

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Florida Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 22 percent from 45,214 acres in 1992 to 55,268 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 4 percent from 165 acres in 1992 to 172 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 2 percent from 133 farms in 1992 to 130 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

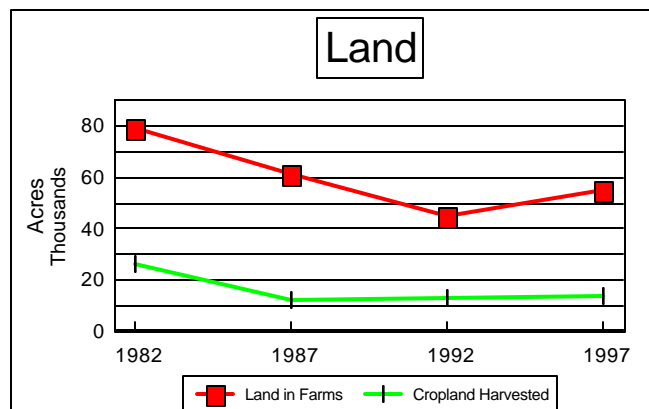
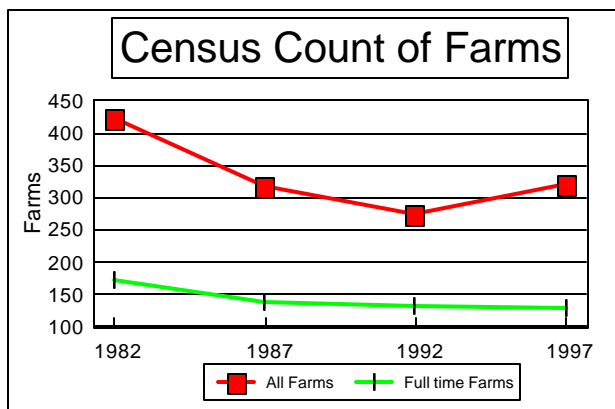
Decreased 15 percent to \$9,352,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 39 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 61 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 28 percent from \$40,123 in 1992 to \$29,042 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	9,352	56	67	2,537	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	5,722	42	67	2,274	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	3,629	55	67	2,276	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	1,860	26	64	821	2,901
Cattle and calves	1,821	39	67	2,224	3,063
Dairy products	1,453	32	52	1,218	2,563
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	1,202	38	64	496	2,739
Corn for grain	648	6	46	1,483	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,000,000	14	39	451	1,882
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold (D)		11	57	283	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	5,014	43	67	2,170	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	339	42	64	2,223	2,976
All goats sold	152	24	62	643	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	190,000	14	57	449	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	9,503	44	67	2,192	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory (D)		8	65	211	2,884
Hogs and pigs inventory	342	32	65	2,025	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	306	46	67	2,193	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	5,734	16	67	2,171	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	3,246	8	52	1,492	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	2,207	5	24	1,387	2,144
Wheat-acres	925	5	25	1,689	2,612
Land used for vegetables-acres	910	31	64	480	2,741

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	224	183	22
\$10,000 or more	98	91	8
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	8,653	8,930	-3
Average per farmdollars..	26,872	32,591	-18
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,183	1,864	-37
Average per farmdollars..	3,675	6,803	-46
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	293	259	13
Partnership or corporation	23	13	77
Other	6	2	200
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	130	133	-2
Other	192	141	36
Operators by sex:			
Male	289	260	11
Female	33	14	136
Operators by race:			
White	319	271	18
Black and other races	3	3	
Average age of operator	57.8	57.3	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.