

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Florida Agricultural Statistics Service



SUMTER FLORIDA

Land in farms

Decreased 28 percent from 253,330 acres in 1992 to 183,374 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 28 percent from 352 acres in 1992 to 255 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 14 percent from 347 farms in 1992 to 298 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

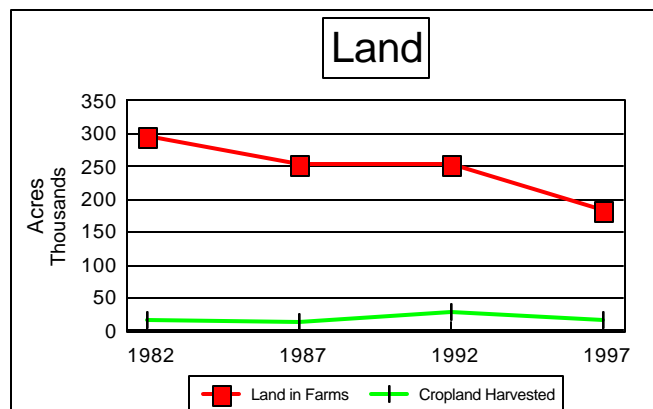
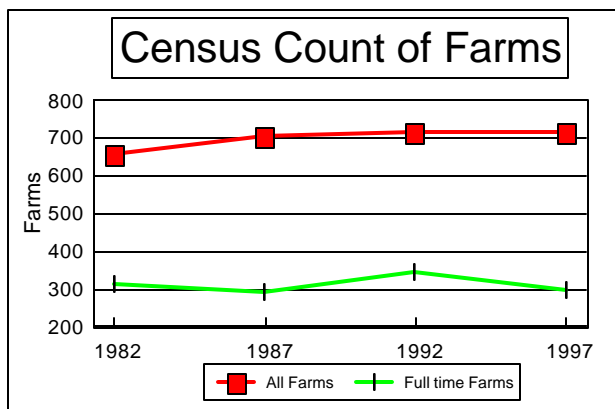
Decreased 7 percent to \$34,442,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 28 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 72 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 6 percent from \$51,239 in 1992 to \$47,970 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	34,442	34	67	1,586	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	24,954	17	67	1,036	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	9,488	44	67	1,792	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	11,323	14	64	409	2,901
Cattle and calves	8,037	14	67	1,076	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	5,037	34	67	389	2,790
Dairy products	3,975	23	52	731	2,563
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	3,434	25	64	247	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	16	56	427	2,203
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	5	57	102	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	25,534	10	67	762	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	1	38	9	1,593
Hogs and pigs sold	733	23	64	1,912	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	805,101	5	65	96	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	2	65	39	2,884
Cattle and calves inventory	48,043	14	67	642	3,064
Rabbit inventory	(D)	2	61	26	2,456
Horse and pony inventory	977	15	67	772	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	13,180	4	67	1,415	3,061
Field seeds-acres	(D)	1	26	64	1,212
Land used for vegetables-acres	1,450	23	64	355	2,741
Land in orchards-acres	239	45	66	699	2,693
All nursery-acres	168	49	66	981	2,619

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	527	456	16
\$10,000 or more	191	264	-28
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	27,726	30,419	-9
Average per farmdollars..	38,670	42,248	-8
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	6,492	6,240	4
Average per farmdollars..	9,054	8,667	4
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	653	641	2
Partnership or corporation	57	68	-16
Other	8	11	-27
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	298	347	-14
Other	420	373	13
Operators by sex:			
Male	590	590	
Female	128	130	-2
Operators by race:			
White	688	698	-1
Black and other races	30	22	36
Average age of operator	56.6	56.1	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.