

Wayne County Agricultural Land Use/Land Cover Study

A study examining the change of agricultural land use and land cover in Wayne County from 1959 to 2002

Land Use Overview 1959-2002



Tables 1 and 2 on the following page provide an analysis of Wayne County's land use in 1959 and 2002. Information contained in these tables comes from the aerial photo analysis described earlier. Table 1 contains 1959 Land Use information. Along the left side of the table is listed Wayne County and each of the 28 local municipalities. Across the top are listed 14 different land uses. Total acreage for each land use is given along with the percent of that land use of the total municipality. Table 2 is constructed the same but with 2002 information.

Between 1959 and 2002, four land use types experienced a decline and 10 experienced increases in Wayne County. In the table below, the land uses in the left column are those land uses that decrease followed by the change in acreage. In the columns on the right are those land uses that experienced an increase and the total number of acres increased. Pasture/brush was the land use that had the greatest decrease in acreage followed by cropland. Forest had the greatest increase in acreage followed by residential. The decrease in transportation land uses is attributed to the decrease in railroads during the study period.

<u>Land Use</u>	<u>Acres</u> <u>Decreased</u>	<u>Land Use</u>	<u>Acres</u> <u>Increased</u>
Pasture/Brush	- 44,067.86	Forest	46,311.43
Cropland	- 26,256.37	Residential	19,255.90
Farmstead	- 2,046.38	Water	3,383.18
Transportation	- 104.35	Commercial	1,822.02
		Government/Institution	667.16
		Recreational	572.63
		Mining/Extraction	191.47
		Industrial	105.51
		Utilities	101.59
		Religious	64.06
Total	- 72,474.96	Total	72,474.95

As can be seen in Table 1, on the following page, cropland covered 18.4%, pasture/ brush covered 20.4% and forest covered 55.6% of Wayne County in 1959. Together, these categories comprised 94.4% of the County in 1959.

By 2002, as shown in Table 2 cropland covered 12.9%, pasture/ brush 11.2% and forest cover increased to 65.2%. Combined, these three (3) categories comprised 89.3% of the County. This comparison, along with accompanying tables and charts, helps illustrate how land use and land cover has changed over the last 43 years. The following sections will examine the major land uses such as cropland, pasture/brush and forest.

During the study period, water in Wayne County increased by 3,383 acres. Throughout Wayne County many small bodies of water were created. Generally they were created in those areas where hydrological conditions were favorable to their construction and where the soil was less than prime conditions for the growing of crops. Sometimes they were constructed as part of a farming operation and sometimes they were constructed on lands primarily residential in nature.

Wayne County 1959 Land Use - Table 1

Municipality	Residential		Commercial		Industrial		Transportation		Utilities		Religious		Gov/Inst		Recreational		Cropland		Farmstead		Pasture/Brush		Forest		Water		Mining/Extraction		Total	
	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%
Wayne County	6,200.08	1.3%	1,977.02	0.4%	106.41	0.0%	623.08	0.1%	20.77	0.0%	322.21	0.1%	350.18	0.1%	417.80	0.1%	88,170.62	18.4%	4,229.56	0.9%	97,899.49	20.4%	266,994.36	55.6%	12,647.67	2.6%	342.90	0.1%	480,302.15	100.0%
Berlin	297.49	1.2%	303.98	1.2%	3.38	0.0%	-	0.0%	3.41	0.0%	9.05	0.0%	8.86	0.0%	4.03	0.0%	6,030.85	23.8%	237.59	0.9%	3,879.79	15.3%	13,979.34	55.2%	554.73	2.2%	9.80	0.0%	25,322.30	100.0%
Bethany	54.53	17.0%	2.01	0.6%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	6.78	2.1%	0.40	0.1%	31.53	9.8%	121.37	37.9%	8.88	2.8%	57.06	17.8%	37.15	11.6%	0.47	0.1%	-	0.0%	320.18	100.0%
Buckingham	146.86	0.5%	201.47	0.7%	15.32	0.1%	80.31	0.3%	-	0.0%	9.72	0.0%	0.68	0.0%	-	0.0%	3,160.74	10.9%	99.73	0.3%	3,825.83	13.2%	20,933.98	72.0%	574.88	2.0%	9.14	0.0%	29,058.66	100.0%
Canaan	106.92	0.9%	73.44	0.6%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	2.34	0.0%	15.64	0.1%	65.47	0.5%	-	0.0%	1,985.12	16.1%	122.58	1.0%	1,879.31	15.3%	7,518.10	61.2%	523.50	4.3%	-	0.0%	12,292.42	100.0%
Cherry Ridge	153.66	1.1%	24.98	0.2%	-	0.0%	55.03	0.4%	-	0.0%	1.31	0.0%	2.74	0.0%	-	0.0%	3,841.86	27.0%	179.09	1.3%	3,360.19	23.6%	6,164.14	43.3%	461.61	3.2%	-	0.0%	14,244.61	100.0%
Clinton	225.93	0.9%	7.02	0.0%	1.26	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	7.67	0.0%	5.53	0.0%	3.38	0.0%	5,173.48	20.4%	222.96	0.9%	4,895.43	19.3%	14,042.69	55.5%	569.17	2.2%	161.70	0.6%	25,316.22	100.0%
Damascus	722.25	1.4%	196.90	0.4%	5.27	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	30.21	0.1%	5.70	0.0%	-	0.0%	11,041.18	21.5%	573.35	1.1%	11,895.23	23.2%	25,938.52	50.5%	952.96	1.9%	20.07	0.0%	51,381.64	100.0%
Dreher	267.07	2.8%	69.68	0.7%	1.32	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	6.15	0.1%	11.19	0.1%	-	0.0%	1,187.78	12.3%	33.11	0.3%	1,494.67	15.5%	6,513.86	67.5%	71.80	0.7%	-	0.0%	9,656.63	100.0%
Dyberry	135.58	0.9%	41.63	0.3%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	7.05	0.0%	95.86	0.7%	0.69	0.0%	3,571.15	24.4%	216.38	1.5%	3,928.72	26.8%	6,307.11	43.0%	335.69	2.3%	15.44	0.1%	14,655.30	100.0%
Hawley	137.88	34.3%	41.78	10.4%	3.38	0.8%	11.31	2.8%	-	0.0%	8.13	2.0%	3.89	1.0%	13.57	3.4%	6.09	1.5%	1.06	0.3%	65.59	16.3%	84.47	21.0%	24.54	6.1%	-	0.0%	401.69	100.0%
Honesdale	497.15	19.3%	110.79	4.3%	38.99	1.5%	14.56	0.6%	4.38	0.2%	54.02	2.1%	31.42	1.2%	6.57	0.3%	461.08	17.9%	22.51	0.9%	619.98	24.1%	606.51	23.6%	91.79	3.6%	10.29	0.4%	2,570.04	100.0%
Lake	553.72	2.9%	15.31	0.1%	-	0.0%	99.04	0.5%	-	0.0%	13.73	0.1%	6.09	0.0%	2.53	0.0%	3,191.34	16.6%	187.34	1.0%	3,960.76	20.6%	10,088.76	52.6%	987.41	5.1%	81.35	0.4%	19,187.38	100.0%
Lebanon	80.93	0.3%	94.67	0.4%	3.23	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	3.32	0.0%	1.13	0.0%	-	0.0%	3,513.28	14.4%	159.00	0.7%	4,310.76	17.7%	15,793.73	64.7%	463.02	1.9%	-	0.0%	24,423.07	100.0%
Lehigh	195.27	2.4%	7.46	0.1%	3.79	0.0%	13.19	0.2%	4.58	0.1%	3.45	0.0%	3.30	0.0%	4.87	0.1%	30.71	0.4%	-	0.0%	611.45	7.6%	6,824.14	84.5%	373.37	4.6%	-	0.0%	8,075.58	100.0%
Manchester	172.80	0.6%	107.59	0.4%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	11.04	0.0%	5.39	0.0%	-	0.0%	3,095.01	10.7%	173.65	0.6%	5,374.68	18.6%	19,379.25	67.2%	520.80	1.8%	-	0.0%	28,840.21	100.0%
Mt Pleasant	147.84	0.4%	10.88	0.0%	1.15	0.0%	2.38	0.0%	0.21	0.0%	26.99	0.1%	39.80	0.1%	1.51	0.0%	9,475.06	25.7%	324.37	0.9%	9,572.65	26.0%	16,804.23	45.6%	436.63	1.2%	-	0.0%	36,843.70	100.0%
Oregon	40.49	0.4%	31.93	0.3%	0.25	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	3.70	0.0%	0.52	0.0%	-	0.0%	3,226.38	28.1%	190.47	1.7%	2,435.35	21.2%	5,428.75	47.2%	143.09	1.2%	-	0.0%	11,500.93	100.0%
Palmyra	236.13	2.3%	16.36	0.2%	1.94	0.0%	69.17	0.7%	2.02	0.0%	6.80	0.1%	4.37	0.0%	-	0.0%	820.44	7.9%	58.51	0.6%	705.19	6.8%	8,231.75	79.2%	216.42	2.1%	28.45	0.3%	10,397.55	100.0%
Paupack	339.08	1.6%	84.28	0.4%	-	0.0%	26.61	0.1%	0.79	0.0%	4.53	0.0%	-	0.0%	271.12	1.3%	1,262.48	6.0%	114.20	0.5%	1,354.29	6.5%	14,685.85	70.4%	2,730.72	13.1%	0.70	0.0%	20,874.65	100.0%
Preston	325.06	1.0%	335.67	1.0%	4.99	0.0%	148.00	0.4%	0.34	0.0%	8.88	0.0%	11.11	0.0%	-	0.0%	6,567.75	19.9%	210.28	0.6%	10,490.30	31.8%	13,652.67	41.4%	1,231.78	3.7%	-	0.0%	32,986.83	100.0%
Prompton	50.18	4.7%	2.22	0.2%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	1.21	0.1%	10.51	1.0%	1.04	0.1%	161.40	15.1%	9.16	0.9%	351.61	32.9%	465.19	43.5%	17.58	1.6%	-	0.0%	1,070.10	100.0%
Salem	334.50	1.7%	31.11	0.2%	1.78	0.0%	1.74	0.0%	-	0.0%	23.33	0.1%	8.21	0.0%	71.15	0.4%	5,452.52	27.0%	346.58	1.7%	4,466.60	22.1%	9,017.60	44.7%	417.52	2.1%	5.34	0.0%	20,177.98	100.0%
Scott	149.47	0.5%	40.45	0.1%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.47	0.0%	1.61	0.0%	1.36	0.0%	3,230.20	11.4%	111.90	0.4%	6,394.16	22.5%	18,235.25	64.1%	287.85	1.0%	0.62	0.0%	28,453.34	100.0%
South Canaan	184.06	1.0%	9.77	0.1%	8.24	0.0%	32.93	0.2%	1.61	0.0%	30.35	0.2%	5.73	0.0%	-	0.0%	5,375.43	29.6%	281.57	1.6%	4,562.83	25.1%	7,304.11	40.2%	364.38	2.0%	-	0.0%	18,161.01	100.0%
Starrucca	46.97	0.8%	2.08	0.0%	-	0.0%	6.46	0.1%	-	0.0%	7.61	0.1%	2.76	0.0%	2.35	0.0%	1,294.90	22.6%	59.48	1.0%	2,046.19	35.7%	2,242.02	39.1%	16.76	0.3%	-	0.0%	5,727.58	100.0%
Sterling	82.80	0.5%	0.85	0.0%	4.66	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	5.91	0.0%	0.08	0.0%	-	0.0%	2,721.45	15.7%	132.42	0.8%	2,960.11	17.0%	11,395.55	65.6%	78.51	0.5%	-	0.0%	17,382.34	100.0%
Texas	390.66	4.2%	91.02	1.0%	7.19	0.1%	62.35	0.7%	-	0.0%	9.41	0.1%	12.90	0.1%	2.10	0.0%	1,677.71	18.2%	121.27	1.3%	2,062.26	22.4%	4,613.26	50.1%	163.76	1.8%	-	0.0%	9,213.89	100.0%
Waymart	124.80	7.1%	21.69	1.2%	0.27	0.0%	-	0.0%	1.09	0.1%	5.75	0.3%	4.93	0.3%	-	0.0%	493.86	28.0%	32.12	1.8%	338.50	19.2%	706.38	40.0%	36.93	2.1%	-	0.0%	1,766.32	100.0%

