

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Florida Agricultural Statistics Service



INDIAN RIVER FLORIDA

Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 174,673 acres in 1992 to 168,399 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 391 acres in 1992 to 385 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 5 percent from 244 farms in 1992 to 256 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

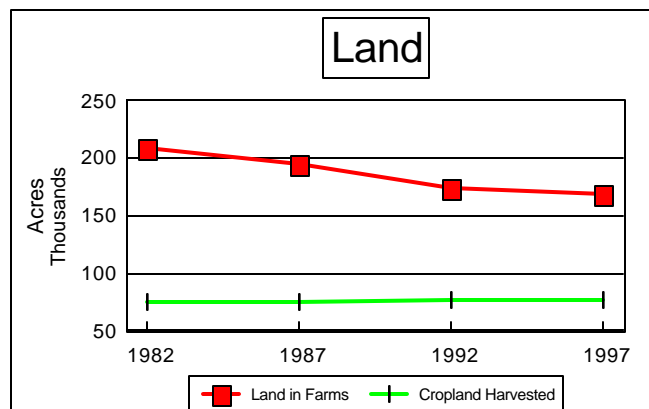
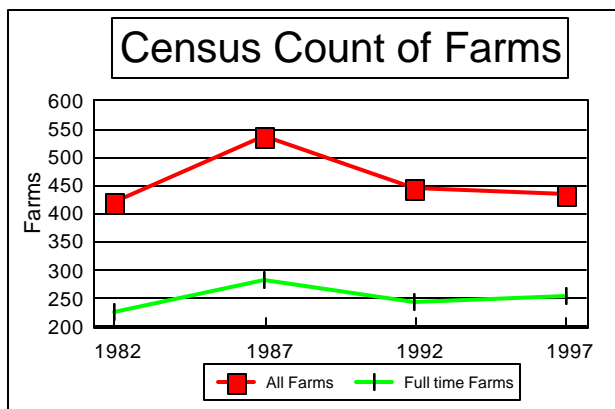
Decreased 34 percent to \$95,144,000 in 1997.

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

Decreased 33 percent from \$324,530 in 1992 to \$217,722 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	95,144	20	67	554	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	90,076	17	67	176	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	5,069	45	67	2,358	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Fruits, nuts, berries	84,260	8	64	34	2,547
Cattle and calves	3,278	28	67	1,794	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	3,160	41	67	546	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	(D)	29	64	298	2,739
Aquaculture	912	8	56	124	1,505
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	8,781	30	67	1,713	3,063
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	29	56	931	2,203
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	3	23	67	611
Horses and ponies sold	(D)	34	66	1,901	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	19,197	28	67	1,574	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	4,416	15	65	138	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	402	38	67	1,871	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	292	37	65	2,087	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	41	65	1,523	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Land in orchards-acres	72,971	6	66	15	2,693
All nursery-acres	(D)	20	66	171	2,619
Land used for vegetables-acres	1,050	27	64	446	2,741
Hay crops-acres	511	54	67	2,942	3,061
Total herbs-acres	(D)	16	22	273	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	176	151	17
\$10,000 or more	261	296	-12
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	82,830	99,283	-17
Average per farmdollars..	189,978	222,608	-15
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	11,767	43,339	-73
Average per farmdollars..	26,989	97,172	-72
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	283	274	3
Partnership or corporation	147	159	-8
Other	7	14	-50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	256	244	5
Other	181	203	-11
Operators by sex:			
Male	380	382	-1
Female	57	65	-12
Operators by race:			
White	430	442	-3
Black and other races	7	5	40
Average age of operator	58.8	55.9	5

(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.