

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Florida Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 19 percent from 138,208 acres in 1992 to 111,502 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 13 percent from 141 acres in 1992 to 123 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 9 percent from 495 farms in 1992 to 452 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

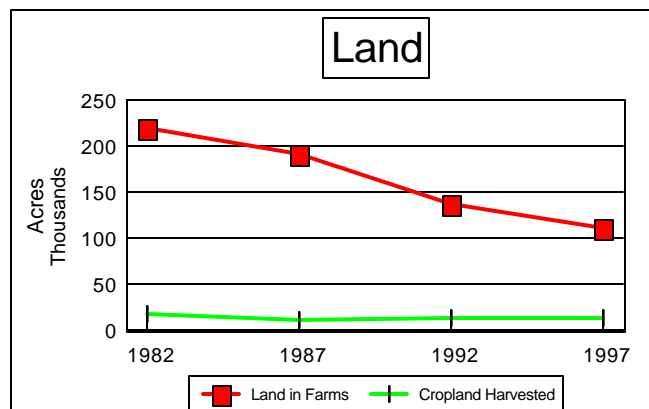
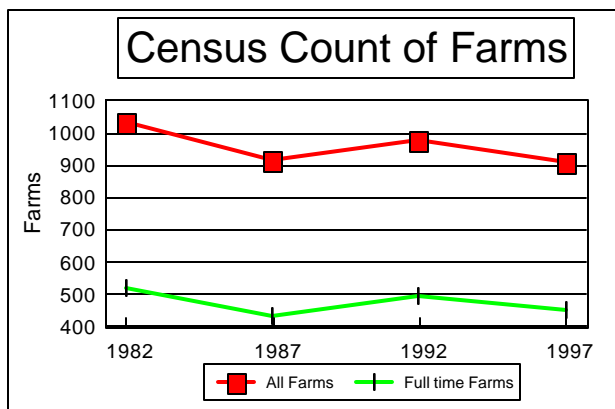
Increased 53 percent to \$120,358,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 95 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 5 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 64 percent from \$80,656 in 1992 to \$132,261 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	120,358	17	67	376	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	114,011	16	67	110	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	6,346	40	67	2,207	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	111,518	5	67	17	2,790
Dairy products	(D)	29	52	1,074	2,563
Cattle and calves	1,822	38	67	2,223	3,063
Fruits, nuts, berries	1,483	25	64	259	2,547
Colonies of bees and honey	(D)	2	63	10	1,992
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	18	56	473	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	6,367	35	67	1,959	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,621	11	64	1,638	2,976
All goats sold	449	7	62	218	2,686
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	118	37	57	1,307	2,200
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	11	47	225	1,790
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	1	65	1	2,588
Cattle and calves inventory	12,843	33	67	1,917	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	24	65	787	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	1,043	12	67	693	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
All nursery-acres	8,707	3	66	11	2,619
Hay crops-acres	2,386	37	67	2,651	3,061
Land in orchards-acres	1,930	26	66	224	2,693
Land used for vegetables-acres	250	45	64	869	2,741
Corn for grain-acres	(D)	35	52	2,359	2,691

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 .....	485	522	-7
\$10,000 or more .....	425	456	-7
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	73,623	55,861	32
Average per farm .....dollars..	80,993	57,176	42
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	43,957	22,168	98
Average per farm .....dollars..	48,357	22,690	113
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	785	805	-2
Partnership or corporation .....	122	169	-28
Other .....	3	4	-25
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	452	495	-9
Other .....	458	483	-5
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	759	818	-7
Female .....	151	160	-6
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	894	965	-7
Black and other races .....	16	13	23
Average age of operator .....	54.6	53.8	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.