

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Florida Agricultural Statistics Service



WALTON FLORIDA

Land in farms

Decreased 18 percent from 96,730 acres in 1992 to 78,844 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 34 percent from 253 acres in 1992 to 166 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 6 percent from 178 farms in 1992 to 188 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

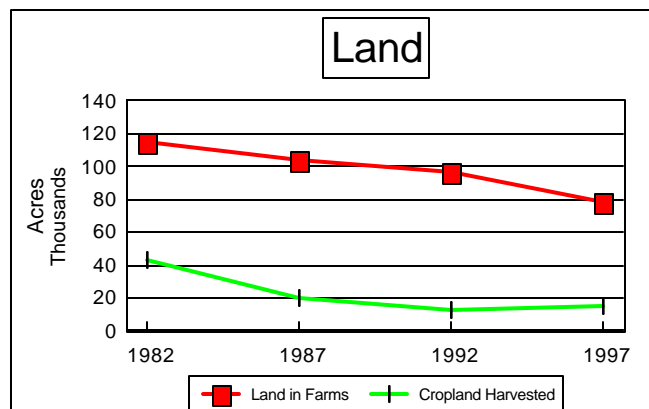
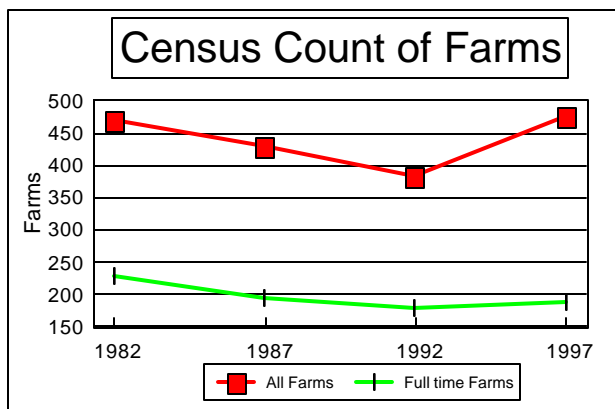
Decreased 11 percent to \$19,768,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 24 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 76 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 29 percent from \$58,108 in 1992 to \$41,529 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	19,768	48	67	2,115	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	15,031	28	67	1,509	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	4,737	52	67	2,148	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	11,483	13	64	407	2,901
Cattle and calves	3,177	29	67	1,816	3,063
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	1,930	22	54	369	2,237
Cotton, cottonseed	1,652	6	19	341	709
Soybeans	290	7	24	1,460	2,136
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	6,662,405	7	39	231	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	21	56	527	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	7,760	32	67	1,816	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	8	38	129	1,593
Hogs and pigs sold	828	20	64	1,865	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	1,189,870	7	57	222	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	59,222	18	65	549	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	10	59	370	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	12,544	34	67	1,944	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	4,319	16	65	142	2,588
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	4,288	23	67	2,388	3,061
Cotton-acres	3,711	6	19	355	713
Peanuts-acres	3,494	7	30	89	466
Soybeans for beans-acres	1,587	9	24	1,471	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	1,431	11	52	1,741	2,691

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	355	251	41
\$10,000 or more	121	132	-8
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	15,441	19,929	-23
Average per farmdollars..	32,507	52,169	-38
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,484	2,420	-39
Average per farmdollars..	3,125	6,335	-51
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	443	344	29
Partnership or corporation	30	39	-23
Other	3	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	188	178	6
Other	288	205	40
Operators by sex:			
Male	414	344	20
Female	62	39	59
Operators by race:			
White	467	372	26
Black and other races	9	11	-18
Average age of operator	58.1	56.0	4

(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.