Wayne County 2002 Land Use - Table 2

Municipality	Residential		Commercial		Industrial		Transportation		Utilities		Religious		Gov/Inst		Recreational		Cropland		Farmstead		Pasture/Brush		Forest		Water		Mining/Extraction		Total	
	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%
Wayne County	25,455.98	5.3%	3,799.04	0.8%	211.92	0.0%	518.73	0.1%	122.36	0.0%	386.27	0.1%	1,017.34	0.2%	990.43	0.2%	61,914.25	12.9%	2,183.18	0.5%	53,831.63	11.2%	313,305.79	65.2%	16,030.85	3.3%	534.37	0.1%	480,302.14	100.0%
Berlin	1,627.47	6.4%	422.30	1.7%	25.33	0.1%	-	0.0%	28.41	0.1%	16.51	0.1%	21.84	0.1%	6.88	0.0%	3,808.65	15.0%	58.29	0.2%	3,091.01	12.2%	15,427.76	60.9%	764.91	3.0%	22.95	0.1%	25,322.31	100.0%
Bethany	120.44	37.6%	0.83	0.3%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	6.53	2.0%	0.38	0.1%	3.24	1.0%	29.96	9.4%	-	0.0%	83.52	26.1%	73.37	22.9%	1.90	0.6%	-	0.0%	320.17	100.0%
Buckingham	423.64	1.5%	340.29	1.2%	5.05	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	9.98	0.0%	4.94	0.0%	11.88	0.0%	1,879.86	6.5%	60.01	0.2%	2,148.24	7.4%	23,420.09	80.6%	747.29	2.6%	7.42	0.0%	29,058.69	100.0%
Canaan	568.79	4.6%	179.69	1.5%	1.55	0.0%	-	0.0%	4.34	0.0%	15.76	0.1%	348.56	2.8%	-	0.0%	1,243.97	10.1%	38.38	0.3%	1,043.42	8.5%	8,228.06	66.9%	596.47	4.9%	23.47	0.2%	12,292.46	100.0%
Cherry Ridge	917.09	6.4%	64.55	0.5%	4.77	0.0%	48.38	0.3%	0.23	0.0%	2.80	0.0%	4.97	0.0%	-	0.0%	2,978.96	20.9%	105.82	0.7%	1,945.45	13.7%	7,652.78	53.7%	518.78	3.6%	-	0.0%	14,244.58	100.0%
Clinton	879.61	3.5%	49.67	0.2%	11.18	0.0%	-	0.0%	3.19	0.0%	7.76	0.0%	5.97	0.0%	7.08	0.0%	3,847.34	15.2%	168.38											

Cropland

This study compared the agricultural land use change over a 43-year period, 1959 to 2002. Table 3 on the following page provides details on how the 1959 cropland changed by the year 2002. This table provides a breakdown indicating the number and percentage of the total 1959 cropland acreage and what land use it was by 2002 for Wayne County as a whole and individually for each municipality. The major findings for cropland as they relate at the county level are provided in the box to the right. Table 3 provides municipal details in the same format.

Quick Facts Cropland

- 61% of Wayne County's 1959 cropland remained as cropland in 2002
- 18% of Wayne County's 1959 cropland was pasture or brush land in 2002
- 11% of Wayne County's 1959 cropland was reforested by 2002
- 7% of Wayne County's 1959 cropland was residential in 2002

During this time period, almost 30% of Wayne County's 1959 cropland was idled and was in some stage of natural reforestation, that being considered forest or pasture/brush. Farm abandonment claimed more agricultural land by the natural process of reforestation than by commercial and residential development. While commercial and residential development is occurring on Wayne County's farmland, that is not the prime reason for the disappearance of farmland, and the farmer, in Wayne County. It has more to do with economic decisions by the farmer and subsequent generations to continue farming rather than land use conversion pressures. The economic risks associated with being in such a business and the life style, especially with dairy farming make it a difficult choice for anyone. The depressed milk prices paid to the farmer appear to be the greatest threat to the dairy farmer and farmland in Wayne County.

Prime Agricultural Soil

Nineteen of Wayne County's 95 soil types are classified by the Natural Resources Conservation Services, (NRCS) as prime agricultural soil. They cover 45,951 acres and account for 9.6% of the County. Tables 4 and 5 break down the land use/cover for prime agricultural soil in 1959 and 2002. In 1959, 24,776 (54%) were in cropland, or 5.2% of the County. By 2002, 17,003 acres of the 1959 cropland on prime agricultural soil (69%) remained as cropland (see Table 6). During this period, about 1,370 acres of prime agricultural soil that was not used as cropland in 1959 was converted to cropland. This resulted in a total of 18,371 acres (see Table 5) of cropland on prime agricultural soil in 2002 or 3.8% of Wayne County's total land area.

Quick Facts Prime Agricultural Land

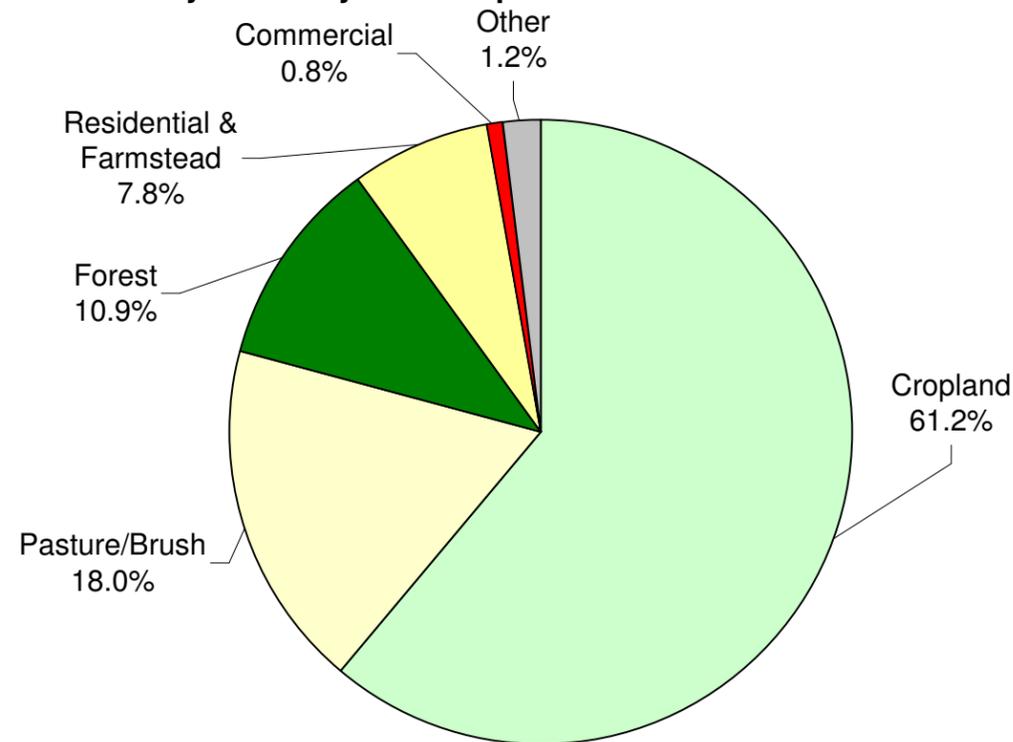
- In cropland in 1959 – 5.2% of Wayne County
- In cropland in 2002 – 3.8% of Wayne County

Cropland on prime agricultural soil between 1959 and 2002 in Wayne County dropped by 6,405 acres. It was followed by pasture/brush dropping 2,480 acres. The use or cover that increased the most on prime agricultural soil throughout Wayne County was forest, for a total of 5,529 acres and residential by 3,090 acres.

Wayne County 1959 Cropland - Classification in 2002 -- Table 3

Municipality	Residential		Commercial		Industrial		Transportation		Utilities		Religious		Gov/Inst		Recreational		Cropland		Farmstead		Pasture/Brush		Forest		Water		Mining/Extraction		Total	
	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%
Wayne County	6,352.31	7.2%	734.06	0.8%	66.51	0.1%	108.48	0.1%	40.00	0.0%	32.50	0.0%	307.60	0.3%	63.62	0.1%	53,990.78	61.2%	561.23	0.6%	15,882.44	18.0%	9,592.54	10.9%	399.25	0.5%	38.84	0.0%	88,170.16	100.0%
Berlin	628.07	10.4%	107.71	1.8%	0.21	0.0%	-	0.0%	22.69	0.4%	-	0.0%	13.19	0.2%	6.11	0.1%	3,444.53	57.1%	20.21	0.3%	1,275.91	21.2%	487.10	8.1%	22.77	0.4%	2.36	0.0%	6,030.86	100.0%
Bethany	38.57	31.8%	0.01	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.45	0.4%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	29.45	24.3%	-	0.0%	37.38	30.8%	15.50	12.8%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	121.36	100.0%
Buckingham	118.70	3.8%	24.65	0.8%	0.74	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.13	0.0%	2.26	0.1%	9.40	0.3%	1,661.01	52.6%	30.57	1.0%	739.43	23.4%	563.62	17.8%	10.23	0.3%	-	0.0%	3,160.74	100.0%
Canaan	178.76	9.0%	19.48	1.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	174.87	8.8%	-	0.0%	1,115.19	56.2%	10.35	0.5%	272.65	13.7%	206.07	10.4%	7.74	0.4%	-	0.0%	1,985.11	100.0%
Cherry Ridge	321.93	8.4%	24.55	0.6%	2.02	0.1%	7.00	0.2%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	3.07	0.1%	-	0.0%	2,532.18	65.9%	22.38	0.6%	602.33	15.7%	319.67	8.3%	6.73	0.2%	-	0.0%	3,841.86	100.0%
Clinton	248.83	4.8%	32.11	0.6%	1.40	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	1.00	0.0%	3,447.18	66.6%	43.81	0.8%	821.49	15.9%	483.41	9.3%	94.34	1.8%	-	0.0%	5,173.57	100.0%
Damascus	678.04	6.1%	11.24	0.1%	6.67	0.1%	-	0.0%	3.75	0.0%	0.02	0.0%	1.45	0.0%	4.10	0.0%	7,698.25	69.7%	43.63	0.4%	1,761.14	16.0%	800.53	7.3%	32.37	0.3%	-	0.0%	11,041.19	100.0%
Dreher	153.24	12.9%	11.48	1.0%	3.10	0.3%	-	0.0%	0.51	0.0%	2.68	0.2%	2.52	0.2%	10.74	0.9%	341.84	28.8%	7.05	0.6%	388.25	32.7%	262.50	22.1%	3.87	0.3%	-	0.0%	1,187.78	100.0%
Dyberry	379.76	10.6%	32.04	0.9%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	8.83	0.2%	4.37	0.1%	-	0.0%	2,037.43	57.1%	17.04	0.5%	703.85	19.7%	341.21	9.6%	41.49	1.2%	5.24	0.1%	3,571.26	100.0%
Hawley	3.06	50.3%	0.38	6.3%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	1.57	25.8%	1.07	17.6%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	6.08	100.0%
Honesdale	79.28	17.2%	0.37	0.1%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	7.34	1.6%	2.79	0.6%	197.23	42.8%	2.61	0.6%	120.70	26.2%	50.12	10.9%	0.64	0.1%	-	0.0%	461.08	100.0%
Lake	476.96	14.9%	11.85	0.4%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.24	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	6.56	0.2%	1,731.27	54.2%	18.52	0.6%	522.47	16.4%	401.66	12.6%	17.57	0.6%	4.43	0.1%	3,191.53	100.0%
Lebanon	118.85	3.4%	40.16	1.1%	5.57	0.2%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	2,477.55	70.5%	58.59	1.7%	550.35	15.7%	251.01	7.1%	11.21	0.3%	-	0.0%	3,513.29	100.0%
Lehigh	8.41	27.4%	-	0.0%	1.22	4.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	15.25	49.7%	5.83	19.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	30.71	100.0%
Manchester	151.26	4.9%	11.23	0.4%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	6.27	0.2%	0.31	0.0%	4.40	0.1%	2.06	0.1%	1,766.95	57.1%	22.17	0.7%	674.35	21.8%	446.30	14.4%	9.72	0.3%	-	0.0%	3,095.02	100.0%
Mt Pleasant	470.05	5.0%	62.64	0.7%	11.49	0.1%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	1.71	0.0%	1.10	0.0%	-	0.0%	6,123.58	64.6%	69.70	0.7%	1,398.97	14.8%	1,300.04	13.7%	35.77	0.4%	-	0.0%	9,475.05	100.0%
Oregon	220.38	6.8%	1.30	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.03	0.0%	-	0.0%	2,204.55	68.3%	23.19	0.7%	527.53	16.4%	244.62	7.6%	4.78	0.1%	-	0.0%	3,226.38	100.0%
Palmyra	149.17	18.2%	21.67	2.6%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	1.05	0.1%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	394.50	48.1%	6.81	0.8%	179.40	21.9%	53.64	6.5%	4.78	0.6%	9.42	1.1%	820.44	100.0%
Paupack	179.36	14.2%	36.16	2.9%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	2.33	0.2%	0.35	0.0%	-	0.0%	8.27	0.7%	502.61	39.8%	10.22	0.8%	279.13	22.1%	239.58	19.0%	4.48	0.4%	-	0.0%	1,262.49	100.0%
Preston	240.42	3.7%	39.46	0.6%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.08	0.0%	-	0.0%	9.33	0.1%	4.61	0.1%	4,195.56	63.9%	33.04	0.5%	1,049.64	16.0%	986.14	15.0%	9.47	0.1%	-	0.0%	6,567.75	100.0%
Prompton	14.39	8.9%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	85.71	53.1%	0.39	0.2%	23.56	14.6%	37.17	23.0%	0.18	0.1%	-	0.0%	161.40	100.0%
Salem	597.13	11.0%	92.60	1.7%	18.54	0.3%	-	0.0%	0.01	0.0%	0.88	0.0%	11.73	0.2%	5.19	0.1%	3,380.05	62.0%	39.15	0.7%	711.87	13.1%	550.44	10.1%	40.89	0.7%	4.04	0.1%	5,452.52	100.0%
Scott	161.99	5.0%	11.06	0.3%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	1,597.99	49.5%	14.43	0.4%	1,048.23	32.5%	385.93	11.9%	10.57	0.3%	-	0.0%	3,230.20	100.0%
South Canaan	267.46	5.0%	34.02	0.6%	9.25	0.2%	-	0.0%	1.25	0.0%	14.09	0.3%	29.09	0.5%	-	0.0%	3,371.19	62.7%	42.15	0.8%	1,003.91	18.7%	580.07	10.8%	14.26	0.3%	8.70	0.2%	5,375.44	100.0%
Starrucca	23.99	1.9%	0.66	0.1%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.45	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	946.98	73.1%	3.97	0.3%	236.30	18.2%	79.49	6.1%	3.05	0.2%	-	0.0%	1,294.89	100.0%
Sterling	211.23	7.8%	35.34	1.3%	6.03	0.2%	100.73	3.7%	-	0.0%	2.59	0.1%	0.96	0.0%	2.79	0.1%	1,591.38	58.5%	10.46	0.4%	432.95	15.9%	314.45	11.6%	7.90	0.3%	4.65	0.2%	2,721.46	100.0%
Texas	189.39	11.3%	34.43	2.1%	-	0.0%	0.75	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	37.60	2.2%	-	0.0%	858.00	51.2%	5.29	0.3%	397.39	23.7%	152.67	9.1%	1.32	0.1%	-	0.0%	1,676.84	100.0%
Waymart	43.63	8.8%	37.46	7.6%	0.27	0.1%	-	0.0%	1.82	0.4%	0.01	0.0%	4.29	0.9%	-	0.0%	258.62	52.4%	5.50	1.1%	106.44	21.6%	32.70	6.6%	3.12	0.6%	-	0.0%	493.86	100.0%

Wayne County 1959 Cropland - Classification in 2002



1959 Cropland - Its Classification In 2002
At A Glance

* Damascus Township had the greatest number of 1959 cropland acres (7,698) remaining in cropland in 2002. Second to Damascus was Mount Pleasant Township with 6,124 acres. Preston Township was third with 4,196 acres.

