

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Florida Agricultural Statistics Service



## LAKE FLORIDA

### Land in farms

Decreased 7 percent from 199,098 acres in 1992 to 185,311 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 12 percent from 151 acres in 1992 to 133 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 601 farms in 1992 to 553 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

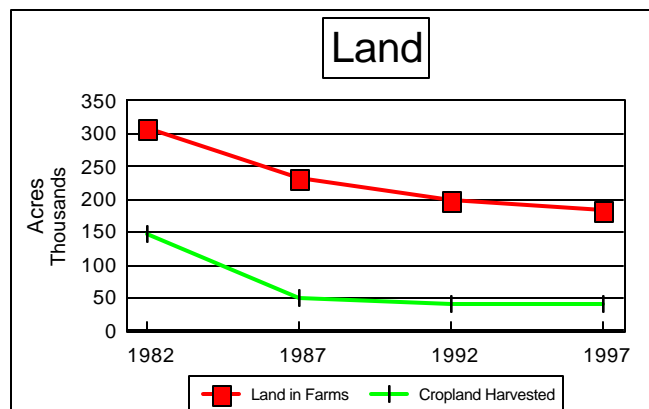
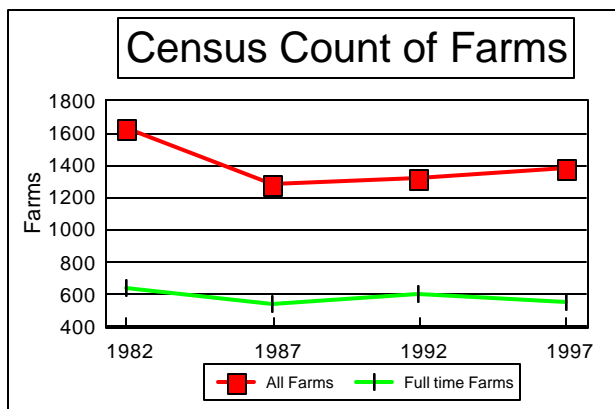
Increased 86 percent to \$168,137,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 86 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 14 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 77 percent from \$68,378 in 1992 to \$121,049 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	168,137	12	67	190	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	144,075	12	67	73	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	24,062	18	67	1,072	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	118,817	4	67	15	2,790
Fruits, nuts, berries	23,772	14	64	75	2,547
Dairy products	8,746	15	52	419	2,563
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	18	64	534	2,901
Cattle and calves	4,490	23	67	1,540	3,063
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	459,659	6	56	184	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	15,782	19	67	1,200	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	514	16	38	344	1,593
Hogs and pigs sold	355	39	64	2,203	2,976
All goats sold	256	15	62	379	2,686
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	9	65	140	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	6	59	266	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	34,442	19	67	975	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	30,215	2	65	7	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	1,461	6	67	395	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Land in orchards-acres	25,964	12	66	41	2,693
Hay crops-acres	9,413	8	67	1,772	3,061
All nursery-acres	4,252	7	66	51	2,619
Corn for grain-acres	(D)	23	52	1,961	2,691
Land used for vegetables-acres	433	41	64	697	2,741

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 .....	800	853	-6
\$10,000 or more .....	589	467	26
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	115,799	73,048	59
Average per farm .....dollars..	83,308	55,339	51
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	49,774	16,718	198
Average per farm .....dollars..	35,808	12,665	183
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	1,058	980	8
Partnership or corporation .....	321	323	-1
Other .....	10	17	-41
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	553	601	-8
Other .....	836	719	16
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	1,187	1,137	4
Female .....	202	183	10
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,346	1,297	4
Black and other races .....	43	23	87
Average age of operator .....	56.3	55.3	2

(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.