

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Florida Agricultural Statistics Service



## LEE FLORIDA

### Land in farms

Increased 21 percent from 106,721 acres in 1992 to 129,001 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 23 percent from 206 acres in 1992 to 253 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 11 percent from 230 farms in 1992 to 205 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

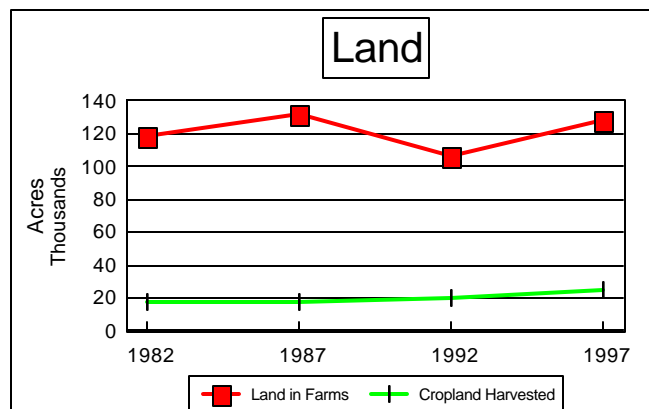
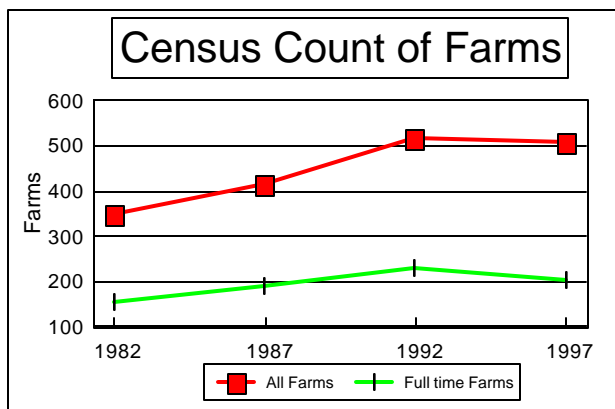
Increased 43 percent to \$116,397,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 98 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 2 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 45 percent from \$157,742 in 1992 to \$228,678 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	116,397	18	67	397	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	114,048	15	67	109	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	2,349	55	67	2,673	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	54,297	8	64	28	2,739
Nursery and greenhouse crops	36,043	10	67	53	2,790
Fruits, nuts, berries	18,859	18	64	89	2,547
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	(D)	15	54	240	2,237
Cattle and calves	1,548	43	67	2,321	3,063
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	5,572	39	67	2,083	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	1,134	20	57	736	2,200
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	35	56	1,199	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	123	56	64	2,525	2,976
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	27	38	792	1,593
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	12,358	35	67	1,959	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	5,517	12	65	97	2,588
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	1,315	16	65	580	2,884
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,055	29	65	1,172	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	583	23	67	1,387	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Land in orchards-acres	14,373	17	66	67	2,693
Land used for vegetables-acres	6,907	8	64	100	2,741
Potatoes-acres	1,870	7	35	117	1,733
All nursery-acres	1,196	25	66	252	2,619
Hay crops-acres	615	53	67	2,924	3,061

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 .....	306	300	2
\$10,000 or more .....	203	217	-6
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	91,008	68,442	33
Average per farm .....dollars..	178,798	132,383	35
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	24,446	13,277	84
Average per farm .....dollars..	48,028	25,680	87
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	379	388	-2
Partnership or corporation .....	119	116	3
Other .....	11	13	-15
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	205	230	-11
Other .....	304	287	6
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	430	446	-4
Female .....	79	71	11
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	503	513	-2
Black and other races .....	6	4	50
Average age of operator .....	54.2	53.0	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.