

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Florida Agricultural Statistics Service



COLUMBIA FLORIDA

Land in farms

Increased slightly from 96,968 acres in 1992 to 97,100 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 12 percent from 185 acres in 1992 to 162 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 13 percent from 214 farms in 1992 to 241 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

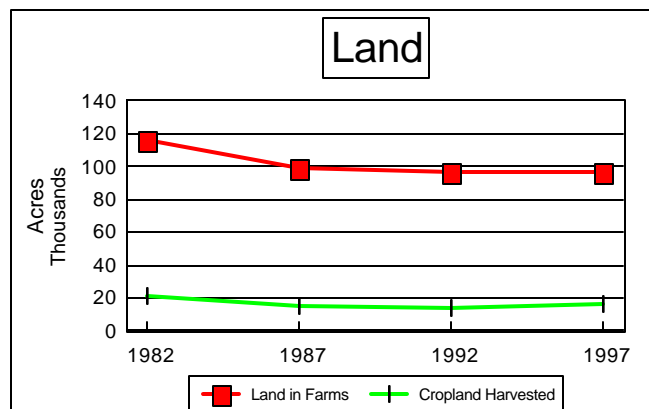
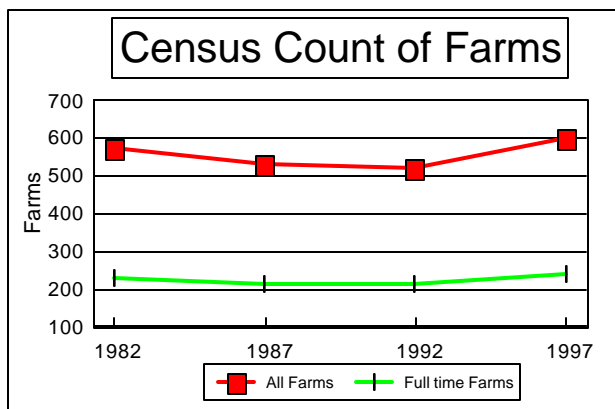
Increased 7 percent to \$22,060,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 46 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 54 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 7 percent from \$39,457 in 1992 to \$36,767 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	22,060	46	67	2,026	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	11,833	31	67	1,726	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	10,227	41	67	1,738	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	15	64	511	2,901
Cattle and calves	3,918	26	67	1,653	3,063
Tobacco	2,867	4	17	213	580
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	2,854	26	64	281	2,739
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,812	46	67	731	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	20	39	545	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	11	56	270	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	11,054	27	67	1,526	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	14	57	333	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	1,828	10	64	1,598	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	7	65	127	3,002
Broiler inventory	(D)	21	57	537	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	23,224	26	67	1,385	3,064
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	11	59	387	2,549
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,481	7	65	1,455	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	4,826	18	67	2,304	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	3,646	6	52	1,452	2,691
Cotton-acres	1,791	9	19	431	713
Land used for vegetables-acres	1,789	20	64	311	2,741
Peanuts-acres	1,435	10	30	133	466

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	437	350	25
\$10,000 or more	163	173	-6
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	20,927	17,177	22
Average per farmdollars..	34,879	32,717	7
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	2,607	2,766	-6
Average per farmdollars..	4,345	5,268	-18
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	560	472	19
Partnership or corporation	36	49	-27
Other	4	2	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	241	214	13
Other	359	309	16
Operators by sex:			
Male	510	454	12
Female	90	69	30
Operators by race:			
White	554	495	12
Black and other races	46	28	64
Average age of operator	57.0	55.6	3

(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.