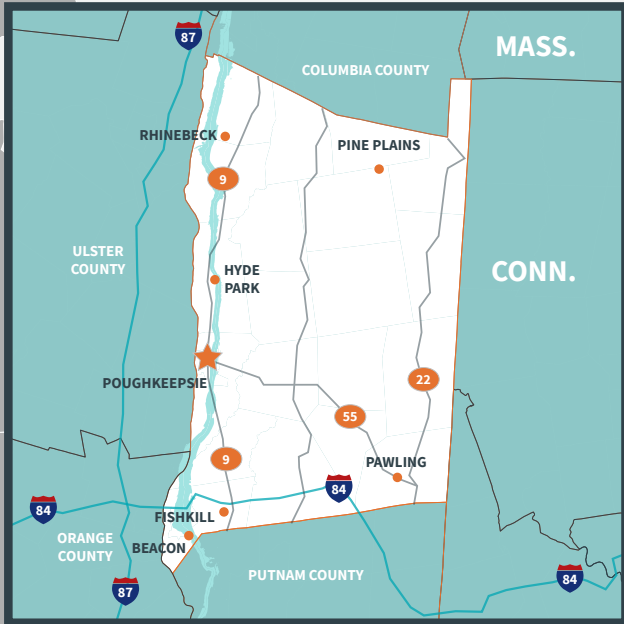


# AGRIBUSINESS IN DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK

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## Growing Excellence

Dutchess County offers a strategic haven for agribusinesses. Its prime location facilitates access to diverse markets and fosters collaboration within a thriving ecosystem of suppliers, distributors, and industry partners.

### DRIVE TIMES

- 1.5 hours ALBANY
- 1.75 hours NYC
- 3.5 hours BOSTON
- 5 hours MONTREAL
- 5.5 hours WASHINGTON D.C.

## Rooted in Success

Agribusiness is Dutchess County's fastest-growing industry, contributing about \$50 million in sales to the County economy. Nearly 42,000 acres of land in Dutchess County are protected, of which about 31,000 acres are actively farmed. Home to a wealth of diverse food and beverage companies, Dutchess County has cultivated a resilient industry supply chain that includes regional distributors, logistics service providers, equipment dealers, warehouses and more.

**515+**  
Agribusiness  
establishments in  
Dutchess County

**5,400+**  
People employed  
in agribusiness in  
Dutchess County

**620** Farms in Dutchess County

**38%** County land in an agricultural district

**34,535** People employed in 2,850 agribusiness establishments within 60 minutes of Dutchess County

“Hudson Valley AgriBusiness Development Corporation (HVADC) is the region’s only economic development agency with a specific focus on farms and food businesses. With Dutchess County playing such a prominent role in the Hudson Valley’s food system, we have a vested interest in promoting the economic viability of the over 600 farms and food producers in the county, and supporting their growth. Their financial well-being and the workforce they employ are so important to the region, and HVADC supports Dutchess County agribusiness through loans, grants, Business Technical Assistance, providing marketing opportunities, and supporting the community’s food justice programs.”



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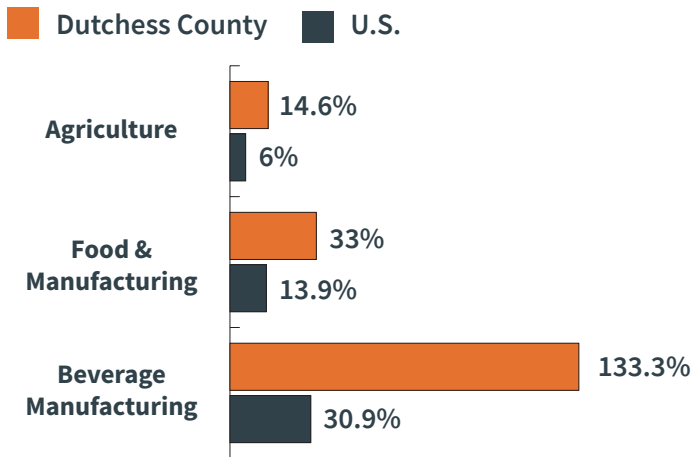
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Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County

## Agribusiness Industry Growth (2018-2022, By Establishments)



## New York: Home of Agricultural Innovation

New York offers an ideal environment for agricultural innovation and growth with its fertile soils and diverse climates, complemented by efficient transportation networks and proximity to urban markets.

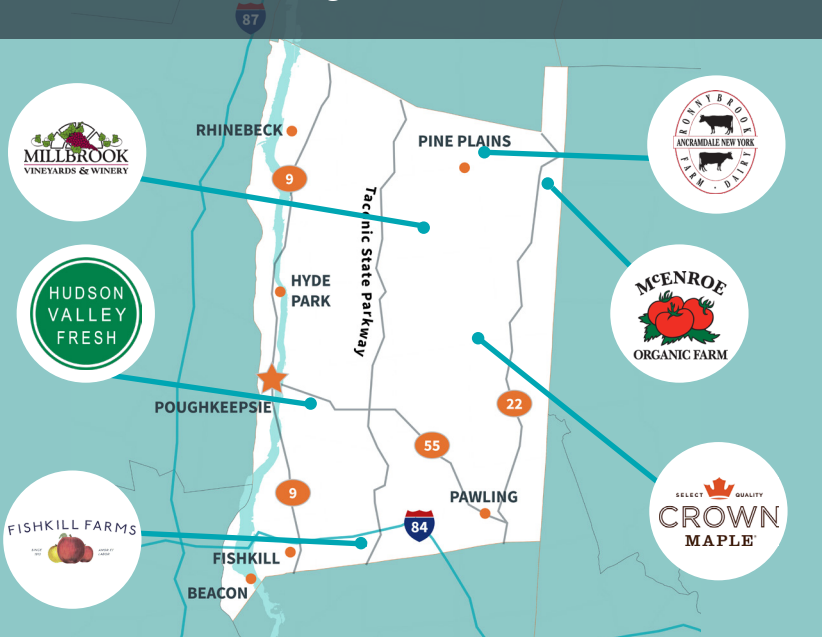
**33,000+**  
New York Farms

**7M**  
acres of farmland

**100,000**  
Food manufacturing jobs

**2nd largest**  
apple and maple syrup producer in the U.S.

## Major Employers Agribusiness



## Affordable, Safe Living for Everyone

At the heart of a vast consumer market in the Mid-Hudson Valley, Dutchess County's competitive operating costs and workforce readiness make it an attractive destination for both living and working.

Our cost of living is 2.6% lower than the state average, and our crime rate is significantly lower than the US average.

### In all of New York, we are...

- #4** county for outdoor activities with more than 230 parks and 12+ golf courses
- #7** most diverse county
- #8** best public schools



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