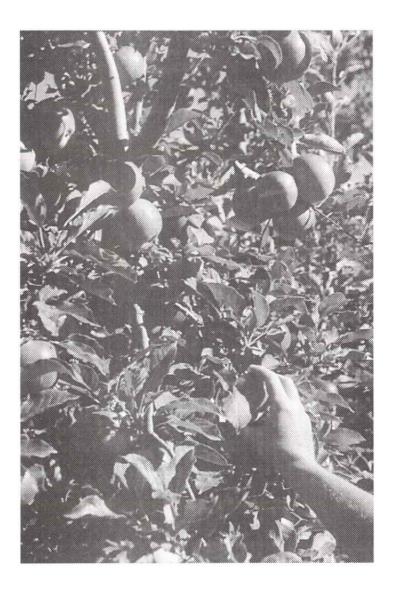
Overview of Agriculture



Apple Harvest
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The United States Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) records data from farmers participating in various USDA programs. This data is conservative as not all farmers participate in USDA programs. Some skewing of the data also results as acreage is traced to the farmer's mailing address, which is not always the same location as the farm. This is particularly evident when reviewing acreage attributed to Kingston.

Conservative estimates from the Farm Service Agency report the following for 1996:

APPLE ACREAGE		PEAR ACREAG	PEAR ACREAGE	
Highland	1,425	Marlboro	116	
Marlboro	1,274	Highland	87	
Clintondale	958	Milton	44	
Milton	785	Clintondale	29	
New Paltz	579	New Paltz	16	
Plattekill	400	Ulster Park	15	
Gardiner	395	Plattekill	11	
Wallkill	356	Gardiner	1.1	
Walden	167	Wallkill	8	
Ulster Park	126			
Modena	42			
Accord	33			
PEACH ACREAGE		PLUM ACREA	GE	
Marlboro	32	Marlboro	31	
Ulster Park	18	Highland	22	
Milton	14	Gardiner	4	
Gardiner	12	Milton	4	
Wallkill	9	Wallkill	3	
Highland	4	Ulster Park	2	
Clintondale	2			
New Paltz	2			
CHERRY ACREAGE		GRAPE ACREA	I GE	
Milton	23	Wallkill	12	
Marlboro	10	Marlboro	12	
Wallkill	10	Pine Bush	6.5	
Gardiner	6	Milton	4	
New Paltz	1			
STRAWBER		GE		
Accord	. 12			
Marlboro	7			
Wallkill	3			

Stone Ridge

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SWEET CORN	I ACREAGE	GRASS/HAY	GRASS/HAY ACREAGE	
Hurley	1,334	Wallkill	1,432	
Kingston	428	Accord	1,030	
Accord	244	Gardiner	584	
Stone Ridge	144	Stone Ridge	521	
Wallkill	23	Pine Bush	456	
Napanoch	7	Saugerties	416	
Saugerties	4	Kerhonkson	378	
		Ellenville	296	
FIELD CORN	ACREAGE	New Paltz	225	
Wallkill	612	Napanoch	205	
Gardiner	426	Arkville	158	
Napanoch	325	Kingston	150	
Kingston	313	Lake Katrine	94	
Accord	291	Wurtsboro	89	
Pine Bush	259	Cottekill	56	
Hurley	212	Walden	54	
Stone Ridge	193	Tillson	43	
Kerhonkson	170	Woodridge	40	
Arkville	44	Hurley	19	
New Paltz	34	Highland	11	
Saugerties	30			
Lake Katrine	30			
Cottekill	17			
Ulster Park	3			
Olivebridge	2			

In addition, other crops reported by participants in various USDA programs in 1996 included:

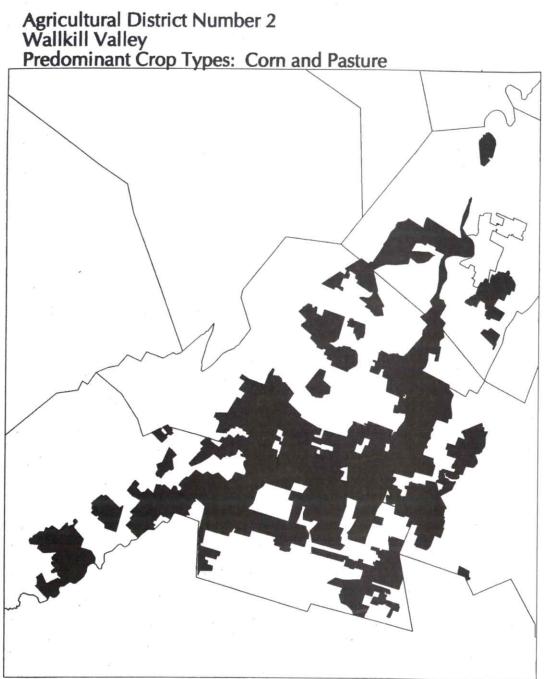
Pumpkins:	352 acres
Mixed fruits/veg:	190 acres
Red kidney beans:	108 acres
Broccoli:	28 acres
Tomatoes:	18 acres
Green beans:	17 acres

Farm Service Agency also reported 11 dairy farms predominantly located in the southern part of the county and 30 beef farms scattered throughout the county.

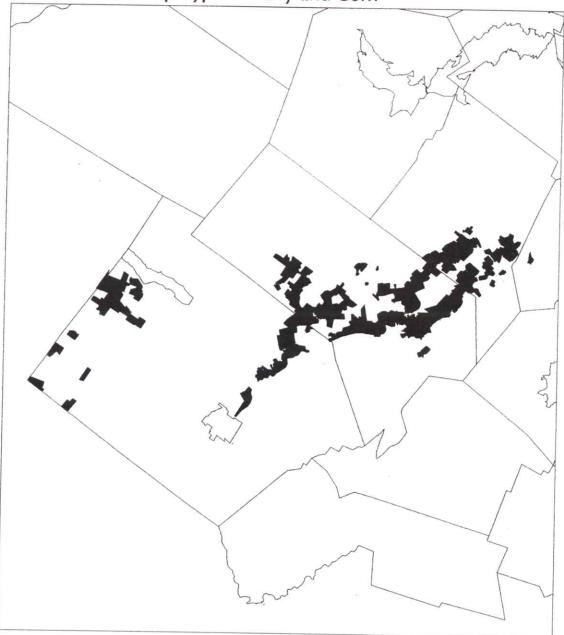
The following maps indicate major crop areas located within Ulster County.

Agricultural District Number 1 Southeastern Ulster County Predominant Crop Type: Orchard





Agricultural District Number 3 Rondout Valley Predominant Crop Types: Dairy and Corn



Agricultural District Number 4
Esopus Valley and Saugerties
Predominant Crop Types: Corn and Pasture

