

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Florida Agricultural Statistics Service



HENDRY FLORIDA

Land in farms

Increased 14 percent from 529,835 acres in 1992 to 604,677 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 10 percent from 1,362 acres in 1992 to 1,500 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 5 percent from 221 farms in 1992 to 209 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

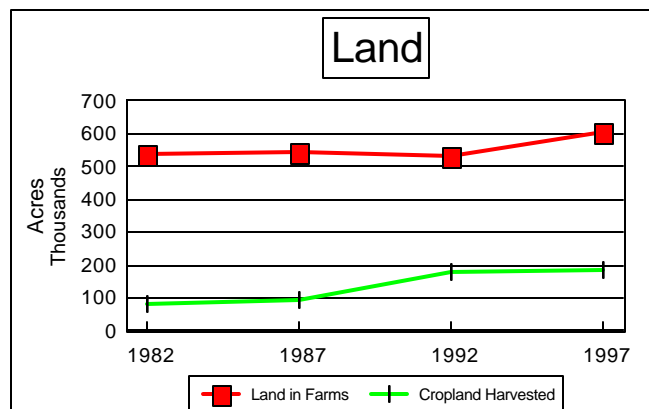
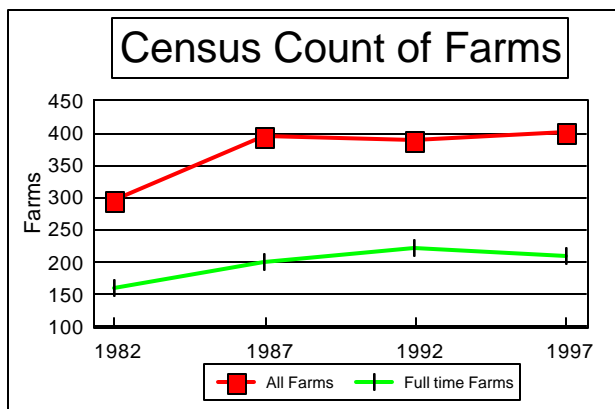
Increased 18 percent to \$323,438,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 95 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 5 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 14 percent from \$702,590 in 1992 to \$802,575 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	323,438	4	67	58	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	308,649	3	67	24	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	14,788	29	67	1,526	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Fruits, nuts, berries	165,854	2	64	18	2,547
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	71,510	2	54	13	2,237
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	56,949	6	64	25	2,739
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	18	67	150	2,790
Cattle and calves	14,059	6	67	650	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	36,450	6	67	482	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	22,658	6	57	172	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	87	60	64	2,597	2,976
All goats sold	(D)	48	62	1,744	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	28	41	66	2,199	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	91,875	6	67	169	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	6,209	10	65	80	2,588
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	4,304	9	65	274	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	246	48	67	2,418	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	142	50	65	2,494	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Land in orchards-acres	114,618	2	66	9	2,693
Sugarcane, sugar-acres	54,008	2	21	3	55
Land used for vegetables-acres	9,646	6	64	72	2,741
All nursery-acres	2,953	12	66	82	2,619
Sugarcane, seed-acres	1,018	2	11	12	39

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	152	158	-4
\$10,000 or more	251	231	9
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	225,770	201,517	12
Average per farmdollars..	558,838	518,038	8
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	99,763	70,944	41
Average per farmdollars..	246,939	182,376	35
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	236	241	-2
Partnership or corporation	155	144	8
Other	12	4	200
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	209	221	-5
Other	194	168	15
Operators by sex:			
Male	357	351	2
Female	46	38	21
Operators by race:			
White	388	380	2
Black and other races	15	9	67
Average age of operator	55.5	55.3	0

(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.