* Mount Pleasant Township was the only municipality that had over 1,000 acres of cropland change to forest during the study period. Its total was 1,300 acres. Preston Township was second with 986 acres and Damascus Township was third with 801 acres being converted to forest.

* There were 6 municipalities that had over 1,000 acres of 1959 cropland changed to pasture/brush in 2002. They were: Damascus 1,761; Mount Pleasant 1,399; Berlin 1,276; Preston 1,050; Scott 1,048 and South Canaan 1,004 acres.

* Damascus Township had the highest number of acres converted to residential purposes with 678 acres in residential usage between 1959 and 2002. Berlin Township followed with 628 acres and Salem Township with 597 acres.

* Hawley Borough and Lehigh Township are the only municipalities without any cropland in 2002.

Wayne County 1959 Land Uses on Prime Agricultural Soil - Table 4

Municipality	Residential		Commercial		Industrial		Transportation		Utilities		Religious		Gov/Inst		Recreational		Cropland		Farmstead		Pasture/Brush		Forest		Water		Mining/Extraction		Total	
	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%
Wayne County	1,479.77	3.2%	584.04	1.3%	31.24	0.1%	150.55	0.3%	4.94	0.0%	120.93	0.3%	102.46	0.2%	42.68	0.1%	24,776.13	53.9%	864.08	1.9%	8,813.61	19.2%	8,786.27	19.1%	191.91	0.4%	2.76	0.0%	45,951.37	100.0%
Berlin	58.98	3.0%	51.48	2.6%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.09	0.0%	4.33	0.2%	3.58	0.2%	0.57	0.0%	1,041.08	53.2%	35.28	1.8%	238.32	12.2%	519.61	26.6%	3.40	0.2%	-	0.0%	1,956.72	100.0%
Bethany	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	2.06	84.8%	-	0.0%	0.10	4.1%	0.27	11.1%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	2.43	100.0%
Buckingham	40.88	1.9%	58.09	2.6%	1.39	0.1%	0.32	0.0%	-	0.0%	5.08	0.2%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	1,191.60	54.2%	28.14	1.3%	398.15	18.1%	446.35	20.3%	28.79	1.3%	-	0.0%	2,198.79	100.0%
Canaan	31.12	3.3%	1.57	0.2%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.26	0.0%	9.08	1.0%	-	0.0%	599.76	64.0%	32.76	3.5%	128.70	13.7%	134.16	14.3%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	937.41	100.0%
Cherry Ridge	25.61	1.1%	5.78	0.3%	-	0.0%	26.86	1.2%	-	0.0%	1.31	0.1%	0.57	0.0%	-	0.0%	1,186.33	52.8%	36.11	1.6%	352.22	15.7%	607.84	27.1%	2.54	0.1%	-	0.0%	2,245.17	100.0%
Clinton	50.19	2.5%	3.52	0.2%	1.12	0.1%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	1.72	0.1%	2.68	0.1%	1.94	0.1%	1,332.37	65.2%	44.21	2.2%	286.28	14.0%	278.22	13.6%	41.93	2.1%	-	0.0%	2,044.18	100.0%
Damascus	174.97	3.0%	48.92	0.8%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	9.16	0.2%	3.57	0.1%	-	0.0%	3,057.48	52.0%	110.67	1.9%	1,324.44	22.5%	1,123.42	19.1%	24.59	0.4%	-	0.0%	5,877.22	100.0%
Dreher	75.19	7.7%	51.55	5.3%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	2.89	0.3%	2.43	0.2%	-	0.0%	450.18	46.0%	7.31	0.7%	224.78	22.9%	164.47	16.8%	0.74	0.1%	-	0.0%	979.54	100.0%
Dyberry	46.15	2.5%	17.99	1.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	2.03	0.1%	29.60	1.6%	-	0.0%	1,049.68	57.0%	52.25	2.8%	375.53	20.4%	262.43	14.3%	4.67	0.3%	1.23	0.1%	1,841.56	100.0%
Hawley	56.29	34.9%	27.55	17.1%	0.21	0.1%	8.04	5.0%	-	0.0%	5.61	3.5%	0.72	0.4%	11.66	7.2%	2.86	1.8%	-	0.0%	40.76	25.2%	4.28	2.7%	3.45	2.1%	-	0.0%	161.43	100.0%
Honesdale	163.94	30.8%	74.84	14.0%	23.51	4.4%	12.89	2.4%	2.13	0.4%	33.80	6.3%	19.07	3.6%	4.18	0.8%	52.97	9.9%	6.34	1.2%	87.62	16.4%	46.57	8.7%	4.10	0.8%	0.73	0.1%	532.69	100.0%
Lake	125.72	8.5%	10.01	0.7%	-	0.0%	12.21	0.8%	-	0.0%	6.11	0.4%	5.61	0.4%	0.82	0.1%	749.78	50.7%	44.69	3.0%	306.10	20.7%	215.75	14.6%	0.84	0.1%	0.27	0.0%	1,477.91	100.0%
Lebanon	29.09	1.2%	27.96	1.1%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	1.19	0.0%	0.81	0.0%	-	0.0%	1,319.00	54.0%	33.06	1.4%	436.62	17.9%	591.21	24.2%	2.69	0.1%	-	0.0%	2,441.63	100.0%
Lehigh	100.73	39.9%	3.59	1.4%	-	0.0%	0.79	0.3%	2.24	0.9%	3.20	1.3%	3.30	1.3%	2.65	1.1%	17.71	7.0%	-	0.0%	66.16	26.2%	51.98	20.6%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	252.35	100.0%
Manchester	44.79	2.2%	23.59	1.1%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	3.77	0.2%	0.73	0.0%	-	0.0%	711.89	34.3%	27.43	1.3%	575.93	27.8%	647.01	31.2%	37.42	1.8%	-	0.0%	2,072.56	100.0%
Mount Pleasant	36.78	0.9%	2.03	0.1%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.14	0.0%	8.63	0.2%	1.45	0.0%	0.58	0.0%	2,663.72	66.9%	57.68	1.4%	649.28	16.3%	561.59	14.1%	0.36	0.0%	-	0.0%	3,982.24	100.0%
Oregon	4.75	0.3%	16.08	1.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.89	0.1%	0.28	0.0%	-	0.0%	1,064.89	63.8%	60.17	3.6%	261.05	15.6%	260.21	15.6%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	1,668.32	100.0%
Palmyra	69.89	6.4%	2.53	0.2%	1.94	0.2%	21.60	2.0%	-	0.0%	2.26	0.2%	4.37	0.4%	-	0.0%	408.69	37.3%	20.81	1.9%	124.59	11.4%	434.58	39.6%	4.75	0.4%	0.53	0.0%	1,096.54	100.0%
Paupack	40.83	4.8%	37.88	4.4%	-	0.0%	6.17	0.7%	-	0.0%	1.35	0.2%	-	0.0%	5.05	0.6%	283.32	33.3%	28.34	3.3%	121.99	14.3%	325.12	38.2%	1.25	0.1%	-	0.0%	851.30	100.0%
Preston	51.64	1.2%	74.21	1.8%	0.74	0.0%	11.92	0.3%	0.34	0.0%	2.65	0.1%	3.74	0.1%	-	0.0%	2,371.81	57.3%	37.92	0.9%	1,036.07	25.0%	549.87	13.3%	1.62	0.0%	-	0.0%	4,142.53	100.0%
Prompton	20.39	25.9%	1.66	2.1%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	1.20	1.5%	0.52	0.7%	0.91	1.2%	13.98	17.7%	1.45	1.8%	23.95	30.4%	14.50	18.4%	0.26	0.3%	-	0.0%	78.82	100.0%
Salem	61.48	2.8%	12.72	0.6%	-	0.0%	0.61	0.0%	-	0.0%	8.72	0.4%	0.98	0.0%	10.76	0.5%	1,382.75	62.9%	76.98	3.5%	334.57	15.2%	299.53	13.6%	8.07	0.4%	-	0.0%	2,197.17	100.0%
Scott	22.29	1.4%	11.01	0.7%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.04	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.01	0.0%	841.43	52.4%	7.28	0.5%	439.98	27.4%	277.25	17.3%	6.27	0.4%	-	0.0%	1,605.56	100.0%
South Canaan	34.85	1.4%	0.60	0.0%	0.60	0.0%	6.39	0.3%	-	0.0%	12.19	0.5%	5.24	0.2%	-	0.0%	1,564.31	61.9%	65.70	2.6%	400.43	15.8%	437.53	17.3%	0.91	0.0%	-	0.0%	2,528.75	100.0%
Starrucca	24.69	3.6%	1.08	0.2%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	1.91	0.3%	2.19	0.3%	1.62	0.2%	383.89	56.4%	14.36	2.1%	186.75	27.4%	64.11	9.4%	0.07	0.0%	-	0.0%	680.67	100.0%
Sterling	7.73	0.7%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	664.54	59.1%	20.59	1.8%	222.24	19.8%	206.76	18.4%	1.93	0.2%	-	0.0%	1,123.79	100.0%
Texas	70.02	7.9%	16.19	1.8%	1.73	0.2%	42.75	4.8%	-	0.0%	0.09	0.0%	1.11	0.1%	1.93	0.2%	317.89	36.0%	10.74	1.2%	153.26	17.3%	256.47	29.0%	11.26	1.3%	-	0.0%	883.44	100.0%
Waymart	10.78	11.9%	1.61	1.8%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.54	0.6%	0.83	0.9%	-	0.0%	50.16	55.3%	3.81	4.2%	17.74	19.6%	5.18	5.7%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	90.65	100.0%

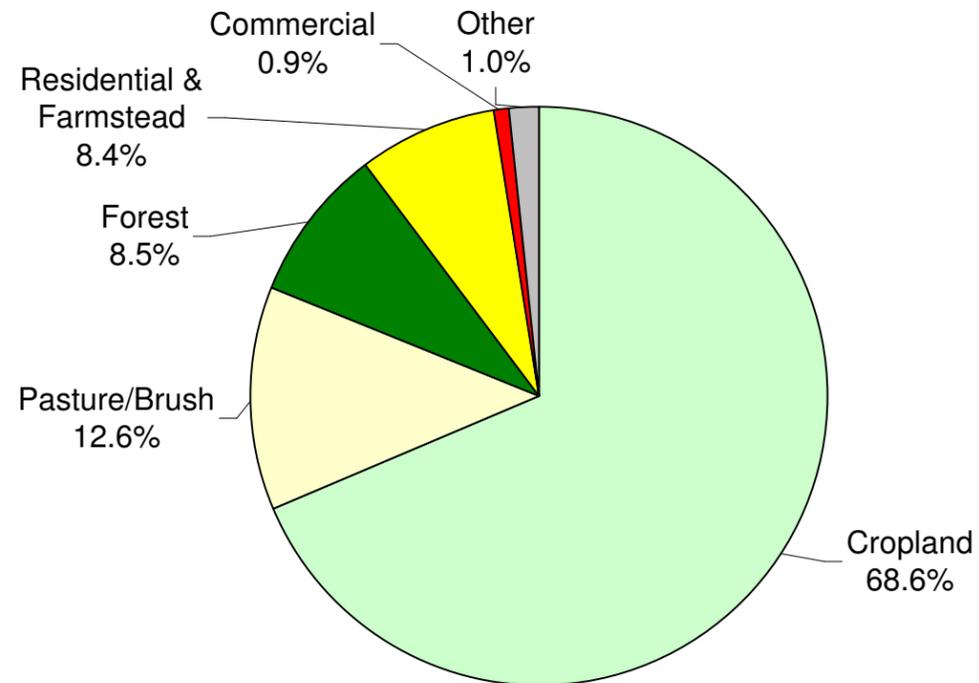
Wayne County 2002 Land Uses on Prime Agricultural Soil - Table 5

