chenango County:**

With diversification and integration, farmers can take advantage of opportunities existing beyond the traditional dairy farming, livestock, and feed crops. Some County farms of all sizes have ventured into organic production of milk, beef, lamb, poultry and eggs, fruits, vegetables, timber sales, and others.

Chenango County farmers have traditionally had two markets into which to sell raw products; wholesale, and direct-to-consumer. Sale of farm products directly to Chenango County consumers is becoming a more frequent occurrence due to new opportunities. Farmers markets, roadsides stands, farm fresh bottled milk, freezer trade for beef, pork and lamb, and the more recent concept of Consumer Supported Agriculture (CSA) have been relatively limited in this County historically. Adding value to farm products, whether milk or others, is of growing interest among farmers.

Consumer awareness about nutrition, food quality and safety, and production practices has been growing. The rediscovered advantage of buying locally grown food includes a desire for freshness and assurances of greater safety. These qualities of locally grown food set them apart from distant fresh food products delivered through the commodity food marketing and distribution system.

Agritourism isn't just seeing farms and rural life up close. It's discovering how things grow, getting your hands dirty, learning first hand where your food comes from, and bringing home a taste of Chenango County so you'll remember your visit.



### **Agriculture Demographics:**

Chenango County ranks 22nd in New York State in the dairy farming industry, with approximately 163 dairy farms and 13,700 cows. Overall, there are more than 828 farms in Chenango County.

### **Agriculture Employment:**

Full-time agricultural employment within the county is estimated to be near 760 jobs (owners and employees) involved with agricultural production. Another 590 people derive some income from part-time farming, and another 224 jobs are associated with agriculture through service and support businesses.

Source: Cornell Cooperative Extension



For a complete list of farmers markets, farm stands, florists, nurseries, breweries, and vendors of honey, produce, and herbs & spices, go to our website: <http://www.visitchenango.com/things-to-do/agritourism/>