

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Florida Agricultural Statistics Service



MARION FLORIDA

Land in farms

Decreased 10 percent from 296,242 acres in 1992 to 265,572 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 11 percent from 179 acres in 1992 to 159 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 4 percent from 817 farms in 1992 to 784 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

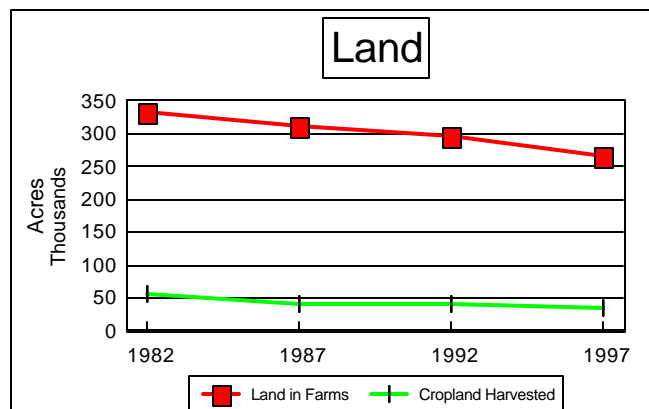
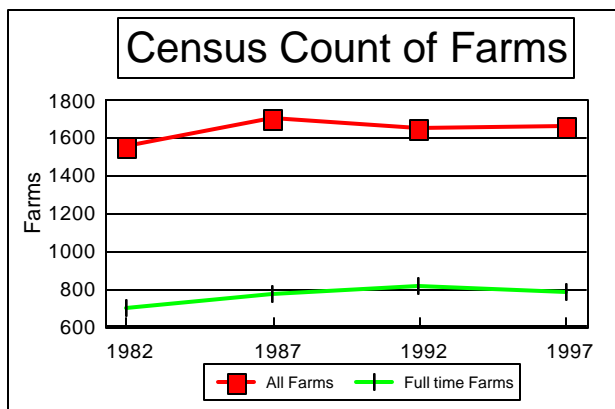
Increased 58 percent to \$101,530,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 23 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 77 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 57 percent from \$38,739 in 1992 to \$60,833 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	101,530	19	67	499	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	78,596	3	67	279	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	22,934	33	67	1,152	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Horses and ponies	57,582	1	66	3	3,015
Nursery and greenhouse crops	11,394	25	67	183	2,790
Dairy products	11,117	12	52	341	2,563
Cattle and calves	9,195	11	67	972	3,063
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	5,734	18	64	167	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	23	39	653	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	24,154	13	67	802	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	3,741	6	64	1,337	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	2,961	1	66	2	3,015
All goats sold	507	6	62	183	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	51,792	12	67	574	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	17,205	1	67	1	3,066
Broiler inventory	(D)	23	57	629	2,620
Hogs and pigs inventory	2,509	5	65	1,251	3,005
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	1,812	14	65	483	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	20,307	1	67	1,020	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	3,996	11	64	166	2,741
Peanuts-acres	3,286	8	30	91	466
Field seeds-acres	(D)	3	26	94	1,212
All nursery-acres	1,577	21	66	179	2,619

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	1,147	1,188	-3
\$10,000 or more	522	466	12
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	87,600	62,914	39
Average per farmdollars..	52,486	38,014	38
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	16,263	(793)	2151
Average per farmdollars..	9,744	(479)	2134
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,397	1,333	5
Partnership or corporation	257	304	-15
Other	15	17	-12
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	784	817	-4
Other	885	837	6
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,306	1,326	-2
Female	363	328	11
Operators by race:			
White	1,562	1,572	-1
Black and other races	107	82	30
Average age of operator	56.4	55.2	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.