Municipality	Residential		Commercial		Industrial		Transportation		Utilities		Religious		Gov/Inst		Recreational		Cropland		Farmstead		Pasture/Brush		Forest		Water		Mining/Extraction		Total	
	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%
Wayne County	4,569.30	9.9%	942.37	2.1%	52.76	0.1%	147.39	0.3%	31.16	0.1%	144.84	0.3%	250.65	0.5%	114.06	0.2%	18,371.47	40.0%	470.57	1.0%	6,333.90	13.8%	14,315.60	31.2%	189.77	0.4%	17.50	0.0%	45,951.34	100.0%
Berlin	244.19	12.5%	60.84	3.1%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	8.50	0.4%	5.93	0.3%	4.13	0.2%	1.97	0.1%	724.45	37.0%	4.84	0.2%	251.82	12.9%	641.83	32.8%	3.42	0.2%	4.82	0.2%	1,956.74	100.0%
Bethany	1.84	75.7%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.46	18.9%	0.13	5.3%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	2.43	100.0%
Buckingham	133.36	6.1%	74.69	3.4%	3.29	0.1%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	5.48	0.2%	2.61	0.1%	10.29	0.5%	784.52	35.7%	27.51	1.3%	411.34	18.7%	715.01	32.5%	30.50	1.4%	-	0.0%	2,198.60	100.0%
Canaan	99.62	10.6%	14.42	1.5%	0.10	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.28	0.0%	50.44	5.4%	-	0.0%	411.20	43.9%	12.37	1.3%	107.22	11.4%	240.27	25.6%	1.50	0.2%	-	0.0%	937.42	100.0%
Cherry Ridge	217.51	9.7%	22.20	1.0%	0.81	0.0%	33.68	1.5%	-	0.0%	1.31	0.1%	2.98	0.1%	-	0.0%	962.77	42.9%	22.94	1.0%	214.03	9.5%	760.78	33.9%	6.17	0.3%	-	0.0%	2,245.18	100.0%
Clinton	138.78	6.8%	22.73	1.1%	2.94	0.1%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	1.73	0.1%	3.32	0.2%	2.05	0.1%	1,085.83	53.1%	34.71	1.7%	239.65	11.7%	471.23	23.1%	41.20	2.0%	-	0.0%	2,044.17	100.0%
Damascus	583.44	9.9%	35.62	0.6%	5.52	0.1%	-	0.0%	3.49	0.1%	8.77	0.1%	14.34	0.2%	-	0.0%	2,644.13	45.0%	35.73	0.6%	868.77	14.8%	1,649.00	28.1%	28.41	0.5%	-	0.0%	5,877.22	100.0%
Dreher	164.73	16.8%	56.35	5.8%	3.37	0.3%	-	0.0%	0.68	0.1%	4.01	0.4%	4.33	0.4%	8.50	0.9%	146.													

Wayne County Prime Agricultural Soil in Crops in 1959 - Classification in 2002 - Table 6

Municipality	Residential		Commercial		Industrial		Transportation		Utilities		Religious		Gov/Inst		Recreational		Cropland		Farmstead		Pasture/Brush		Forest		Water		Mining/Extraction		Total	
	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%
Wayne County	1,898.53	7.7%	227.33	0.9%	18.51	0.1%	56.25	0.2%	15.65	0.1%	14.47	0.1%	75.63	0.3%	30.43	0.1%	17,003.88	68.6%	169.56	0.7%	3,125.94	12.6%	2,100.99	8.5%	33.26	0.1%	8.61	0.0%	24,779.04	100.0%
Berlin	96.21	9.2%	16.61	1.6%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	7.38	0.7%	-	0.0%	1.34	0.1%	1.24	0.1%	650.44	62.5%	2.47	0.2%	178.58	17.2%	84.39	8.1%	1.18	0.1%	1.24	0.1%	1,041.08	100.0%
Bethany	1.71	83.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.35	17.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	2.06	100.0%
Buckingham	60.19	5.1%	8.86	0.7%	0.74	0.1%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.13	0.0%	1.88	0.2%	9.06	0.8%	749.17	62.9%	21.30	1.8%	208.50	17.5%	127.40	10.7%	4.36	0.4%	-	0.0%	1,191.59	100.0%
Canaan	39.18	6.5%	6.85	1.1%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	36.78	6.1%	-	0.0%	377.05	62.9%	4.83	0.8%	70.25	11.7%	64.14	10.7%	0.67	0.1%	-	0.0%	599.75	100.0%
Cherry Ridge	115.01	9.7%	12.17	1.0%	-	0.0%	3.22	0.3%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	2.98	0.3%	-	0.0%	869.63	73.3%	8.74	0.7%	95.24	8.0%	78.49	6.6%	0.85	0.1%	-	0.0%	1,186.33	100.0%
Clinton	65.45	4.9%	19.63	1.5%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	1,019.78	76.5%	9.45	0.7%	138.96	10.4%	75.53	5.7%	3.57	0.3%	-	0.0%	1,332.37	100.0%
Damascus	237.57	7.8%	2.12	0.1%	4.96	0.2%	-	0.0%	3.13	0.1%	0.02	0.0%	0.80	0.0%	-	0.0%	2,365.54	77.4%	6.87	0.2%	287.72	9.4%	145.16	4.7%	3.57	0.1%	-	0.0%	3,057.46	100.0%
Dreher	67.58	15.0%	7.19	1.6%	3.10	0.7%	-	0.0%	0.41	0.1%	0.74	0.2%	-	0.0%	5.36	1.2%	133.41	29.6%	4.44	1.0%	146.80	32.6%	80.77	17.9%	0.38	0.1%	-	0.0%	450.18	100.0%
Dyberry	121.35	11.6%	2.72	0.3%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	3.59	0.3%	1.28	0.1%	-	0.0%	680.13	64.8%	3.55	0.3%	149.45	14.2%	76.77	7.3%	8.35	0.8%	2.50	0.2%	1,049.69	100.0%
Hawley	1.95	68.2%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.78	27.3%	0.13	4.5%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	2.86	100.0%
Honesdale	4.74	8.9%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	5.75	10.9%	1.10	2.1%	29.58	55.8%	0.50	0.9%	6.73	12.7%	4.57	8.6%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	52.97	100.0%
Lake	130.07	17.3%	2.83	0.4%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	404.43	53.9%	3.11	0.4%	133.55	17.8%	74.98	10.0%	0.42	0.1%	0.34	0.0%	749.73	100.0%
Lebanon	42.15	3.2%	11.15	0.8%	-	0.0%	0.78	0.1%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	1,067.28	80.9%	26.03	2.0%	105.73	8.0%	64.26	4.9%	1.62	0.1%	-	0.0%	1,319.00	100.0%
Lehigh	6.29	35.5%	-	0.0%	0.82	4.6%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	7.03	39.7%	3.57	20.2%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	17.71	100.0%
Manchester	34.94	4.9%	4.50	0.6%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	4.54	0.6%	-	0.0%	0.09	0.0%	0.92	0.1%	470.92	66.2%	3.72	0.5%	126.24	17.7%	64.95	9.1%	1.06	0.1%	-	0.0%	711.88	100.0%
Mt Pleasant	147.70	5.5%	22.43	0.8%	6.44	0.2%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	1.10	0.0%	0.35	0.0%	-	0.0%	1,925.66	72.3%	20.60	0.8%	254.35	9.5%	284.05	10.7%	1.05	0.0%	-	0.0%	2,663.73	100.0%
Oregon	90.39	8.5%	1.27	0.1%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	816.24	76.7%	8.87	0.8%	98.71	9.3%	49.26	4.6%	0.15	0.0%	-	0.0%	1,064.89	100.0%
Palmyra	56.48	13.8%	17.76	4.3%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.06	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	243.37	59.5%	2.09	0.5%	70.63	17.3%	17.62	4.3%	0.69	0.2%	-	0.0%	408.70	100.0%
Paupack	52.74	18.6%	5.79	2.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.05	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	4.11	1.5%	123.11	43.5%	3.45	1.2%	49.36	17.4%	44.70	15.8%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	283.31	100.0%
Preston	92.65	3.9%	28.66	1.2%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.08	0.0%	-	0.0%	4.79	0.2%	4.31	0.2%	1,615.74	68.1%	14.49	0.6%	281.69	11.9%	330.31	13.9%	0.75	0.0%	-	0.0%	2,373.47	100.0%
Prompton	0.73	5.2%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	5.03	36.0%	-	0.0%	3.96	28.3%	4.17	29.8%	0.09	0.6%	-	0.0%	13.98	100.0%
Salem	188.64	13.6%	23.48	1.7%	1.07	0.1%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.05	0.0%	5.88	0.4%	4.33	0.3%	920.01	66.5%	6.90	0.5%	110.50	8.0%	120.78	8.7%	1.10	0.1%	-	0.0%	1,382.74	100.0%
Scott	45.33	5.4%	4.87	0.6%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	537.04	63.7%	1.76	0.2%	171.13	20.3%	82.22	9.8%	0.40	0.0%	-	0.0%	842.75	100.0%
South Canaan	97.70	6.2%	0.44	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	8.50	0.5%	3.04	0.2%	-	0.0%	1,073.29	68.6%	13.31	0.9%	229.42	14.7%	136.34	8.7%	0.79	0.1%	1.48	0.1%	1,564.31	100.0%
Starrucca	5.82	1.5%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.34	0.1%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	325.64	84.8%	2.34	0.6%	38.61	10.1%	10.68	2.8%	0.47	0.1%	-	0.0%	383.90	100.0%
Sterling	54.27	8.2%	8.62	1.3%	1.38	0.2%	51.50	7.7%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	429.49	64.6%	0.19	0.0%	66.09	9.9%	48.88	7.4%	1.08	0.2%	3.05	0.5%	664.55	100.0%
Texas	38.30	12.0%	19.17	6.0%	-	0.0%	0.75	0.2%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	9.73	3.1%	-	0.0%	153.84	48.4%	0.41	0.1%	69.65	21.9%	26.04	8.2%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	317.89	100.0%
Waymart	3.39	6.8%	0.21	0.4%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.94	1.9%	-	0.0%	18.06	36.0%	0.14	0.3%	25.93	51.7%	0.83	1.7%	0.66	1.3%	-	0.0%	50.16	100.0%

Wayne County 1959 Cropland On Prime Agricultural Soil - Classification in 2002



1959 Cropland On Prime Agricultural Soil - Its Classification In 2002 At A Glance

- * Damascus had the greatest number of 1959 cropland acres on prime agricultural soil (2,366) remaining in cropland in 2002. Second was Mount Pleasant Township with 1,926 acres. Preston Township was third with 1,616 acres.
- * Starrucca, however, had the greatest percentage (84.8%) of cropland on prime agricultural soil to remain in cropland in 2002. Starrucca was followed by Lebanon (80.9%) and Damascus (77.4%).
- * Preston had the greatest number of 1959 cropland acres (330 acres) on prime agricultural soil converted to forest by 2002. Following Preston was Mount Pleasant with 284 acres and Damascus was third with 145 acres.
- * Damascus had 288 acres of 1959 cropland on prime agricultural soil convert to pasture/brush by 2002. It was closely followed by Preston with 282 acres and Mount Pleasant with 254 acres.
- * Damascus had the greatest number of 1959 cropland acres on prime agricultural soil (238) converted to residential by 2002. Salem was second with 189 acres. Mount Pleasant was third with 148 acres.

In 1959, there were 14 municipalities that had higher percentages than Wayne County's percentage (54%) of prime agricultural soil in cropland. Table 7 lists those municipalities, along with the prime agricultural soil acreages in cropland and the percentages of each municipality's prime agricultural soil in cropland.

