

## Chenango County, NY



Farm in Chenango!

In Chenango County you will find an abundance of resources for dairy farming and other agricultural enterprises. Active local markets and major markets, such as New York City, can be accessed with ease. Affordable land coupled with an excellent farming environment and location makes Chenango County a great place to farm!

## Thriving Agricultural Industry Data from U.S. Census of Agriculture

- ➤ 315 million pounds of milk produced annually
- ► Chenango County ranks 10<sup>th</sup> in New York State dairy
- ➤ 189,800 acres in farmland production
- ➤ 15,200 acres of corn and 51,200 acres of hay produced annually
- > One of the top ten counties in New York State for beef cows
- ➤ 21,500 milking cows

## **Agriculture Support Services Make Agriculture Thrive**

- ➤ Chenango County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board
- > Chenango County Agricultural Development Council
- > Feed, farm supplies, equipment and farm machinery dealerships
- Active Chenango County Farm Bureau to help represent the interests of local farmers
- ➤ Cornell Cooperative Extension Office
- ➤ Large animal veterinary services
- > Trucking services
- ➤ Auction and livestock sales services
- ➤ Willing lenders and lending institutions

## **Strong Markets**

- ➤ Close to the huge New York City market
- Opportunities for direct farm marketing
- A consistent effort to increase public awareness of locally grown food products
- > Developing distribution network for local food
- ➤ A guide to local foods
- Active Farmer's Markets throughout the county