

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Florida Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased slightly from 57,853 acres in 1992 to 57,933 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 15 percent from 174 acres in 1992 to 200 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 9 percent from 127 farms in 1992 to 115 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

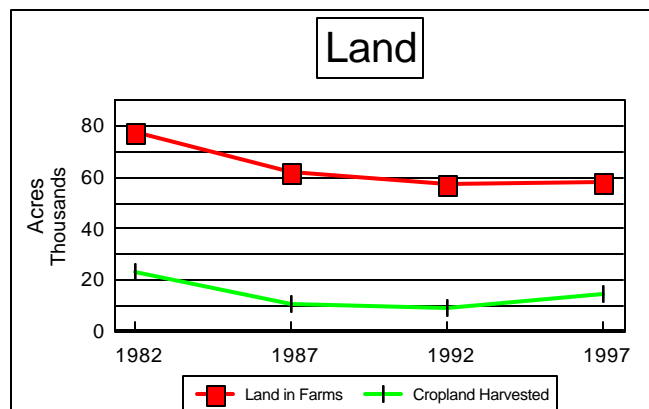
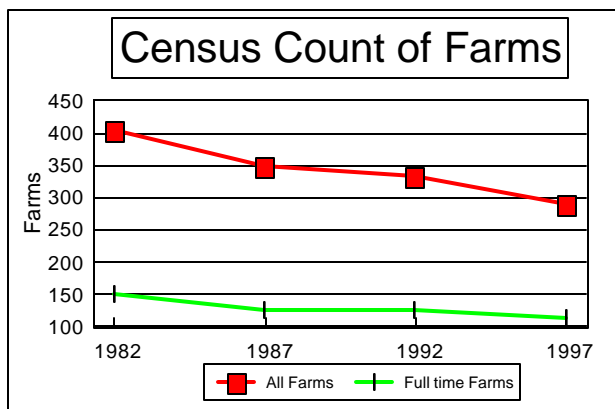
Increased 30 percent to \$92,632,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 92 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 8 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 50 percent from \$213,357 in 1992 to \$319,421 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	92,632	21	67	574	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	85,452	18	67	206	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	7,181	36	67	2,118	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	53,525	7	67	33	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	28,917	9	64	46	2,739
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	19	64	545	2,901
Cotton, cottonseed	(D)	7	19	390	709
Cattle and calves	988	50	67	2,547	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	10	56	254	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	2,759	51	67	2,518	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	2,146	8	64	1,524	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	19	57	722	2,200
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	9	23	149	611
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	8	65	135	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	5,294	53	67	2,548	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	17	65	609	2,884
Mule burro, and donkey inventory	(D)	1	62	2	2,901
Hogs and pigs inventory	934	12	65	1,639	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	2,785	34	67	2,600	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	2,680	13	64	234	2,741
All nursery-acres	2,498	15	66	103	2,619
Cotton-acres	(D)	12	19	445	713
Corn for grain-acres	1,141	13	52	1,820	2,691

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	183	226	-19
\$10,000 or more	107	107	
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	61,590	53,306	16
Average per farmdollars..	213,856	160,561	33
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	30,009	18,178	65
Average per farmdollars..	104,199	54,752	90
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	242	279	-13
Partnership or corporation	47	53	-11
Other	1	1	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	115	127	-9
Other	175	206	-15
Operators by sex:			
Male	257	302	-15
Female	33	31	6
Operators by race:			
White	271	310	-13
Black and other races	19	23	-17
Average age of operator	58.8	57.1	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.