

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Florida Agricultural Statistics Service



ORANGE FLORIDA

Land in farms

Increased 26 percent from 138,418 acres in 1992 to 175,017 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 45 percent from 140 acres in 1992 to 203 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 510 farms in 1992 to 477 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

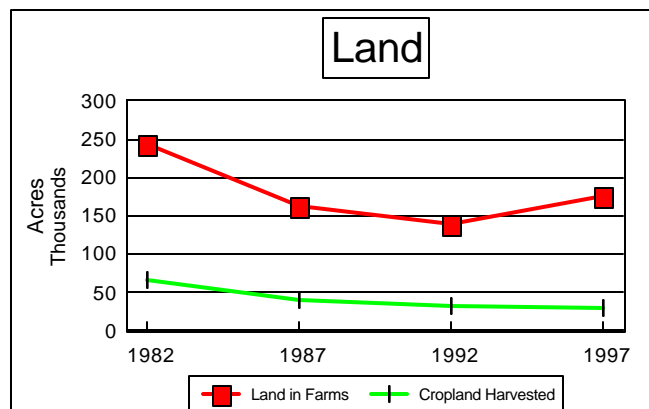
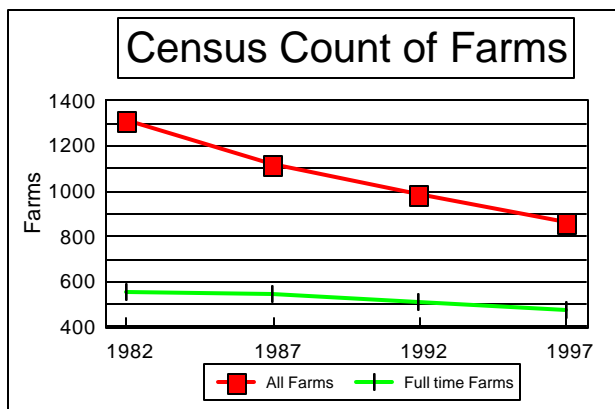
Increased 19 percent to \$247,759,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 99 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 1 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 37 percent from \$209,881 in 1992 to \$287,423 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 | 247,759 | 7 | 67 | 91 | 3,076 |
| Value of crops including nursery | 244,298 | 6 | 67 | 34 | 3,070 |
| Value of livestock and poultry | 3,461 | 50 | 67 | 2,525 | 3,069 |
| TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Nursery and greenhouse crops | 172,121 | 3 | 67 | 8 | 2,790 |
| Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons | 60,299 | 5 | 64 | 23 | 2,739 |
| Fruits, nuts, berries | 11,787 | 22 | 64 | 111 | 2,547 |
| Cattle and calves | 2,891 | 31 | 67 | 1,880 | 3,063 |
| All other livestock & products | (D) | 5 | 43 | 116 | 1,649 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves sold | 9,262 | 29 | 67 | 1,672 | 3,063 |
| Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold | (D) | 28 | 56 | 927 | 2,203 |
| Hogs and pigs sold | 562 | 27 | 64 | 2,013 | 2,976 |
| Rabbits and their pelts sold | (D) | 17 | 38 | 381 | 1,593 |
| Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold | 323 | 28 | 57 | 1,049 | 2,200 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves inventory | 15,989 | 30 | 67 | 1,756 | 3,064 |
| Colony of bees inventory | 1,013 | 36 | 65 | 467 | 2,588 |
| Horse and pony inventory | 980 | 14 | 67 | 770 | 3,066 |
| Hogs and pigs inventory | 790 | 14 | 65 | 1,703 | 3,005 |
| Layers 20 weeks and older inventory | 553 | 32 | 65 | 1,601 | 3,002 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA | | | | | |
| Land used for vegetables-acres | 14,562 | 5 | 64 | 44 | 2,741 |
| Land in orchards-acres | 11,898 | 20 | 66 | 73 | 2,693 |
| All nursery-acres | 2,001 | 18 | 66 | 136 | 2,619 |
| Hay crops-acres | 1,190 | 45 | 67 | 2,844 | 3,061 |
| Cut christmas trees harvested-acres | (D) | 8 | 40 | 595 | 1,965 |

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 | 384 | 514 | -25 |
| \$10,000 or more | 478 | 476 | |
| Total farm production expenses\$1,000.. | 180,816 | 153,695 | 18 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 209,763 | 155,405 | 35 |
| Net cash return from agricultural sales | | | |
| for the farm unit\$1,000.. | 65,948 | 54,324 | 21 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 76,505 | 54,928 | 39 |
| Farms by type of organization: | | | |
| Individual or family | 531 | 654 | -19 |
| Partnership or corporation | 310 | 324 | -4 |
| Other | 21 | 12 | 75 |
| OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
| Operators by principal occupation: | | | |
| Farming | 477 | 510 | -6 |
| Other | 385 | 480 | -20 |
| Operators by sex: | | | |
| Male | 715 | 818 | -13 |
| Female | 147 | 172 | -15 |
| Operators by race: | | | |
| White | 811 | 942 | -14 |
| Black and other races | 51 | 48 | 6 |
| Average age of operator | 55.6 | 55.1 | 1 |

(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.