

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Florida Agricultural Statistics Service



PALM BEACH FLORIDA

Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 637,934 acres in 1992 to 604,703 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 2 percent from 690 acres in 1992 to 707 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 12 percent from 555 farms in 1992 to 487 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

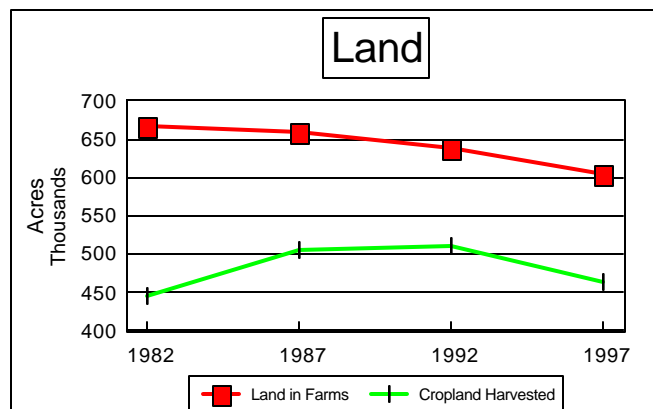
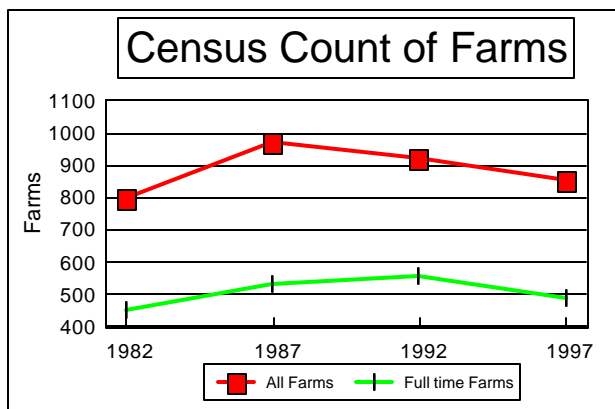
Decreased 2 percent to \$872,877,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 100 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 0 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 6 percent from \$964,497 in 1992 to \$1,020,908 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	872,877	1	67	11	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	868,894	1	67	5	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	3,983	47	67	2,465	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	420,361	1	54	1	2,237
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	248,787	1	64	6	2,739
Nursery and greenhouse crops	174,641	2	67	7	2,790
Fruits, nuts, berries	20,934	15	64	82	2,547
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	(D)	1	22	147	1,971
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	9,040	12	57	300	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	2,358	54	67	2,595	3,063
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	1	23	32	611
Hogs and pigs sold	437	34	64	2,117	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	270	34	56	1,171	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Colony of bees inventory	5,786	11	65	87	2,588
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	4,202	10	65	279	2,884
Cattle and calves inventory	3,771	58	67	2,674	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	1,841	3	67	252	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,384	27	65	1,052	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Sugarcane, sugar-acres	344,899	1	21	1	55
Land used for vegetables-acres	54,149	1	64	10	2,741
All nursery-acres	25,611	1	66	2	2,619
Total herbs-acres	16,950	1	22	1	649
Sugarcane, seed-acres	13,651	1	11	1	39

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	307	331	-7
\$10,000 or more	548	593	-8
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	566,608	693,544	-18
Average per farmdollars..	661,926	750,588	-12
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	303,625	192,771	58
Average per farmdollars..	354,702	208,626	70
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	426	452	-6
Partnership or corporation	421	463	-9
Other	8	9	-11
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	487	555	-12
Other	368	369	-0
Operators by sex:			
Male	698	785	-11
Female	157	139	13
Operators by race:			
White	819	890	-8
Black and other races	36	34	6
Average age of operator	51.7	51.4	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.