

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Florida Agricultural Statistics Service



MANATEE FLORIDA

Land in farms

Decreased 11 percent from 299,699 acres in 1992 to 267,993 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 7 percent from 412 acres in 1992 to 384 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased slightly from 362 farms in 1992 to 361 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

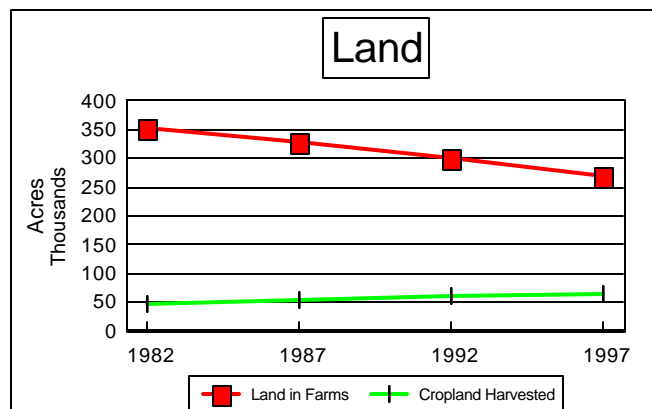
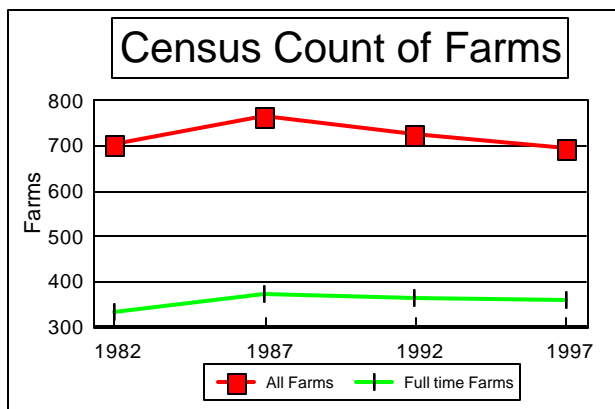
Increased 14 percent to \$239,624,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 92 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 8 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 19 percent from \$288,277 in 1992 to \$343,793 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	239,624	8	67	97	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	219,428	7	67	39	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	20,196	22	67	1,241	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	120,424	4	64	14	2,739
Nursery and greenhouse crops	45,218	8	67	41	2,790
Fruits, nuts, berries	44,076	11	64	52	2,547
Dairy products	11,472	10	52	334	2,563
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	9,054	7	54	144	2,237
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	23,125	14	67	842	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	1,097	12	38	196	1,593
Hogs and pigs sold	1,058	14	64	1,794	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	124	12	66	738	3,015
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	38	57	1,391	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	58,753	10	67	478	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	6,429	9	65	78	2,588
Hogs and pigs inventory	753	15	65	1,716	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	750	18	67	1,081	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	498	33	65	1,690	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Land in orchards-acres	26,418	11	66	40	2,693
Land used for vegetables-acres	22,173	3	64	29	2,741
All nursery-acres	6,072	5	66	30	2,619
Potatoes-acres	4,194	3	35	59	1,733
Hay crops-acres	2,879	33	67	2,584	3,061

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	355	334	6
\$10,000 or more	342	394	-13
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	152,561	155,230	-2
Average per farmdollars..	218,882	212,644	3
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	86,724	50,772	71
Average per farmdollars..	124,425	69,551	79
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	503	486	3
Partnership or corporation	187	233	-20
Other	7	9	-22
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	361	362	-0
Other	336	366	-8
Operators by sex:			
Male	573	619	-7
Female	124	109	14
Operators by race:			
White	682	721	-5
Black and other races	15	7	114
Average age of operator	57.3	55.3	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.