

# 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 48,839 acres in 1992 to 49,631 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 13 percent from 294 acres in 1992 to 333 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 15 percent from 107 farms in 1992 to 91 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

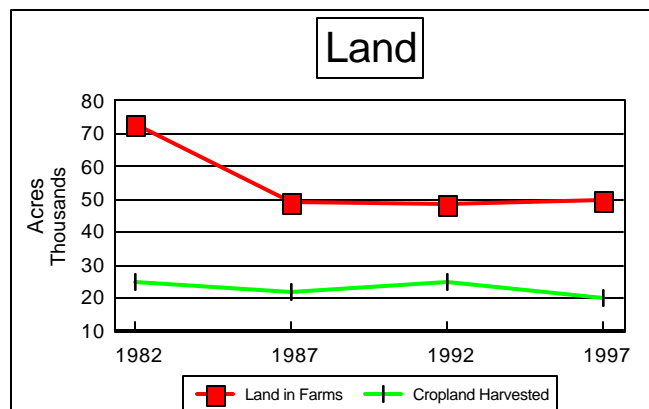
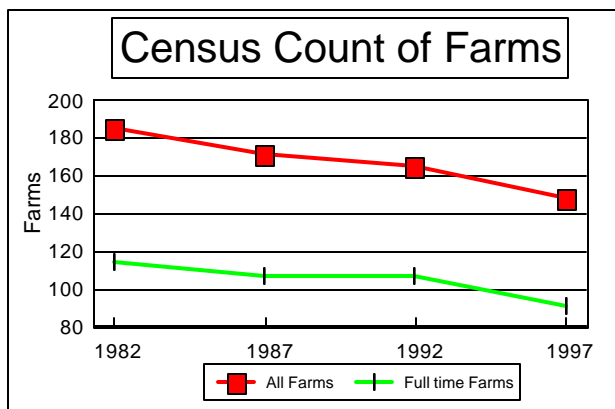
Increased slightly

Crop sales accounted for 96 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 4 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 12 percent from \$276,089 in 1992 to \$309,042 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	46,047	32	67	1,283	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	44,030	21	67	639	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	2,017	58	67	2,725	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	34,902	3	54	37	2,237
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	4,346	22	64	204	2,739
Nursery and greenhouse crops	4,176	39	67	449	2,790
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	30	64	969	2,901
Cattle and calves	645	57	67	2,700	3,063
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	18	39	514	1,882
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	15	57	336	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	2,171	57	67	2,631	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	18	38	396	1,593
Hogs and pigs sold	75	61	64	2,630	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	(D)	17	57	497	2,620
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	7	65	186	2,884
Cattle and calves inventory	4,525	56	67	2,621	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	331	42	67	2,107	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	153	47	65	2,450	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Potatoes-acres	17,071	1	35	24	1,733
Corn for grain-acres	1,075	14	52	1,847	2,691
Land used for vegetables-acres	1,037	29	64	449	2,741
Cotton-acres	(D)	16	19	547	713
Hay crops-acres	442	57	67	2,961	3,061

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 .....	67	67	
\$10,000 or more .....	82	99	-17
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	32,689	33,994	-4
Average per farm .....dollars..	219,392	204,782	7
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	13,486	11,184	21
Average per farm .....dollars..	90,508	67,371	34
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	104	119	-13
Partnership or corporation .....	45	46	-2
Other .....	-	1	-100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	91	107	-15
Other .....	58	59	-2
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	119	149	-20
Female .....	30	17	76
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	145	162	-10
Black and other races .....	4	4	
Average age of operator .....	53.2	52.7	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.