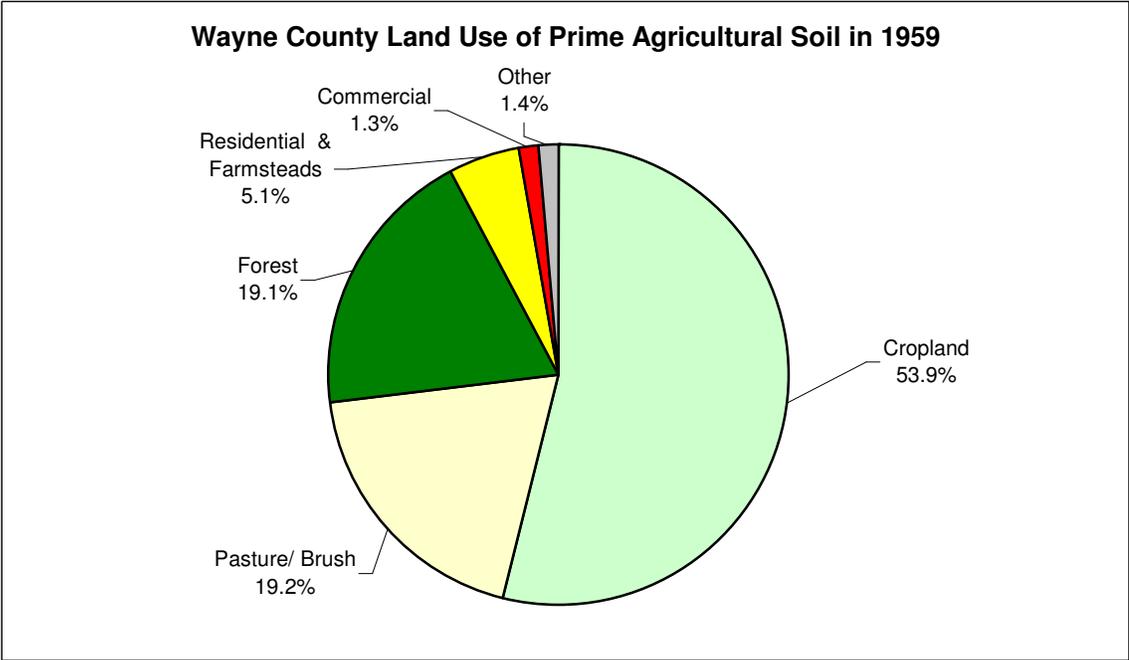
Table 7 -1959 Municipalities With A Greater Percentage Of Prime Agricultural Soil In Crops Than Wayne County Overall of 54%								
<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Acres of Cropland on Prime Ag Land</u>	<u>Percent of Prime Ag Land in Cropland</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Acres of Cropland on Prime Ag Land</u>	<u>Percent of Prime Ag Land in Cropland</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Acres of Cropland on Prime Ag Land</u>	<u>Percent of Prime Ag Land in Cropland</u>
Bethany	2	84.8%	Lebanon	1,319	54.0%	So Canaan	1,564	61.9%
Buckingham	1,192	54.2%	Mt Pleasant	2,664	66.9%	Starrucca	384	56.4%
Canaan	600	64.0%	Oregon	1,065	63.8%	Sterling	665	59.1%
Clinton	1,332	65.2%	Preston	2,372	57.3%	Waymart	50	55.3%
Dyberry	1,050	57.0%	Salem	1,383	62.9%			

In 2002, 18,371 acres (40%) of Wayne County's prime agricultural soil was in cropland. There were 12 municipalities that had equal, or higher, percentages than Wayne County. Bethany, Buckingham Sterling and Waymart, which had higher percentages than the County in 1959, dropped below the County's percentage in 2002. Cherry Ridge and Damascus, which, in 1959, had lower percentages, had higher percentages than the County in 2002. Table 8 lists the 12 municipalities, the prime agricultural soil acreages in cropland and the percentages of each municipality's prime agricultural soil in cropland.

Table 8 - 2002 Municipalities With A Greater Percentage of Prime Agricultural Soil In Crops Than Wayne County Overall of 40%								
<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Acres of Cropland on Prime Ag Land</u>	<u>Percent of Prime Ag Land in Cropland</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Acres of Cropland on Prime Ag Land</u>	<u>Percent of Prime Ag Land in Cropland</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Acres of Cropland on Prime Ag Land</u>	<u>Percent of Prime Ag Land in Cropland</u>
Canaan	411	43.9%	Dyberry	736	40.0%	Preston	1,738	41.9%
Cherry Ridge	963	42.9%	Lebanon	1,172	48.0%	Salem	967	44.0%
Clinton	1,086	53.1%	Mt Pleasant	2,028	50.9%	So Canaan	1,125	44.5%
Damascus	2,644	45.0%	Oregon	869	52.1%	Starrucca	362	53.2%

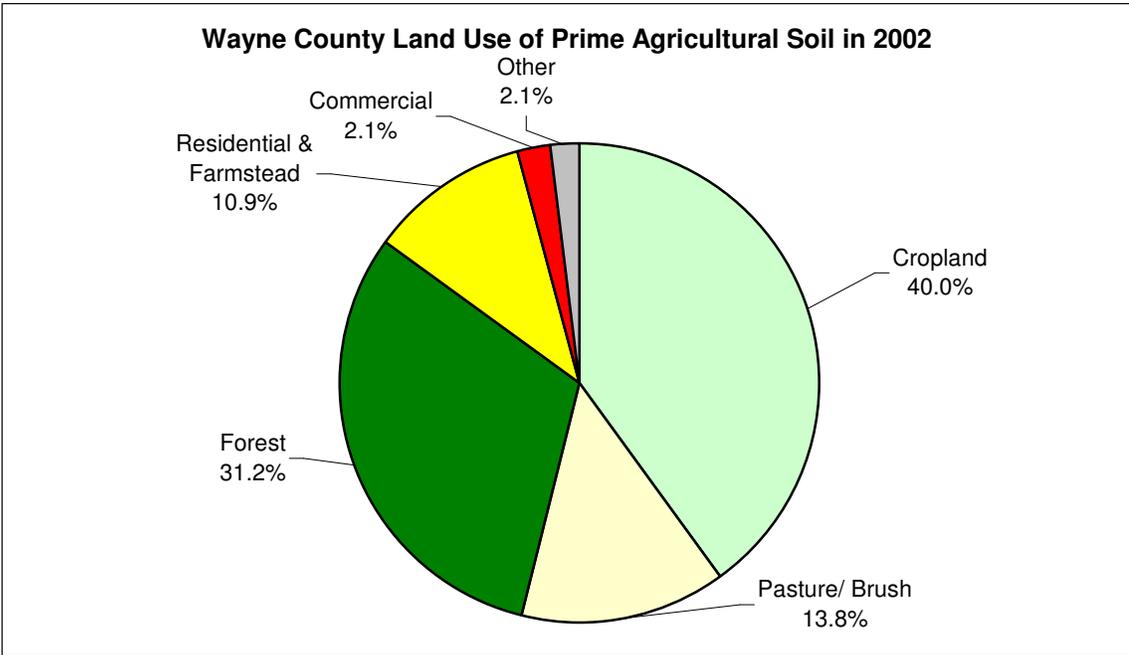
It is evident from the above tables that the amount of cropland on prime agricultural soil has decreased over the 43-year study period. As can be seen in Table 6, 68.6% remained as cropland, 12.6% converted to pasture/brush, 8.5% to forest, 7.7% to residential, 0.9% to commercial and the remainder to other categories. A careful examination of Table 6 will reveal those municipalities where cropland on prime agricultural soil has been retained the most.

The charts on the following page break down the percentage of land uses and land cover on prime agricultural soil in Wayne County in 1959 and 2002. The greatest decrease in land use on prime agricultural soil during the study period was cropland while the greatest increase was forested land.



The chart above depicts the land use breakdown of the prime agricultural soil in Wayne County in 1959.

The chart below depicts the land use breakdown of the prime agricultural soil in Wayne County in 2002.



Farmland of Statewide Importance

In addition to prime agricultural soil the NRCS also identifies soil, although not prime, that is considered “farmland of statewide importance”. This includes 79,732 acres or 16.6% of the County’s area. This soil, according to the USDA is generally soil, although not considered prime farmland, that can produce high economic yields, provided the crops are managed under acceptable agricultural practices and when proper conditions are present and favorable.

Some 41,887 acres (52.5%) of the County’s farmland of statewide importance in 1959 was in cropland (see Table 11). Another 19,804 acres (24.8%) was in pasture/brush. Table 9 lists the 11 municipalities in Wayne County that had higher percentages of their farmland of statewide importance in cropland than Wayne County had overall. Clinton, Dyberry, Mount Pleasant, Oregon, Salem, South Canaan, Starrucca and Sterling appear in both this list and the previous list showing which municipalities had a greater percentage of their prime agricultural soil in cropland in 1959 than did the County overall. This is an indication of agriculture being concentrated on the better soil in the County.

Table 9 - 1959 Municipalities With Farmland of Statewide Importance (FSI) Having A Greater Percentage In Cropland Than Wayne County Overall of 52.5%								
Municipality	<u>Acres of Cropland on FSI</u>	<u>Percent of FSI in Cropland</u>	Municipality	<u>Acres of Cropland on FSI</u>	<u>Percent of FSI in Cropland</u>	Municipality	<u>Acres of Cropland on FSI</u>	<u>Percent of FSI in Cropland</u>
Berlin	3,533	59.3%	Lake	1,764	53.1%	So Canaan	2,913	56.6%
Cherry Ridge	1,993	55.1%	Mt Pleasant	4,164	57.0%	Starrucca	521	63.8%
Clinton	2,307	57.6%	Oregon	1,336	64.1%	Sterling	1,451	59.2%
Dyberry	1,598	60.3%	Salem	3,133	61.2%			

Over 29,961 acres (37.6%) of the County’s farmland of statewide importance was in cropland in 2002 (see Table 12) and another 14,073 acres (17.6%) was in pasture/brush. The 12 municipalities that equaled or exceeded the County’s percentage are listed in Table 10. Cherry Ridge, Clinton, Damascus, Dyberry, Lebanon, Mount Pleasant, Oregon, Salem, South Canaan and Starrucca appear in both this table and the previous table that contained the 12 municipalities with higher percentages of prime agricultural soil in cropland in 2002. This comparison shows the areas of the County where the better agricultural soil continues to be used as cropland.

Table 10 - 2002 Municipalities With Farmland of Statewide Importance (FSI) Having A Greater Percentage In Cropland Than Wayne County Overall of 37.6%								
Municipality	<u>Acres of Cropland on FSI</u>	<u>Percent of FSI in Cropland</u>	Municipality	<u>Acres of Cropland on FSI</u>	<u>Percent of FSI in Cropland</u>	Municipality	<u>Acres of Cropland on FSI</u>	<u>Percent of FSI in Cropland</u>
Berlin	2,245	37.6%	Dyberry	1,103	41.6%	Salem	2,193	42.8%
Cherry Ridge	1,564	43.2%	Lebanon	1,133	40.8%	So Canaan	2,051	39.9%
Clinton	1,766	44.1%	Mt Pleasant	3,098	42.4%	Starrucca	427	52.3%
Damascus	4,246	43.2%	Oregon	1,022	49.1%	Sterling	972	39.7%

