

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Florida Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 611,336 acres in 1992 to 621,489 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 5 percent from 266 acres in 1992 to 252 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 1 percent from 959 farms in 1992 to 969 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

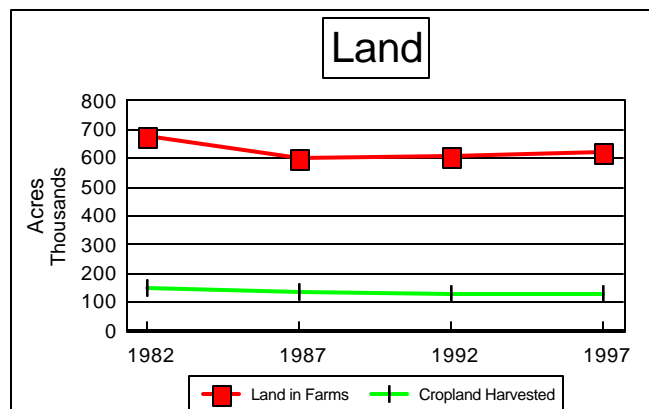
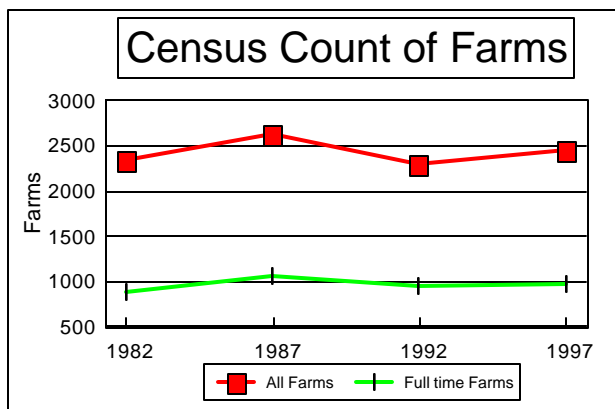
Increased 25 percent to \$253,459,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 81 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 19 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 16 percent from \$88,644 in 1992 to \$102,865 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	253,459	6	67	85	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	204,062	8	67	43	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	49,396	6	67	520	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Fruits, nuts, berries	175,079	1	64	17	2,547
Nursery and greenhouse crops	26,915	12	67	75	2,790
Poultry & poultry products	22,734	4	64	254	2,901
Cattle and calves	15,652	4	67	568	3,063
Dairy products	5,069	18	52	635	2,563
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	3	56	122	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	49,759	4	67	294	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	4,386	4	38	49	1,593
Hogs and pigs sold	1,482	12	64	1,672	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	571	24	57	899	2,200
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,662,286	2	65	42	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	3	59	76	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	95,768	4	67	146	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	22,906	3	65	13	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	1,505	5	67	365	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Land in orchards-acres	114,531	3	66	10	2,693
Hay crops-acres	7,371	13	67	1,979	3,061
All nursery-acres	5,667	6	66	32	2,619
Land used for vegetables-acres	781	33	64	519	2,741
Field seeds-acres	780	9	26	182	1,212

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	1,282	1,283	
\$10,000 or more .....	1,182	1,011	17
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	187,552	157,078	19
Average per farm .....dollars..	76,086	68,473	11
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	62,541	42,454	47
Average per farm .....dollars..	25,371	18,507	37
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	1,736	1,600	9
Partnership or corporation .....	671	644	4
Other .....	57	50	14
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	969	959	1
Other .....	1,495	1,335	12
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	2,059	1,936	6
Female .....	405	358	13
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	2,431	2,259	8
Black and other races .....	33	35	-6
Average age of operator .....	58.5	56.8	3

(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.