

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Florida Agricultural Statistics Service



LIBERTY FLORIDA

Land in farms

Decreased 38 percent from 11,738 acres in 1992 to 7,238 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 7 percent from 165 acres in 1992 to 154 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 26 percent from 23 farms in 1992 to 17 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

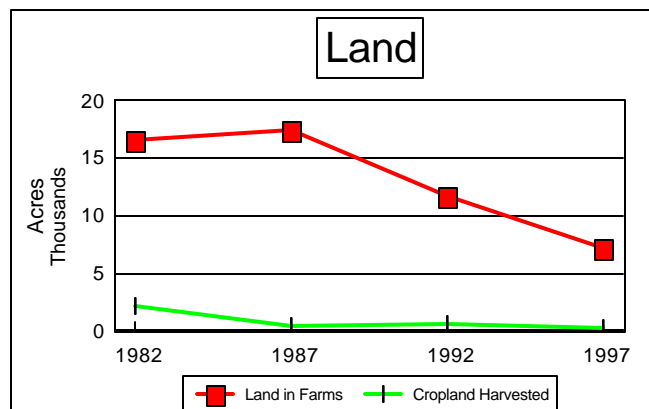
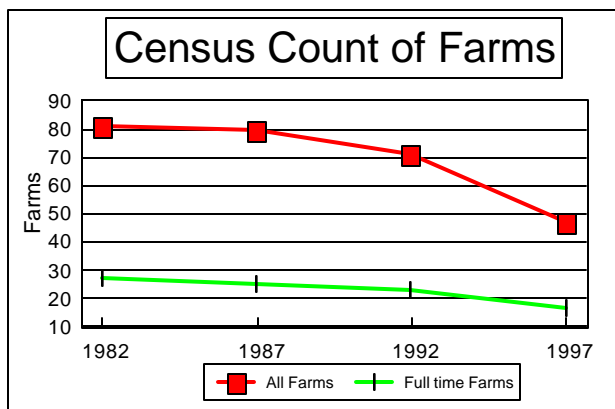
Decreased 15 percent to \$551,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 8 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 92 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 29 percent from \$9,114 in 1992 to \$11,733 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	551	65	67	3,021	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	510	63	67	2,954	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	42	66	67	3,048	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Colonies of bees and honey	307	14	63	113	1,992
Cattle and calves	113	63	67	2,970	3,063
Aquaculture	(D)	36	56	562	1,505
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	29	57	65	2,912	3,043
Dairy products	(D)	49	52	2,417	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	2	57	57	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	332	62	67	2,958	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	57	64	2,542	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	(D)	56	66	2,791	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Colony of bees inventory	4,175	17	65	143	2,588
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	12	65	368	2,884
Cattle and calves inventory	757	62	67	2,957	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	64	65	2,874	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	25	65	67	3,032	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	292	62	67	2,992	3,061
Land in orchards-acres	44	56	66	1,482	2,693
Corn for silage-acres	(D)	31	43	2,295	2,473
Wheat-acres	(D)	21	25	2,506	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	(D)	46	52	2,627	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	31	46	-33
\$10,000 or more	16	25	-36
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	479	635	-25
Average per farmdollars..	10,198	8,943	14
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	72	12	500
Average per farmdollars..	1,535	172	792
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	38	66	-42
Partnership or corporation	9	5	80
Other			
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	17	23	-26
Other	30	48	-38
Operators by sex:			
Male	40	64	-38
Female	7	7	
Operators by race:			
White	46	71	-35
Black and other races	1	-	
Average age of operator	60.7	57.4	6

(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.