Wayne County 1959 Land Uses on Soil of Statewide Importance - Table 11

Municipality	Residential		Commercial		Industrial		Transportation		Utilities		Religious		Gov/Inst		Recreational		Cropland		Farmstead		Pasture/Brush		Forest		Water		Mining/Extraction		Total	
	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%
Wayne County	2,080.44	2.6%	764.73	1.0%	33.62	0.0%	94.77	0.1%	7.73	0.0%	127.95	0.2%	101.22	0.1%	50.33	0.1%	41,887.40	52.5%	1,973.76	2.5%	19,804.27	24.8%	12,683.02	15.9%	110.18	0.1%	12.41	0.0%	79,731.83	100.0%
Berlin	121.47	2.0%	176.79	3.0%	1.08	0.0%	-	0.0%	1.67	0.0%	1.65	0.0%	4.22	0.1%	1.84	0.0%	3,533.22	59.3%	118.66	2.0%	913.70	15.3%	1,077.10	18.1%	4.79	0.1%	6.51	0.1%	5,962.70	100.0%
Bethany	53.20	21.4%	1.65	0.7%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	6.78	2.7%	0.40	0.2%	31.41	12.6%	105.59	42.4%	8.36	3.4%	30.35	12.2%	10.67	4.3%	0.47	0.2%	-	0.0%	248.88	100.0%
Buckingham	47.10	1.8%	80.45	3.0%	9.43	0.4%	11.21	0.4%	-	0.0%	2.37	0.1%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	1,095.37	40.9%	28.55	1.1%	776.72	29.0%	621.70	23.2%	2.08	0.1%	-	0.0%	2,674.98	100.0%
Canaan	53.72	2.5%	38.67	1.8%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	2.34	0.1%	13.84	0.6%	50.57	2.4%	-	0.0%	984.08	46.0%	51.91	2.4%	432.68	20.2%	508.35	23.8%	0.91	0.0%	-	0.0%	2,137.07	100.0%
Cherry Ridge	66.11	1.8%	16.86	0.5%	-	0.0%	5.67	0.2%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.41	0.0%	-	0.0%	1,993.20	55.1%	103.10	2.8%	940.88	26.0%	471.42	13.0%	20.70	0.6%	-	0.0%	3,618.35	100.0%
Clinton	93.76	2.3%	2.22	0.1%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	5.81	0.1%	2.45	0.1%	-	0.0%	2,307.13	57.6%	98.86	2.5%	944.12	23.6%	548.89	13.7%	1.96	0.0%	0.80	0.0%	4,006.00	100.0%
Damascus	243.81	2.5%	79.67	0.8%	1.27	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	10.99	0.1%	1.86	0.0%	-	0.0%	4,892.78	49.7%	287.85	2.9%	2,924.93	29.7%	1,377.69	14.0%	16.68	0.2%	2.48	0.0%	9,840.01	100.0%
Dreher	48.12	4.5%	5.38	0.5%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	2.71	0.3%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	504.25	47.5%	11.00	1.0%	230.55	21.7%	258.02	24.3%	1.03	0.1%	-	0.0%	1,061.06	100.0%
Dyberry	39.68	1.5%	9.41	0.4%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	1.84	0.1%	1.08	0.0%	-	0.0%	1,598.22	60.3%	80.15	3.0%	576.33	21.7%	339.97	12.8%	4.53	0.2%	0.25	0.0%	2,651.46	100.0%
Hawley	13.78	59.7%	0.49	2.1%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	2.41	10.4%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	1.01	4.4%	0.99	4.3%	2.48	10.7%	1.94	8.4%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	23.10	100.0%
Honesdale	167.98	22.4%	16.08	2.1%	12.62	1.7%	0.85	0.1%	0.64	0.1%	8.03	1.1%	12.35	1.6%	-	0.0%	266.82	35.5%	16.07	2.1%	187.20	24.9%	61.34	8.2%	1.54	0.2%	-	0.0%	751.52	100.0%
Lake	199.46	6.0%	3.05	0.1%	-	0.0%	2.93	0.1%	-	0.0%	2.23	0.1%	-	0.0%	0.42	0.0%	1,763.78	53.1%	92.29	2.8%	757.49	22.8%	493.53	14.8%	8.55	0.3%	-	0.0%	3,323.73	100.0%
Lebanon	16.70	0.6%	18.62	0.7%	0.56	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	1.07	0.0%	0.24	0.0%	-	0.0%	1,418.62	51.1%	82.60	3.0%	800.52	28.8%	435.83	15.7%	3.03	0.1%	-	0.0%	2,777.79	100.0%
Lehigh	2.04	5.2%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.30	0.8%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	3.12	7.9%	-	0.0%	10.97	27.8%	22.95	58.1%	0.12	0.3%	-	0.0%	39.50	100.0%
Manchester	43.22	1.2%	33.03	0.9%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	4.34	0.1%	3.63	0.1%	-	0.0%	1,613.19	43.4%	72.26	1.9%	1,218.58	32.8%	727.30	19.6%	4.54	0.1%	-	0.0%	3,720.09	100.0%
Mount Pleasant	57.26	0.8%	3.93	0.1%	0.04	0.0%	2.20	0.0%	0.06	0.0%	11.12	0.2%	2.77	0.0%	-	0.0%	4,163.89	57.0%	138.65	1.9%	1,912.70	26.2%	1,014.37	13.9%	3.29	0.0%	-	0.0%	7,310.28	100.0%
Oregon	12.76	0.6%	10.49	0.5%	0.16	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	1.60	0.1%	0.13	0.0%	-	0.0%	1,335.61	64.1%	61.53	3.0%	365.38	17.5%	294.13	14.1%	0.67	0.0%	-	0.0%	2,082.46	100.0%
Palmyra	43.33	4.7%	4.68	0.5%	-	0.0%	3.47	0.4%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	304.05	33.1%	19.90	2.2%	160.16	17.4%	378.68	41.2%	1.49	0.2%	2.37	0.3%	918.13	100.0%
Paupack	25.31	1.7%	8.78	0.6%	-	0.0%	7.72	0.5%	0.78	0.1%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	4.85	0.3%	727.63	49.1%	49.97	3.4%	310.52	20.9%	345.29	23.3%	1.91	0.1%	-	0.0%	1,482.76	100.0%
Preston	127.47	2.3%	141.24	2.6%	0.21	0.0%	45.57	0.8%	0.34	0.0%	3.96	0.1%	6.17	0.1%	-	0.0%	2,537.90	46.3%	91.94	1.7%	1,702.21	31.0%	822.24	15.0%	5.16	0.1%	-	0.0%	5,484.41	100.0%
Prompton	8.59	3.8%	0.19	0.1%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	104.85	46.2%	5.04	2.2%	85.41	37.7%	21.34	9.4%	1.32	0.6%	-	0.0%	226.74	100.0%
Salem	149.05	2.9%	15.98	0.3%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	12.36	0.2%	7.23	0.1%	10.29	0.2%	3,132.65	61.2%	198.82	3.9%	865.10	16.9%	721.74	14.1%	4.73	0.1%	-	0.0%	5,117.95	100.0%
Scott	65.25	2.0%	17.48	0.5%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.43	0.0%	1.41	0.0%	1.35	0.0%	1,440.39	44.1%	64.95	2.0%	1,241.71	38.0%	430.53	13.2%	2.19	0.1%	-	0.0%	3,265.69	100.0%
South Canaan	96.25	1.9%	7.71	0.1%	6.22	0.1%	11.08	0.2%	1.61	0.0%	16.30	0.3%	0.22	0.0%	-	0.0%	2,912.96	56.6%	138.23	2.7%	1,102.74	21.4%	836.49	16.3%	12.49	0.2%	-	0.0%	5,142.30	100.0%
Starrucca	5.70	0.7%	0.81	0.1%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	1.90	0.2%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	521.46	63.8%	17.25	2.1%	211.71	25.9%	57.76	7.1%	0.19	0.0%	-	0.0%	816.78	100.0%
Sterling	43.30	1.8%	0.85	0.0%	0.66	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	4.24	0.2%	0.08	0.0%	-	0.0%	1,450.95	59.2%	64.17	2.6%	462.16	18.9%	423.17	17.3%	1.86	0.1%	-	0.0%	2,451.44	100.0%
Texas	137.61	7.3%	55.97	3.0%	1.10	0.1%	3.77	0.2%	-	0.0%	6.97	0.4%	3.58	0.2%	0.17	0.0%	840.49	44.5%	49.08	2.6%	502.12	26.6%	283.46	15.0%	3.76	0.2%	-	0.0%	1,888.08	100.0%
Waymart	98.41	13.9%	14.25	2.0%	0.27	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.29	0.0%	5.00	0.7%	2.42	0.3%	-	0.0%	334.19	47.2%	21.58	3.0%	134.85	19.0%	97.12	13.7%	0.19	0.0%	-	0.0%	708.57	100.0%

Wayne County 2002 Land Uses on Soil of Statewide Importance - Table 12

Municipality	Residential		Commercial		Industrial		Transportation		Utilities		Religious		Gov/Inst		Recreational		Cropland		Farmstead		Pasture/Brush		Forest		Water		Mining/Extraction		Total	
	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%
Wayne County	7,524.04	9.4%	1,326.33	1.7%	83.71	0.1%	77.17	0.1%	36.69	0.0%	149.47	0.2%	417.46	0.5%	105.52	0.1%	29,961.06	37.6%	1,049.78	1.3%	14,072.51	17.6%	24,653.35	30.9%	206.57	0.3%	67.92	0.1%	79,731.58	100.0%
Berlin	715.59	12.0%	239.58	4.0%	12.15	0.2%	-	0.0%	17.90	0.3%	5.79	0.1%	11.35	0.2%	4.52	0.1%	2,244.84	37.6%	42.56	0.7%	1,052.51	17.7%	1,583.23	26.6%	16.73	0.3%	15.96	0.3%	5,962.71	100.0%
Bethany	104.71	42.1%	0.83	0.3%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	6.53	2.6%	0.38	0.2%	3.24	1.3%	26.51	10.7%	-	0.0%	69.07	27.8%	37.22	15.0%	0.39	0.2%	-	0.0%	248.88	100.0%
Buckingham	118.01	4.4%	115.08	4.3%	0.98	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	2.37	0.1%	0.34	0.0%	-	0.0%	666.29	24.9%	7.64	0.3%	481.39	18.0%	1,278.17	47.8%	4.70	0.2%	-	0.0%	2,674.97	100.0%
Canaan	224.17	10.5%	51.63	2.4%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	1.27	0.1%	13.77	0.6%	218.82	10.2%	-	0.0%	595.98	27.9%	15.24	0.7%	231.77	10.8%	768.05	35.9%	6.52	0.3%	9.86	0.5%	2,137.08	100.0%
Cherry Ridge	370.47	10.2%	34.49	1.0%	3.82	0.1%	4.93	0.1%	-	0.0%	1.49	0.0%	0.09	0.0%	-	0.0%	1,563.79	43.2%	55.79	1.5%	673.81	18.6%	900.42	24.9%	9.24	0.3%	-	0.0%	3,618.34	100.0%
Clinton	271.28	6.8%	16.36	0.4%	1.12	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	5.89	0.1%	2.24	0.1%	0.94	0.0%	1,766.44	44.1%	70.38	1.8%	703.06	17.6%	1,162.92	29.0%	5.37	0.1%	-	0.0%	4,006.00	100.0%
Damascus	841.93	8.6%	86.46	0.9%	2.08	0.0%	-	0.0%	1.11	0.0%	10.96	0.1%	4.46	0.0%	3.82	0.0%	4,246.00	43.2%	120.31	1.2%	1,927.62	19.6%	2,557.79	26.0%	36.29	0.4%	1.18	0.0%	9,840.01	100.0%
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In Wayne County, between 1959 and 2002, cropland on soil of statewide importance decreased 11,926 acres. During this same period forestland on soil of statewide importance increased 11,970 acres while residential land on these soil types increased 5,444 acres.

Non-Prime Farmland

The third classification of soil designated by the Department of Agriculture is that of non-prime farmland. This soil type covers 354,619 acres or 74% of Wayne County.

In 1959 over 69% (or 245,525 acres) of the non-prime farmland was covered by forest. Another 19.5% (69,282 acres) was classified as pasture/brush. Only 6.1% (21,507 acres) was considered cropland and only 0.7% (2,640 acres) was residential. See Table 13 for a complete breakdown of the County statistics along with individual municipal breakdowns.

In 2002, over 77% (or 274,337 acres) of the non-prime farmland was covered by forest as shown in Table 14. During the study period the pasture/brush acreage dropped to 9.4% of the non-prime farmland (33,425 acres). Cropland covered 13,582 acres or 3.8% and residential acreage covered 13,363 acres or 3.8% of the non-prime farmland.

Pasture/Brush

Pasture/brush is a category that includes mixed types of similar uses. One of the most easily identified uses is the land used for the pasturing of animals. Generally, this would include all those lands used by farmers where livestock are able to graze. In addition, the areas identified as brush may be an area owned by a farmer that is not currently being used as pasture, and is in some progressive stage of reforestation, but not to the point of being considered forest. This category can also include brush or other land, regardless of ownership, that is undeveloped, not used as part of any agricultural activity and is in some stage of being reclaimed by nature and the reforestation process.

Table 1 indicates that Wayne County's pasture/brush land covered approximately 97,900 acres in 1959 or 20.4% of the County. By 2002 (Table 2), pasture/brush covered 53,832 acres or 11.2% of the County.

Table 15 breaks down the 97,900-pasture/brush acreage from 1959 and shows its classification in 2002. Countywide, 28,925 pasture/brush acreage (29.5%) from 1959 remained as pasture/brush in 2002. During this period, 54,991 acres (56.2%) became forested, 6,102 acres (6.2%) were used as cropland and 4,453 acres (4.5%) became residential.

Ten (10) townships had percentages higher than the County's rate of pasture/brush being reclaimed by forest (56.2%). Table 16 lists those townships, the acreages in each township and percentage of

Quick Facts	
1959 Wayne County Pasture/Brush by 2002:	
•	56.2% was reclaimed by forest
•	29.5% remained pasture/brush
•	6.2% was converted to cropland
•	4.5% was converted to residential
•	2.0% was covered by water
•	0.5% was commercial

