

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Florida Agricultural Statistics Service



HIGHLANDS FLORIDA

Land in farms

Increased 1 percent from 483,835 acres in 1992 to 489,579 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 15 percent from 742 acres in 1992 to 628 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 8 percent from 320 farms in 1992 to 346 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

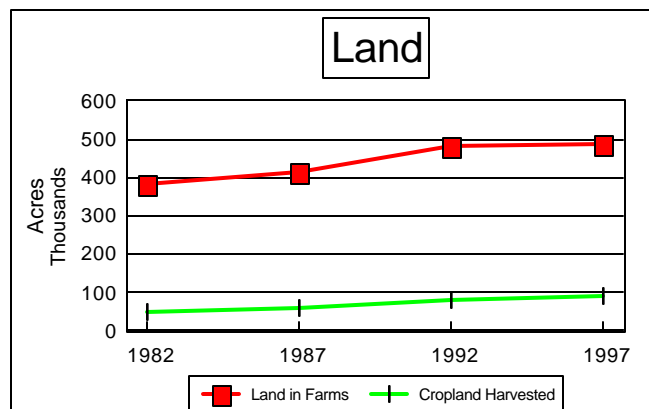
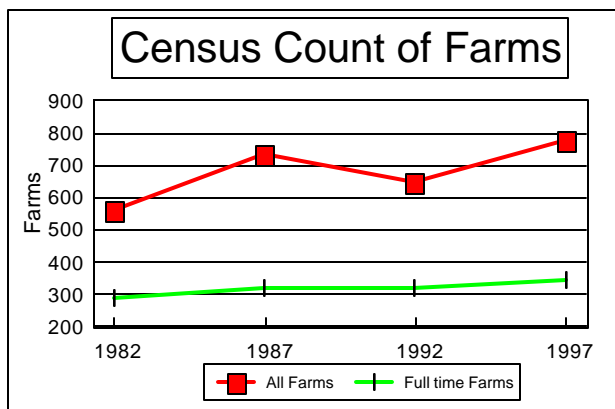
Increased 9 percent to \$202,863,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 82 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 18 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 9 percent from \$285,168 in 1992 to \$260,414 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	202,863	9	67	131	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	167,155	9	67	57	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	35,708	10	67	752	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Fruits, nuts, berries	139,311	5	64	22	2,547
Nursery and greenhouse crops	21,196	14	67	100	2,790
Cattle and calves	18,664	3	67	448	3,063
Dairy products	16,358	7	52	253	2,563
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	5,777	16	64	163	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	54,010	3	67	258	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	819	21	64	1,874	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	1	46	1,202	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	336	27	57	1,041	2,200
Rabbits and their pelts sold	280	22	38	501	1,593
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	110,926	2	67	103	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	4,809	14	65	122	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	571	25	67	1,418	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	409	32	65	1,121	2,884
Hogs and pigs inventory	391	31	65	1,972	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Land in orchards-acres	83,957	4	66	13	2,693
Hay crops-acres	3,815	25	67	2,449	3,061
All nursery-acres	3,254	8	66	66	2,619
Land used for vegetables-acres	1,340	25	64	376	2,741
Total herbs-acres	(D)	4	22	34	649

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	353	288	23
\$10,000 or more	426	364	17
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	157,457	132,786	19
Average per farmdollars..	202,127	203,659	-1
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	44,536	53,329	-16
Average per farmdollars..	57,170	81,793	-30
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	525	430	22
Partnership or corporation	247	212	17
Other	7	10	-30
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	346	320	8
Other	433	332	30
Operators by sex:			
Male	647	560	16
Female	132	92	43
Operators by race:			
White	757	643	18
Black and other races	22	9	144
Average age of operator	56.0	54.4	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.