Honeoye -- New York State Soil

The word “Honeoye” is from the Iroquois “Hay-e-a-yeah.” Legend indicates that a Seneca brave was bitten by a rattlesnake, had to cut off the bitten finger, and later described the location of the incident as the place “where the finger lies.”

Honeoye soils are used for corn, soybeans, wheat, oats, vegetables, alfalfa, grass pasture and hay, and grape and apple orchards. Woodlots contain sugar maple, white ash, red and white oak, hickory, and associated species. These productive soils occur on about 500,000 acres in New York.

Honeoye soils are fertile, have a high base saturation throughout, and are slightly acid at the surface and neutral in the subsoil.

Honeoye Soil Profile

Surface layer: dark grayish brown loam
Subsurface layer: brown loam
Subsoil - upper: brown loam
Subsoil - lower: brown gravelly loam
Substratum: dark grayish brown very gravelly loam