Wayne County 1959 Non-Prime Agricultural Soil Land Use - Table 13

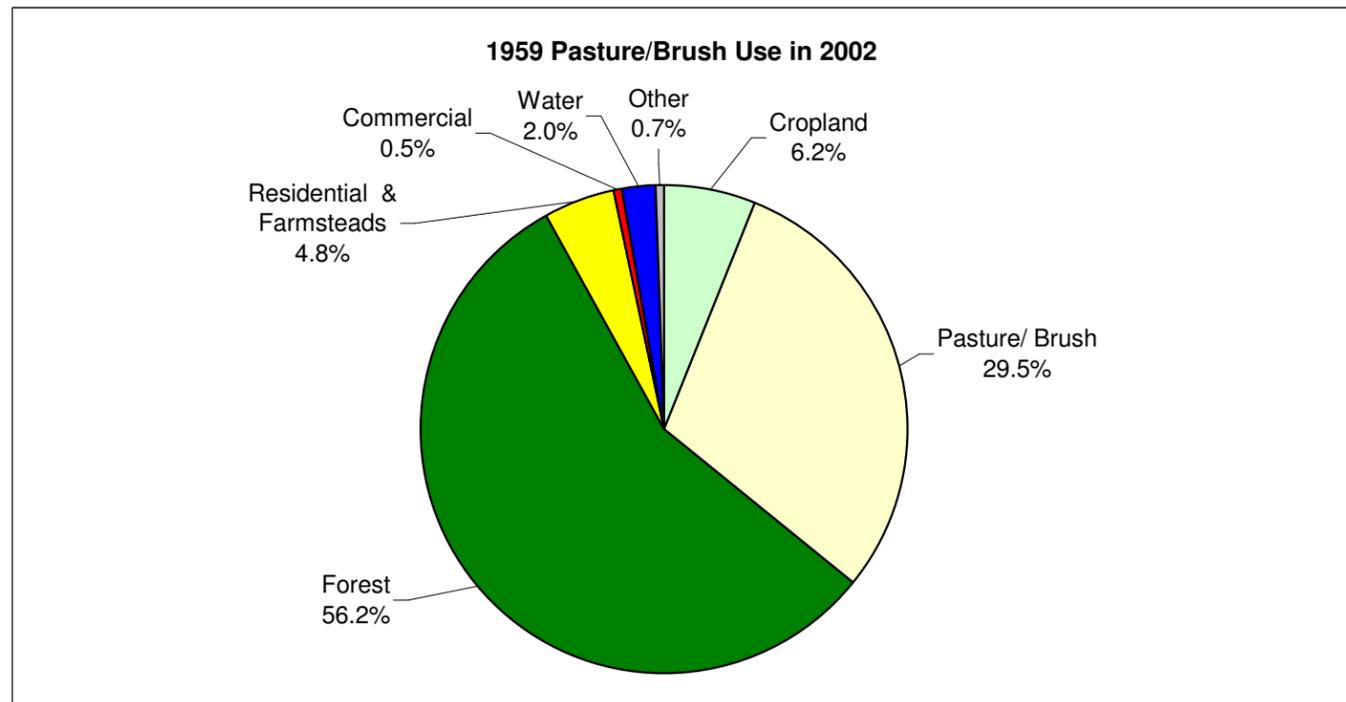
Municipality	Residential		Commercial		Industrial		Transportation		Utilities		Religious		Gov/Inst		Recreational		Cropland		Farmstead		Pasture/Brush		Forest		Water		Mining/Extraction		Total	
	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%
Wayne County	2,639.84	0.7%	628.29	0.2%	41.54	0.0%	377.69	0.1%	8.42	0.0%	73.29	0.0%	146.52	0.0%	324.76	0.1%	21,507.09	6.1%	1,391.74	0.4%	69,281.62	19.5%	245,525.07	69.2%	12,345.55	3.5%	327.72	0.1%	354,619.14	100.0%
Berlin	116.93	0.7%	75.72	0.4%	2.30	0.0%	-	0.0%	1.65	0.0%	3.07	0.0%	1.09	0.0%	1.62	0.0%	1,456.55	8.4%	83.60	0.5%	2,727.72	15.7%	12,382.63	71.2%	546.54	3.1%	3.29	0.0%	17,402.71	100.0%
Bethany	1.34	1.9%	0.36	0.5%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.12	0.2%	13.72	19.9%	0.52	0.8%	26.60	38.6%	26.22	38.1%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	68.88	100.0%
Buckingham	58.88	0.2%	62.91	0.3%	4.50	0.0%	68.78	0.3%	-	0.0%	2.28	0.0%	0.68	0.0%	-	0.0%	873.77	3.6%	43.05	0.2%	2,650.96	11.0%	19,865.93	82.1%	544.01	2.2%	9.14	0.0%	24,184.89	100.0%
Canaan	22.07	0.2%	33.21	0.4%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	1.54	0.0%	5.83	0.1%	-	0.0%	401.28	4.4%	37.91	0.4%	1,317.93	14.3%	6,875.59	74.6%	522.59	5.7%	-	0.0%	9,217.95	100.0%
Cherry Ridge	61.94	0.7%	2.34	0.0%	-	0.0%	22.50	0.3%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	1.77	0.0%	-	0.0%	662.32	7.9%	39.87	0.5%	2,067.10	24.7%	5,084.88	60.7%	438.36	5.2%	-	0.0%	8,381.08	100.0%
Clinton	81.99	0.4%	1.28	0.0%	0.14	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.14	0.0%	0.40	0.0%	1.43	0.0%	1,533.98	8.0%	79.88	0.4%	3,665.03	19.0%	13,215.58	68.6%	525.28	2.7%	160.90	0.8%	19,266.03	100.0%
Damascus	303.47	0.9%	68.31	0.2%	4.00	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	10.06	0.0%	0.27	0.0%	-	0.0%	3,090.92	8.7%	174.83	0.5%	7,645.86	21.4%	23,437.41	65.7%	911.69	2.6%	17.58	0.0%	35,664.40	100.0%
Dreher	143.75	1.9%	12.76	0.2%	1.32	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.54	0.0%	8.76	0.1%	-	0.0%	233.35	3.1%	14.79	0.2%	1,039.34	13.6%	6,091.24	80.0%	70.03	0.9%	-	0.0%	7,615.88	100.0%
Dyberry	49.75	0.5%	14.23	0.1%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	3.18	0.0%	65.18	0.6%	0.69	0.0%	923.25	9.1%	83.97	0.8%	2,976.85	29.3%	5,704.72	56.1%	326.49	3.2%	13.96	0.1%	10,162.27	100.0%
Hawley	67.83	31.2%	13.78	6.3%	3.17	1.5%	3.26	1.5%	-	0.0%	0.09	0.0%	3.15	1.5%	1.88	0.9%	2.22	1.0%	0.06	0.0%	22.35	10.3%	78.24	36.0%	21.09	9.7%	-	0.0%	217.12	100.0%
Honesdale	165.23	12.8%	19.87	1.5%	2.86	0.2%	0.82	0.1%	1.62	0.1%	12.19	0.9%	-	0.0%	2.40	0.2%	141.30	11.0%	0.10	0.0%	345.13	26.8%	498.71	38.8%	86.16	6.7%	9.55	0.7%	1,285.94	100.0%
Lake	228.54	1.6%	2.25	0.0%	-	0.0%	83.89	0.6%	-	0.0%	5.38	0.0%	0.48	0.0%	1.29	0.0%	677.78	4.7%	50.36	0.4%	2,897.28	20.1%	9,379.48	65.2%	978.01	6.8%	81.09	0.6%	14,385.83	100.0%
Lebanon	35.14	0.2%	48.09	0.3%	2.67	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	1.07	0.0%	0.08	0.0%	-	0.0%	775.66	4.0%	43.34	0.2%	3,073.62	16.0%	14,766.70	76.9%	457.30	2.4%	-	0.0%	19,203.67	100.0%
Lehigh	92.51	1.2%	3.87	0.0%	3.79	0.0%	12.08	0.2%	2.34	0.0%	0.25	0.0%	-	0.0%	2.22	0.0%	9.89	0.1%	-	0.0%	534.32	6.9%	6,749.21	86.7%	373.25	4.8%	-	0.0%	7,783.73	100.0%
Manchester	84.79	0.4%	50.97	0.2%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	2.93	0.0%	1.04	0.0%	-	0.0%	769.93	3.3%	74.08	0.3%	3,580.17	15.5%	18,004.95	78.1%	478.84	2.1%	-	0.0%	23,047.70	100.0%
Mount Pleasant	53.80	0.2%	4.93	0.0%	1.11	0.0%	0.17	0.0%	-	0.0%	7.24	0.0%	35.58	0.1%	0.93	0.0%	2,647.39	10.4%	128.04	0.5%	7,010.67	27.4%	15,228.27	59.6%	432.98	1.7%	-	0.0%	25,551.11	100.0%
Oregon	23.01	0.3%	5.36	0.1%	0.09	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	1.21	0.0%	0.10	0.0%	-	0.0%	825.89	10.7%	68.77	0.9%	1,808.92	23.3%	4,874.41	62.9%	142.42	1.8%	-	0.0%	7,750.18	100.0%
Palmyra	122.91	1.5%	9.15	0.1%	-	0.0%	44.10	0.5%	2.02	0.0%	4.54	0.1%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	107.70	1.3%	17.80	0.2%	420.41	5.0%	7,418.48	88.5%	210.17	2.5%	25.55	0.3%	8,382.83	100.0%
Paupack	272.94	1.5%	37.61	0.2%	-	0.0%	12.73	0.1%	-	0.0%	3.18	0.0%	-	0.0%	261.22	1.4%	251.53	1.4%	35.89	0.2%	921.78	5.0%	14,015.44	75.6%	2,727.56	14.7%	0.70	0.0%	18,540.58	100.0%
Preston	145.95	0.6%	120.22	0.5%	4.04	0.0%	90.50	0.4%	-	0.0%	2.28	0.0%	1.20	0.0%	-	0.0%	1,658.04	7.1%	80.41	0.3%	7,752.02	33.2%	12,280.56	52.6%	1,225.00	5.2%	-	0.0%	23,360.22	100.0%
Prompton	21.21	2.8%	0.37	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.01	0.0%	9.99	1.3%	0.13	0.0%	42.57	5.6%	2.67	0.3%	242.24	31.7%	429.35	56.2%	16.01	2.1%	-	0.0%	764.55	100.0%
Salem	123.97	1.0%	2.41	0.0%	1.78	0.0%	1.13	0.0%	-	0.0%	2.25	0.0%	-	0.0%	50.10	0.4%	937.12	7.3%	70.78	0.6%	3,266.93	25.4%	7,996.33	62.2%	404.70	3.1%	5.34	0.0%	12,862.84	100.0%
Scott	61.93	0.3%	11.96	0.1%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.21	0.0%	-	0.0%	948.38	4.0%	39.67	0.2%	4,712.47	20.0%	17,527.47	74.3%	279.39	1.2%	0.62	0.0%	23,582.10	100.0%
South Canaan	52.97	0.5%	1.45	0.0%	1.41	0.0%	15.45	0.1%	-	0.0%	1.85	0.0%	0.26	0.0%	-	0.0%	898.18	8.6%	77.64	0.7%	3,059.70	29.2%	6,030.09	57.5%	350.98	3.3%	-	0.0%	10,489.98	100.0%
Starrucca	16.58	0.4%	0.19	0.0%	-	0.0%	6.46	0.2%	-	0.0%	3.80	0.1%	0.56	0.0%	0.73	0.0%	389.55	9.2%	27.87	0.7%	1,647.73	39.0%	2,120.15	50.1%	16.50	0.4%	-	0.0%	4,230.12	100.0%
Sterling	31.77	0.2%	-	0.0%	4.00	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	1.67	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	605.99	4.4%	47.66	0.3%	2,275.71	16.5%	10,765.61	78.0%	74.72	0.5%	-	0.0%	13,807.13	100.0%
Texas	183.03	2.8%	18.86	0.3%	4.36	0.1%	15.82	0.2%	-	0.0%	2.34	0.0%	8.21	0.1%	-	0.0%	519.32	8.1%	61.45	1.0%	1,406.88	21.8%	4,073.33	63.2%	148.74	2.3%	-	0.0%	6,442.34	100.0%
Waymart	15.61	1.6%	5.83	0.6%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.79	0.1%	0.20	0.0%	1.68	0.2%	-	0.0%	109.51	11.3%	6.73	0.7%	185.90	19.2%	604.09	62.5%	36.74	3.8%	-	0.0%	967.08	100.0%

Wayne County 2002 Non-Prime Agricultural Soil Land Use - Table 14

Municipality	Residential		Commercial		Industrial		Transportation		Utilities		Religious		Gov/Inst		Recreational		Cropland		Farmstead		Pasture/Brush		Forest		Water		Mining/Extraction		Total	
	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%
Wayne County	13,362.58	3.8%	1,530.34	0.4%	75.41	0.0%	294.12	0.1%	54.44	0.0%	91.96	0.0%	349.23	0.1%	770.85	0.2%	13,581.72	3.8%	662.83	0.2%	33,425.15	9.4%	274,337.14	77.4%	15,634.51	4.4%	448.99	0.1%	354,619.27	100.0%
Berlin	667.69	3.8%	121.87	0.7%	13.18	0.1%	-	0.0%	2.01	0.0%	4.79	0.0%	6.36	0.0%	0.40	0.0%	839.36	4.8%	10.89	0.1%	1,786.69	10.3%	13,202.70	75.9%	744.76	4.3%	2.18	0.0%	17,402.88	100.0%
Bethany	13.90	20.2%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	3.46	5.0%	-	0.0%	14.00	20.3%	36.02	52.3%	1.50	2.2%	-	0.0%	68.88	100.0%
Buckingham	172.27	0.7%	150.52	0.6%	0.78	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	2.13	0.0%	1.99	0.0%	1.53	0.0%	429.05	1.8%	24.86	0.1%	1,255.51	5.2%	21,426.91	88.6%	712.09	2.9%	7.42	0.0%	24,185.06	100.0%
Canaan	245.00	2.7%	113.64	1.2%	1.45	0.0%	-	0.0%	3.07	0.0%	1.71	0.0%	79.30	0.9%	-	0.0%	236.79	2.6%	10.77	0.1%	704.43	7.6%	7,219.74	78.3%	588.45	6.4%	13.61	0.1%	9,217.96	100.0%
Cherry Ridge	329.12	3.9%	7.87	0.1%	0.14	0.0%	9.77	0.1%	0.23	0.0%	-	0.0%	1.90	0.0%	-	0.0%	453.15	5.4%	27.10	0.3%	1,057.61	12.6%	5,991.58	71.5%	503.38	6.0%	-	0.0%	8,381.85	100.0%
Clinton	469.55	2.4%	10.59	0.1%	7.11	0.0%	-	0.0%	3.19	0.0%	0.14	0.0%	0.41	0.0%	4.09	0.0%	995.07	5.2%	63.28	0.3%	1,808.55	9.4%	15,056.02	78.1%	815.36	4.2%	32.74	0.2%	19,266.10	100.0%
Damascus	1,209.28	3.4%	67.71	0.2%	2.30	0.0%	-	0.0%	1.08	0.0%	9.60	0.0%	12.65	0.																

