

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Florida Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Increased 6 percent from 327,611 acres in 1992 to 345,643 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 18 percent from 280 acres in 1992 to 331 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 9 percent from 537 farms in 1992 to 486 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

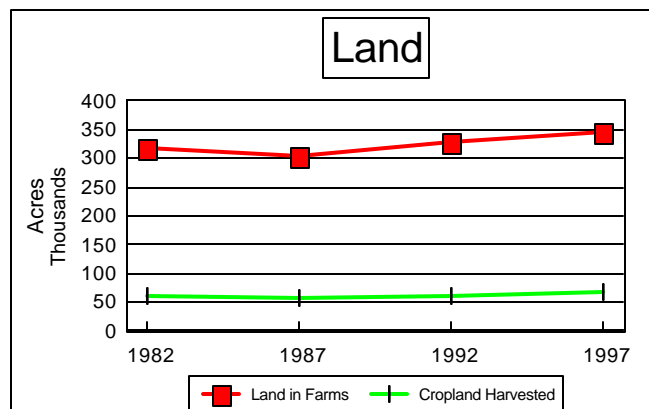
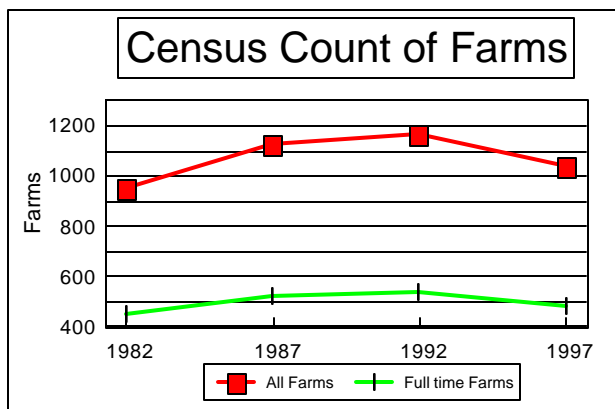
Increased 21 percent to \$154,837,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 76 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 24 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 36 percent from \$109,255 in 1992 to \$148,170 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	154,837	13	67	227	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	117,577	13	67	98	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	37,261	9	67	727	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Fruits, nuts, berries	101,102	7	64	30	2,547
Dairy products	20,735	5	52	203	2,563
Cattle and calves	14,881	5	67	605	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	11,932	22	67	172	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	4,428	21	64	200	2,739
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	22	56	576	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	41,295	5	67	398	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	515	29	64	2,046	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	46	31	66	1,748	3,015
All goats sold	(D)	57	62	2,084	2,686
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	92,706	5	67	162	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	17	65	503	3,002
Colony of bees inventory	7,445	6	65	59	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	567	26	67	1,425	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	302	35	65	2,072	3,005
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Land in orchards-acres	58,900	7	66	19	2,693
Hay crops-acres	6,161	15	67	2,132	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	1,984	18	64	292	2,741
All nursery-acres	646	35	66	444	2,619
Corn for silage-acres	(D)	18	43	1,667	2,473

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	426	448	-5
\$10,000 or more .....	619	721	-14
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	119,827	98,760	21
Average per farm .....dollars..	114,558	84,482	36
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	30,666	27,264	12
Average per farm .....dollars..	29,317	23,322	26
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	746	838	-11
Partnership or corporation .....	279	314	-11
Other .....	20	17	18
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	486	537	-9
Other .....	559	632	-12
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	879	1,004	-12
Female .....	166	165	1
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,027	1,162	-12
Black and other races .....	18	7	157
Average age of operator .....	59.0	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.