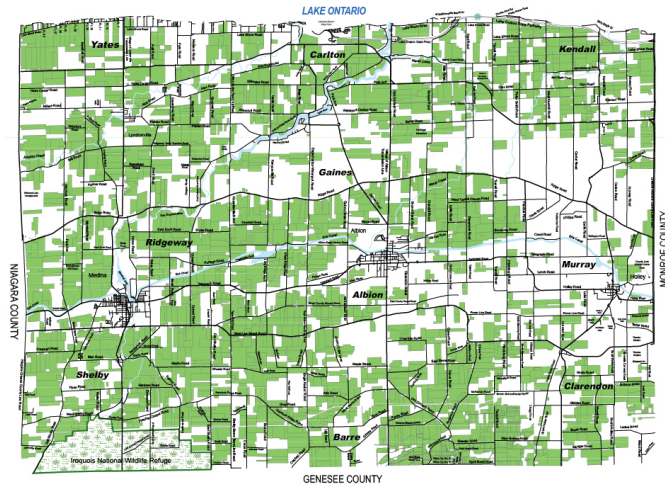


Orleans County's Agricultural District No. 1



Agricultural District within Orleans County

Prior to 2016, Orleans County consisted of three (3) agricultural districts. Since then those districts have been consolidated into a single County Wide Agricultural District.

As of 2022, the Orleans County Agricultural District No. 1 is comprised of nearly 118,500 acres, which is approximately 47% of the County's total land area. Over the past five (5) years, approximately 1,026 acres has been enrolled, that's nearly 205 acres every year!

How are Agricultural Districts reviewed

Every 8 years the Orleans County Legislation determines that the district will be modified, after reviewing the report and recommendations from the Orleans County Farmland Protection Board, and a public hearing. During this review process, land may be added or removed from the Orleans County Agricultural District No. 1.

In addition to the 8 year review, counties are also required by NYS Agriculture & Markets Law to designate an annual 30 day period when landowners may petition the county for inclusion of viable agricultural lands in an existing agricultural district. This period within Orleans County is during the month of June.

Percent of Farms that

Have Internet Access **72**

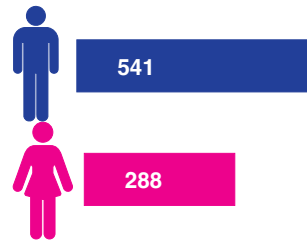
Farm Organically **5**

Sell directly to Consumers **15**

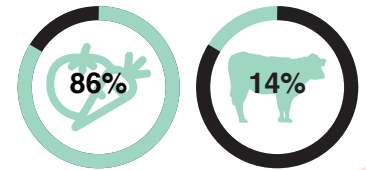
Hire Farm Labor **24**

Are Family Farms **95**

Male v. Female



Orleans County Sales by Type



Do Agricultural Districts Prohibit Selling Land

There is no restriction on the transfer of real property. The Agricultural & Market Law does provide for the real estate transfer disclosure by the seller to the prospective purchaser. The disclosure state that the property is located within an Agricultural District and that farming activities including noise, dust and odor occur within this district.

Land within an Agricultural District may have restrictions on the access of public water and public sewer for non-farming uses.

More Information

Please contact the Orleans County Planning and Development office at 585.589.3198 or the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets at 800.554.4501 for more information

New York State Agriculture & Markets Law recognizes that agricultural lands are important and irreplaceable resources, which are in jeopardy of being lost as a result of development pressures and regulatory constraints. The creation and continuation of the Orleans County's Agricultural District No. 1 provides the right-to-farm protections for active agricultural operations within Orleans County.

What is an Agricultural District

A geographic area consisting of predominantly viable agricultural land. Agricultural operations within the district are afforded benefits and protections to promote the continuation of farming and the preservation of agricultural land.