

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Florida Agricultural Statistics Service



OKEECHOBEE FLORIDA

Land in farms

Increased 11 percent from 351,885 acres in 1992 to 391,871 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 1 percent from 842 acres in 1992 to 854 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 1 percent from 192 farms in 1992 to 190 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

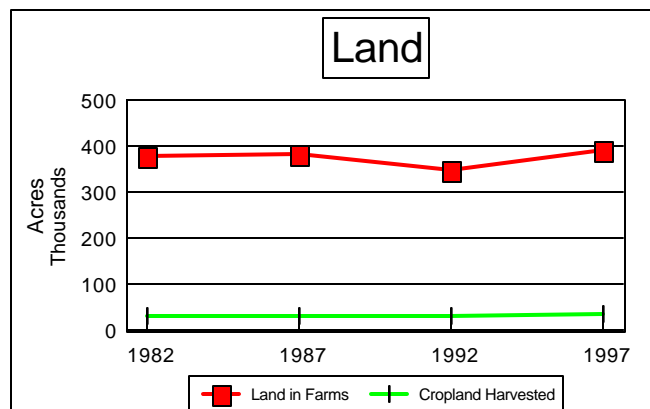
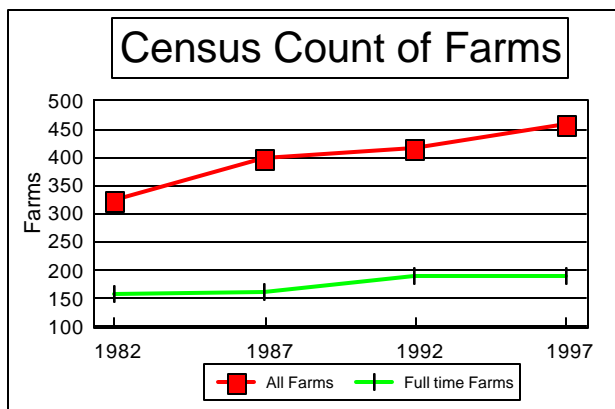
Increased 4 percent to \$138,006,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 24 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 76 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 6 percent from \$318,743 in 1992 to \$300,666 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	138,006	15	67	290	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	104,762	1	67	171	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	33,243	26	67	866	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	80,610	1	52	33	2,563
Cattle and calves	23,217	1	67	342	3,063
Fruits, nuts, berries	20,202	16	64	85	2,547
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	(D)	19	64	174	2,739
Nursery and greenhouse crops	4,798	36	67	406	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	71,224	1	67	172	3,063
All goats sold	(D)	1	62	34	2,686
Hogs and pigs sold	351	40	64	2,209	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	91	13	46	2,043	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	54	27	66	1,559	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	157,714	1	67	54	3,064
All goat inventory	(D)	1	64	56	2,983
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	32	65	400	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	746	19	67	1,084	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	548	25	65	974	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Land in orchards-acres	16,119	15	66	57	2,693
Hay crops-acres	14,203	3	67	1,351	3,061
All nursery-acres	3,084	11	66	75	2,619
Land used for vegetables-acres	(D)	22	64	349	2,741
Potatoes-acres	(D)	9	35	177	1,733

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	245	214	14
\$10,000 or more	214	204	5
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	113,106	110,466	2
Average per farmdollars..	246,419	263,641	-7
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	24,094	21,971	10
Average per farmdollars..	52,492	52,437	0
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	341	313	9
Partnership or corporation	116	103	13
Other	2	2	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	190	192	-1
Other	269	226	19
Operators by sex:			
Male	394	368	7
Female	65	50	30
Operators by race:			
White	456	414	10
Black and other races	3	4	-25
Average age of operator	55.4	52.8	5

(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.