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WNY counties rated among top rural places to live

Genesee and Wyoming counties have the distinction of being rated among the "Best Places to Live in Rural America" according to Progressive Farmer magazine.

In the Northeast U.S., Genesee was ranked as 17th best while Wyoming was ranked 19th. Four other upstate New York counties ranked in the top 20 in the Northeast -- Ontario, 3rd; Madison, 4th; Warren, 12th; and Livingston, 13th. Grafton County in New Hampshire placed first in the region. Fauquier County in Virginia was rated as the top overall rural county in the U.S.

Progressive Farmer said it based its ratings from another Time Inc. publication, Money magazine, which annually publishes a best places issue ranking U.S. cities. More than 600 counties were considered using population, population density, and income criteria. Rankings included health care, education, climate, pollution index, crime index and tax burden.

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