

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Florida Agricultural Statistics Service



ALACHUA FLORIDA

Land in farms

Increased 4 percent from 191,140 acres in 1992 to 198,193 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 176 acres in 1992 to 182 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 482 farms in 1992 to 443 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

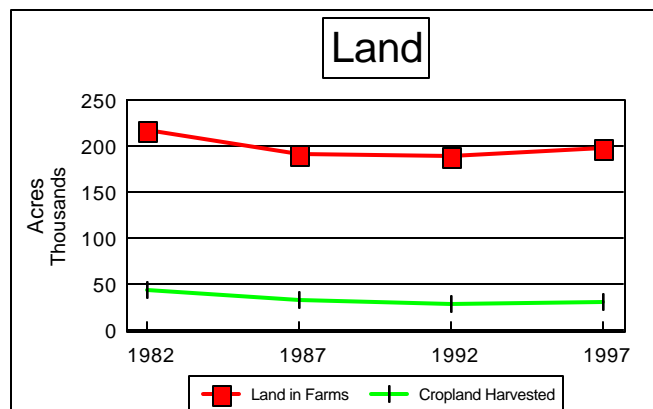
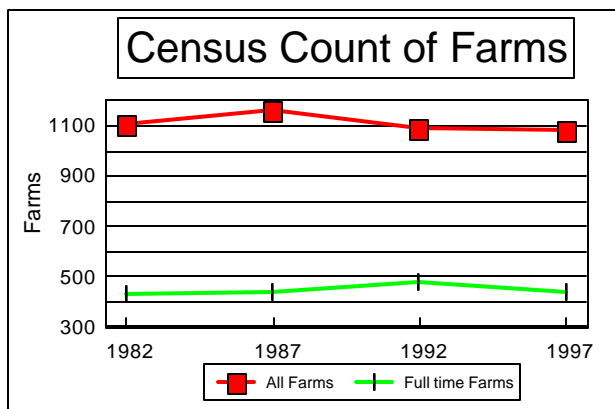
Increased 27 percent to \$50,256,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 62 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 38 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 27 percent from \$36,437 in 1992 to \$46,276 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	50,256	29	67	1,191	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	31,112	28	67	908	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	19,144	23	67	1,290	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	13,000	12	64	86	2,739
Nursery and greenhouse crops	8,254	31	67	258	2,790
Dairy products	8,253	16	52	436	2,563
Cattle and calves	8,210	12	67	1,059	3,063
Tobacco	4,001	2	17	179	580
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	21	39	555	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	24,507	12	67	791	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	8	57	224	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	2,849	7	64	1,433	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	30	56	953	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	(D)	20	57	532	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	49,567	13	67	617	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	5	65	101	2,884
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	3,823	25	65	867	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	1,731	4	67	283	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	10,963	6	67	1,617	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	5,535	10	64	122	2,741
Corn for grain-acres	2,997	9	52	1,516	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	2,737	4	43	532	2,473
Land in orchards-acres	2,050	25	66	213	2,693

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	733	721	2
\$10,000 or more	353	368	-4
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	38,532	32,074	20
Average per farmdollars..	35,546	29,453	21
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	11,130	6,202	79
Average per farmdollars..	10,268	5,695	80
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	932	946	-1
Partnership or corporation	140	132	6
Other	14	11	27
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	443	482	-8
Other	643	607	6
Operators by sex:			
Male	884	911	-3
Female	202	178	13
Operators by race:			
White	1,011	1,012	-0
Black and other races	75	77	-3
Average age of operator	56.3	54.0	4

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

* Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.