

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Florida Agricultural Statistics Service



HOLMES FLORIDA

Land in farms

Increased 1 percent from 86,706 acres in 1992 to 87,582 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 8 percent from 166 acres in 1992 to 152 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 4 percent from 248 farms in 1992 to 259 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

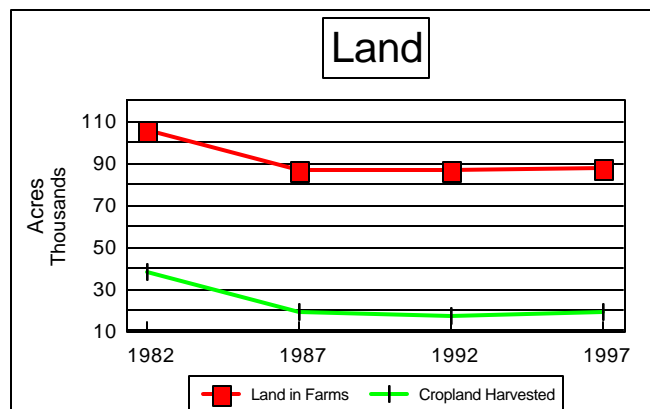
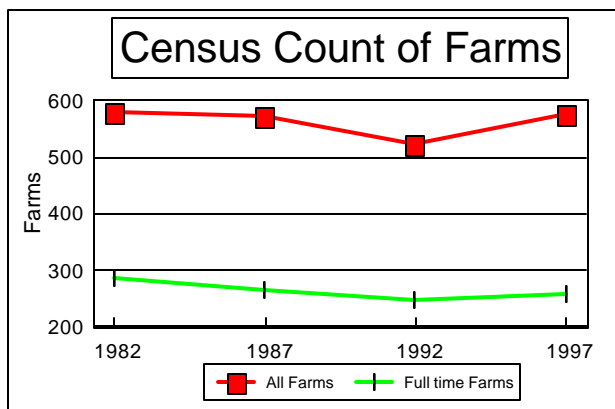
Increased slightly

Crop sales accounted for 17 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 83 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 9 percent from \$59,898 in 1992 to \$54,557 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	31,534	37	67	1,672	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	26,324	16	67	985	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	5,210	51	67	2,106	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	20,653	5	64	270	2,901
Dairy products	2,847	27	52	899	2,563
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	2,743	16	54	313	2,237
Cattle and calves	2,584	32	67	1,967	3,063
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	888	40	64	576	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	11,865,247	3	39	164	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	256,418	12	56	285	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	7,954	31	67	1,801	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,952	9	64	1,565	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	452	26	57	967	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	2,340,635	2	57	142	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	125,863	15	65	375	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	17,279	29	67	1,682	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	870	21	65	748	2,884
Hogs and pigs inventory	682	18	65	1,759	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	7,698	12	67	1,936	3,061
Peanuts-acres	4,599	5	30	75	466
Cotton-acres	2,303	7	19	408	713
Soybeans for beans-acres	1,894	8	24	1,427	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	1,862	10	52	1,671	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	385	299	29
\$10,000 or more	193	224	-14
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	23,870	27,308	-13
Average per farmdollars..	41,369	52,114	-21
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	4,807	4,976	-3
Average per farmdollars..	8,302	9,496	-13
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	546	500	9
Partnership or corporation	28	22	27
Other	4	1	300
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	259	248	4
Other	319	275	16
Operators by sex:			
Male	519	478	9
Female	59	45	31
Operators by race:			
White	570	517	10
Black and other races	8	6	33
Average age of operator	56.5	54.5	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.