

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Florida Agricultural Statistics Service



GILCHRIST FLORIDA

Land in farms

Increased 10 percent from 70,987 acres in 1992 to 78,090 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased slightly from 216 acres in 1992 to 214 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 3 percent from 171 farms in 1992 to 166 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

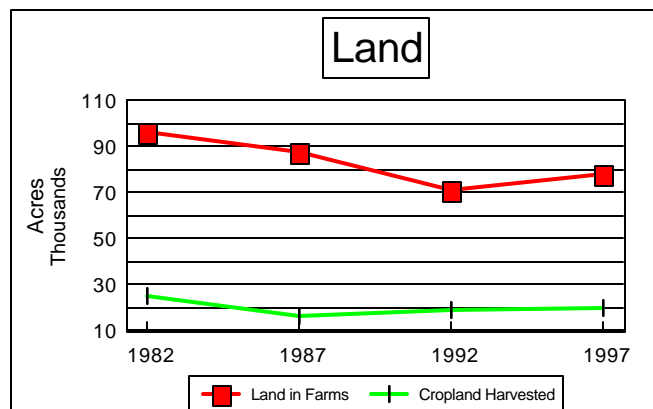
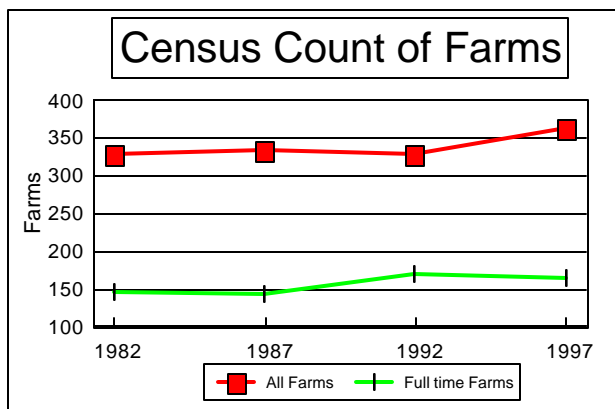
Increased 84 percent to \$52,043,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 15 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 85 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 66 percent from \$85,770 in 1992 to \$142,583 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	52,043	26	67	1,152	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	44,222	8	67	601	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	7,821	46	67	1,900	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	39,298	2	52	104	2,563
Cattle and calves	4,658	20	67	1,504	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	2,352	2	65	314	3,043
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	2,290	32	64	334	2,739
Nursery and greenhouse crops	966	51	67	991	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	17,085	17	67	1,137	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	10	57	274	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	569	26	64	2,008	2,976
All goats sold	540	4	62	169	2,686
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	18	38	396	1,593
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	34,540	18	67	972	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	6	65	152	2,884
All goat inventory	602	11	64	368	2,983
Horse and pony inventory	484	34	67	1,640	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	404	29	65	1,961	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	8,214	10	67	1,890	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	6,210	1	43	235	2,473
Land used for vegetables-acres	1,836	19	64	305	2,741
Field seeds-acres	1,745	5	26	105	1,212
Cotton-acres	1,440	14	19	449	713

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	225	183	23
\$10,000 or more	140	146	-4
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	44,452	24,112	84
Average per farmdollars..	122,121	73,512	66
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	7,247	2,622	176
Average per farmdollars..	19,910	7,993	149
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	323	286	13
Partnership or corporation	41	42	-2
Other	1	1	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	166	171	-3
Other	199	158	26
Operators by sex:			
Male	319	282	13
Female	46	47	-2
Operators by race:			
White	364	326	12
Black and other races	1	3	-67
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.