Wayne County 1959 Pasture and Brush - Classification in 2002 - Table 15

Municipality	Residential		Commercial		Industrial		Transportation		Utilities		Religious		Gov/Inst		Recreational		Cropland		Farmstead		Pasture/Brush		Forest		Water		Mining/Extraction		Total	
	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%
Wayne County	4,452.63	4.5%	489.20	0.5%	48.22	0.0%	167.42	0.2%	17.12	0.0%	15.72	0.0%	195.16	0.2%	130.86	0.1%	6,101.66	6.2%	274.87	0.3%	28,925.20	29.5%	54,990.77	56.2%	2,003.34	2.0%	88.89	0.1%	97,901.06	100.0%
Berlin	257.16	6.6%	20.35	0.5%	7.47	0.2%	-	0.0%	1.12	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.51	0.0%	-	0.0%	235.82	6.1%	4.18	0.1%	1,258.08	32.4%	1,966.91	50.7%	112.06	2.9%	16.13	0.4%	3,879.79	100.0%
Bethany	11.22	19.7%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.46	0.8%	-	0.0%	19.64	34.4%	24.41	42.8%	1.32	2.3%	-	0.0%	57.05	100.0%
Buckingham	70.64	1.8%	36.87	1.0%	2.24	0.1%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.65	0.0%	0.55	0.0%	166.74	4.4%	5.70	0.1%	964.98	25.2%	2,498.68	65.3%	79.64	2.1%	-	0.0%	3,826.69	100.0%
Canaan	87.06	4.6%	31.80	1.7%	1.53	0.1%	-	0.0%	0.21	0.0%	-	0.0%	68.75	3.7%	-	0.0%	85.00	4.5%	3.56	0.2%	486.69	25.9%	1,058.85	56.3%	46.19	2.5%	9.67	0.5%	1,879.31	100.0%
Cherry Ridge	255.92	7.6%	15.13	0.5%	2.75	0.1%	27.79	0.8%	0.23	0.0%	1.49	0.0%	0.34	0.0%	-	0.0%	313.82	9.3%	10.88	0.3%	1,041.94	31.0%	1,614.61	48.1%	75.29	2.2%	-	0.0%	3,360.19	100.0%
Clinton	151.49	3.1%	9.38	0.2%	6.47	0.1%	-	0.0%	0.22	0.0%	0.08	0.0%	1.67	0.0%	2.66	0.1%	311.71	6.4%	18.54	0.4%	1,532.04	31.3%	2,684.36	54.8%	176.83	3.6%	-	0.0%	4,895.45	100.0%
Damascus	590.29	5.0%	18.43	0.2%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.40	0.0%	-	0.0%	1.68	0.0%	-	0.0%	1,445.20	12.1%	28.92	0.2%	4,565.37	38.4%	5,085.45	42.8%	159.49	1.3%	-	0.0%	11,895.23	100.0%
Dreher	108.97	7.3%	4.76	0.3%	0.02	0.0%	-	0.0%	1.23	0.1%	1.17	0.1%	7.14	0.5%	7.85	0.5%	31.08	2.1%	0.70	0.0%	221.92	14.8%	1,097.68	73.4%	12.15	0.8%	-	0.0%	1,494.67	100.0%
Dyberry	269.13	6.8%	29.63	0.8%	4.92	0.1%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	33.02	0.8%	0.31	0.0%	265.05	6.7%	9.59	0.2%	1,206.01	30.7%	2,018.37	51.4%	77.15	2.0%	15.85	0.4%	3,929.03	100.0%
Hawley	20.40	31.1%	4.04	6.2%	-	0.0%	0.16	0.2%	0.56	0.9%	1.13	1.7%	1.24	1.9%	14.68	22.4%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	9.08	13.8%	12.83	19.6%	1.49	2.3%	-	0.0%	65.61	100.0%
Honesdale	93.22	15.0%	10.42	1.7%	0.66	0.1%	-	0.0%	1.11	0.2%	3.99	0.6%	35.51	5.7%	10.22	1.6%	11.66	1.9%	0.90	0.1%	204.92	33.1%	244.04	39.4%	3.32	0.5%	-	0.0%	619.97	100.0%
Lake	357.60	9.0%	38.03	1.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.52	0.0%	-	0.0%	4.04	0.1%	21.93	0.6%	120.02	3.0%	19.70	0.5%	1,151.31	29.1%	1,987.99	50.2%	245.96	6.2%	13.67	0.3%	3,960.77	100.0%
Lebanon	97.36	2.3%	13.58	0.3%	-	0.0%	11.36	0.3%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	344.50	8.0%	14.14	0.3%	1,545.28	35.8%	2,199.41	51.0%	85.29	2.0%	-	0.0%	4,310.92	100.0%
Lehigh	53.27	8.7%	4.95	0.8%	-	0.0%	1.78	0.3%	0.33	0.1%	1.03	0.2%	1.60	0.3%	0.23	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	216.29	35.4%	304.86	49.9%	27.11	4.4%	-	0.0%	611.45	100.0%
Manchester	214.03	4.0%	18.84	0.4%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	4.87	0.1%	0.04	0.0%	2.87	0.1%	16.88	0.3%	299.05	5.6%	16.94	0.3%	1,613.64	30.0%	3,127.57	58.2%	59.95	1.1%	-	0.0%	5,374.68	100.0%
Mt Pleasant	252.76	2.6%	26.08	0.3%	0.58	0.0%	-	0.0%	1.07	0.0%	-	0.0%	1.20	0.0%	-	0.0%	548.72	5.7%	23.86	0.2%	2,224.10	23.2%	6,293.19	65.7%	201.12	2.1%	-	0.0%	9,572.68	100.0%
Oregon	100.25	4.1%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	150.43	6.2%	7.69	0.3%	883.22	36.3%	1,256.03	51.6%	37.72	1.5%	-	0.0%	2,435.34	100.0%
Palmyra	70.44	10.0%	3.78	0.5%	-	0.0%	0.88	0.1%	0.18	0.0%	4.71	0.7%	0.41	0.1%	0.93	0.1%	25.90	3.7%	1.76	0.2%	251.09	35.6%	319.48	45.3%	23.35	3.3%	2.28	0.3%	705.19	100.0%
Paupack	190.37	14.1%	40.97	3.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	5.08	0.4%	21.26	1.6%	3.30	0.2%	321.72	23.8%	686.43	50.7%	85.16	6.3%	-	0.0%	1,354.29	100.0%
Preston	196.18	1.9%	44.82	0.4%	6.12	0.1%	-	0.0%	0.77	0.0%	0.14	0.0%	3.36	0.0%	0.05	0.0%	660.41	6.3%	27.05	0.3%	2,473.23	23.6%	6,984.30	66.6%	92.50	0.9%	1.37	0.0%	10,490.30	100.0%
Prompton	14.63	4.2%	1.06	0.3%	1.16	0.3%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	1.00	0.3%	39.72	11.3%	4.88	1.4%	0.10	0.0%	64.93	18.5%	162.38	46.2%	61.74	17.6%	-	0.0%	351.60	100.0%
Salem	383.86	8.6%	28.53	0.6%	2.06	0.0%	4.98	0.1%	1.98	0.0%	0.73	0.0%	4.49	0.1%	4.23	0.1%	154.42	3.5%	24.85	0.6%	1,207.02	27.0%	2,587.23	57.9%	59.03	1.3%	3.19	0.1%	4,466.60	100.0%
Scott	149.65	2.3%	16.76	0.3%	0.72	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	265.23	4.1%	15.05	0.2%	1,739.50	27.2%	4,121.32	64.5%	82.15	1.3%	3.98	0.1%	6,394.36	100.0%
South Canaan	116.20	2.5%	7.27	0.2%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.16	0.0%	1.21	0.0%	3.56	0.1%	-	0.0%	202.37	4.4%	23.40	0.5%	1,394.57	30.6%	2,681.30	58.8%	120.28	2.6%	12.51	0.3%	4,562.83	100.0%
Starrucca	23.10	1.1%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.03	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	167.58	8.2%	6.41	0.3%	828.76	40.5%	1,012.72	49.5%	7.60	0.4%	-	0.0%	2,046.20	100.0%
Sterling	105.82	3.6%	16.33	0.6%	1.81	0.1%	119.44	4.0%	1.87	0.1%	-	0.0%	2.79	0.1%	1.38	0.0%	94.73	3.2%	3.51	0.1%	662.38	22.4%	1,906.50	64.4%	33.30	1.1%	10.24	0.3%	2,960.10	100.0%
Texas	184.36	8.9%	39.62	1.9%	7.78	0.4%	1.03	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	18.86	0.9%	4.16	0.2%	164.93	8.0%	4.10	0.2%	701.46	34.0%	901.66	43.7%	34.30	1.7%	-	0.0%	2,062.26	100.0%
Waymart	27.25	8.1%	7.77	2.3%	1.93	0.6%	-	0.0%	0.26	0.1%	-	0.0%	0.47	0.1%	-	0.0%	10.69	3.2%	0.04	0.0%	136.03	40.2%	152.21	45.0%	1.85	0.5%	-	0.0%	338.50	100.0%



Wayne County 1959 Pasture/Brush - Its Classification in 2002
At A Glance

- * Preston had more 1959 pasture/brush acreage reforested by 2002 than any other municipality with 6,984 acres total. Preston was followed by Mount Pleasant with 6,293 acres and Damascus with 5,085 acres.
- * Dreher had the greatest percentage of 1959 pasture/brush acreage reforested by 2002, 73.4%. Preston was second with 66.6% and Mount Pleasant was third with 65.7%
- * Damascus had the largest number of 1959 pasture/brush acres converted to cropland by 2002, totaling 1,445 acres. Preston was second with 660 acres and Mount Pleasant was third with 549 acres.
- * Damascus had the greatest percentage of its 1959 pasture/brush land converted to cropland by 2002, 12.1%. Damascus was followed by Cherry Ridge with 9.3% and Starrucca with 8.2%.

the 1959 pasture/brush land in each township that had a greater percentage of their pasture/brush land converted to forest by 2002 than Wayne County overall.

Table 16 – 1959 Percentage of Pasture/Brush Reclaimed By Forest by 2002 Greater Than Wayne County’s Overall of 56.2%								
Municipality	<u>Acre</u> s of <u>Pasture/</u> <u>Brush to</u> <u>Forest</u>	<u>Municipal</u> <u>Percent of</u> <u>P/B to</u> <u>Forest</u>	Municipality	<u>Acre</u> s of <u>Pasture/</u> <u>Brush to</u> <u>Forest</u>	<u>Municipal</u> <u>Percent of</u> <u>P/B to</u> <u>Forest</u>	Municipality	<u>Acre</u> s of <u>Pasture/</u> <u>Brush to</u> <u>Forest</u>	<u>Municipal</u> <u>Percent of</u> <u>P/B to</u> <u>Forest</u>
Buckingham	2,499	65.3%	Mt Pleasant	6,293	65.7%	Scott	4,121	64.5%
Canaan	1,059	56.3%	Preston	6,984	66.6%	So Canaan	2,681	58.8%
Dreher	1,098	73.4%	Salem	2,587	57.9%	Sterling	1,907	64.4%
Manchester	3,128	58.2%						

In the classification of pasture/brush being converted to cropland, nine municipalities exceeded the countywide rate of 6.2% (6,102 acres). These nine municipalities are listed in Table 17. Between 1959 and 2002 many farmers took advantage of the programs offered by the United States Department of Agriculture which provided financial assistance in land improvement efforts of converting pasture land to cropland. This included the burying of stonewalls and the cleanup of rocky pastures. Often times it also included tiles or swales to aid in drainage so the soil was more conducive to the growing of crops.

Table 17 – 1959 Percentage of Pasture/Brush Converted to Cropland in 2002 With a Percent Equal to or Greater Than Wayne County Overall of 6.2%								
Municipality	<u>Acre</u> s of <u>Pasture/</u> <u>Brush to</u> <u>Cropland</u>	<u>Municipal</u> <u>Percent of</u> <u>P/B to</u> <u>Cropland</u>	Municipality	<u>Acre</u> s of <u>Pasture/</u> <u>Brush to</u> <u>Cropland</u>	<u>Municipal</u> <u>Percent of</u> <u>P/B to</u> <u>Cropland</u>	Municipality	<u>Acre</u> s of <u>Pasture/</u> <u>Brush to</u> <u>Cropland</u>	<u>Municipal</u> <u>Percent of</u> <u>P/B to</u> <u>Cropland</u>
Cherry Ridge	314	9.3%	Dyberry	265	6.7%	Preston	660	6.3%
Clinton	312	6.4%	Lebanon	345	8.0%	Starrucca	168	8.2%
Damascus	1,445	12.1%	Oregon	150	6.2%	Texas	165	8.0%

The following sections are reports for Wayne County and the 28 municipalities located in Wayne County. Each report contains four pages of text and a land use map for 1959 and 2002. All data contained in the reports is drawn from the previous tables (Table 1-17). Each municipal report is structured to reflect the unique circumstances that may exist in that particular municipality. For example, townships that had large areas of agricultural land in 1959 and 2002 will have a different emphasis than the more developed boroughs of Hawley and Honesdale.

Following the individual reports, the appendix contains some additional background information and data. A table is included that lists the 95 soil types in Wayne County that have been classified by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The soils are grouped by NRCS in terms of importance as they relate to agricultural production.

In addition, there is a summary of the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) sponsored by the NRCS in Wayne County. This program helps maintain some agricultural lands by providing financial assistance to the property owner.