

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Florida Agricultural Statistics Service



SARASOTA FLORIDA

Land in farms

Decreased 15 percent from 151,242 acres in 1992 to 128,655 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 11 percent from 461 acres in 1992 to 408 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 12 percent from 133 farms in 1992 to 117 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

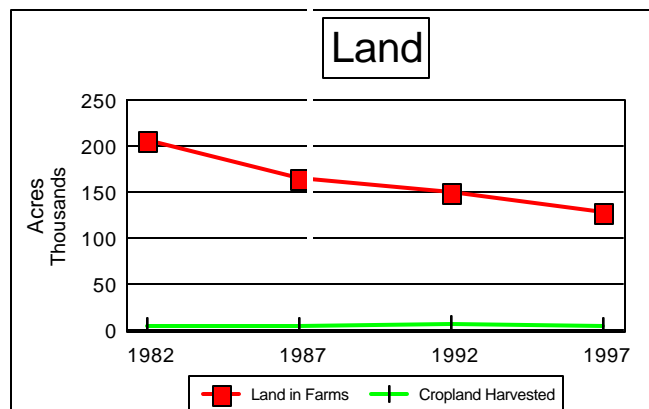
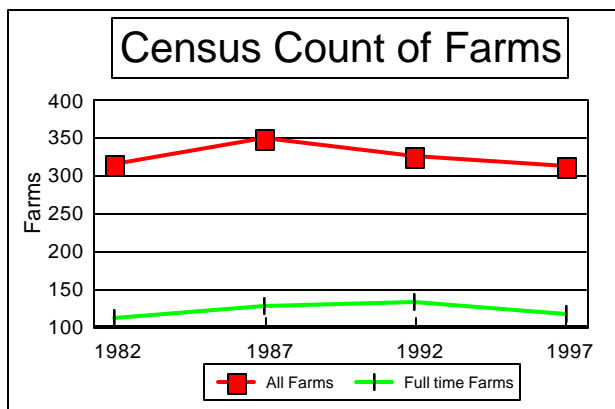
Increased 28 percent to \$24,147,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 71 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 29 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 33 percent from \$57,631 in 1992 to \$76,657 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	24,147	44	67	1,951	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	17,053	35	67	1,392	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	7,094	37	67	2,124	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	6,504	32	67	309	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	5,750	17	64	165	2,739
Cattle and calves	4,288	24	67	1,580	3,063
Fruits, nuts, berries	3,247	23	64	190	2,547
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	(D)	23	54	409	2,237
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	27	56	791	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	12,974	24	67	1,372	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	394	36	64	2,155	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	49	29	66	1,672	3,015
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	42	57	1,648	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	20	65	612	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	25,651	21	67	1,286	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	2,995	21	65	199	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	595	22	67	1,346	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	412	31	65	1,115	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Land in orchards-acres	2,376	24	66	194	2,693
Land used for vegetables-acres	1,485	21	64	345	2,741
All nursery-acres	548	39	66	494	2,619
Potatoes-acres	(D)	12	35	229	1,733
Hay crops-acres	426	59	67	2,965	3,061

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	198	201	-1
\$10,000 or more	117	127	-8
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	16,562	16,339	1
Average per farmdollars..	52,578	49,965	5
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	6,783	2,668	154
Average per farmdollars..	21,533	8,160	164
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	233	257	-9
Partnership or corporation	74	69	7
Other	8	2	300
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	117	133	-12
Other	198	195	2
Operators by sex:			
Male	258	271	-5
Female	57	57	
Operators by race:			
White	312	326	-4
Black and other races	3	2	50
Average age of operator	54.6	54.1	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.