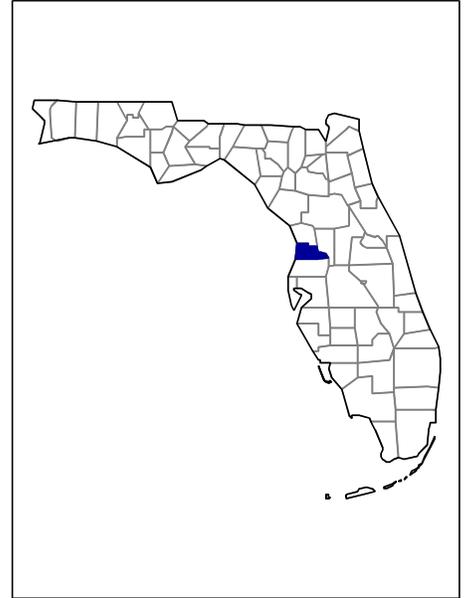# 2002 Census of Agriculture
County Profile

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Number of farms

617 farms in 2002, 646 farms in 1997, down 4 percent.

Land in farms

65,315 acres in 2002, 55,845 acres in 1997, up 17 percent.

Average size of farm

106 acres in 2002, 86 acres in 1997, up 23 percent.

Market Value of Production

$21,708,000 in 2002, $23,997,000 in 1997, down 10 percent.
   Crop sales accounted for $8,176,000 of the total value in 2002.
   Livestock sales accounted for $13,532,000 of the total value in 2002.

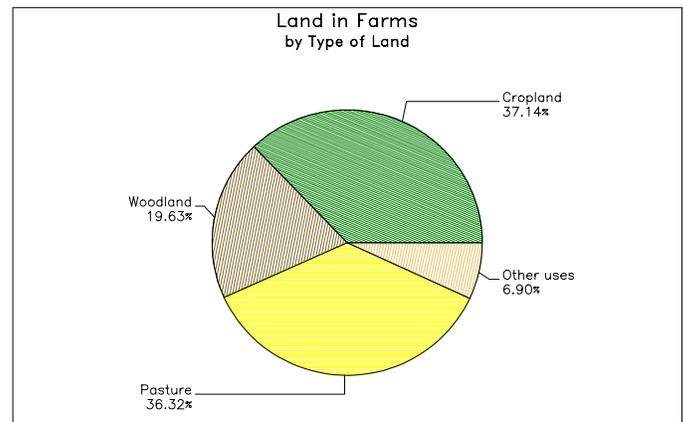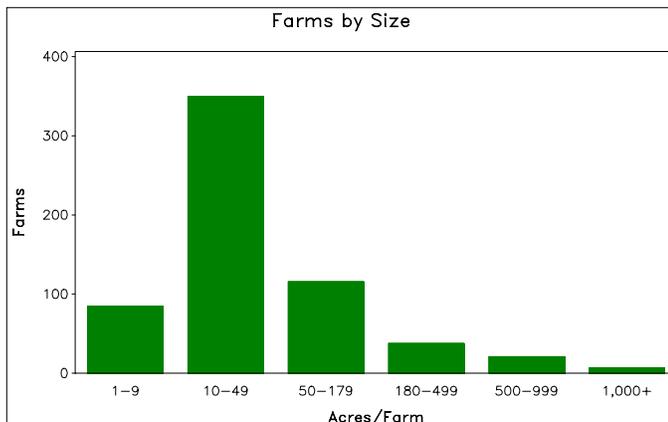**Market Value of Production, average per farm**

$35,183 in 2002, $37,146 in 1997, down 5 percent.

Government Payments

$128,000 in 2002, $22,000 in 1997, up 482 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

$9,161 in 2002, $3,650 in 1997, up 151 percent.

Farms by Size

Land in Farms
by Type of Land

Cropland 37.14%
Woodland 19.63%
Other uses 6.90%
Pasture 36.32%

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Ranked items among the 67 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe [1]	U.S. Rank	Universe [1]
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD ($1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	21,708	44	67	2,024	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	8,176	43	66	1,793	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	13,532	30	67	1,632	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP ($1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	49	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	14	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	12	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,621	28	65	266	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	5,822	37	65	424	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	36	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	61	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	6,138	17	52	542	2,493
Hogs and pigs	75	13	61	1,560	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	15	26	65	2,092	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	531	14	64	352	3,014
Aquaculture	12	42	53	930	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	121	42	65	790	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	8	65	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	17,575	30	66	1,577	3,059
Rabbits	(D)	2	52	(D)	1,966
Horses and ponies	1,642	12	65	657	3,065
All Goats	671	19	64	774	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,111	10	65	1,870	3,059
Oranges	1,019	24	44	37	123
Nursery stock	435	23	64	243	2,129
Dry southern peas (cowpeas)	(D)	5	21	(D)	181
All Field and grass seed crops [3]	(D)	(D)	33	(D)	1,293

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than $1,000	212
$1,000 to $2,499	115
$2,500 to $4,999	90
$5,000 to $9,999	63
$10,000 to $19,999	49
$20,000 to $24,999	13
$25,000 to $39,999	23
$40,000 to $49,999	4
$50,000 to $99,999	28
$100,000 to $249,999	8
$250,000 to $499,999	5
$500,000 or more	7
Total farm production expenses ($1,000)	20,380
Average per farm ($)	33,031
Net cash farm income of operation ($1,000)	3,010
Average per farm ($)	4,878

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	335
Other	282
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	485
Female	132
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.9
All operators [2] by race:	
White	902
Black or African American	5
American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	9
Asian	2
More than one race	7
All operators [2] of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	50

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.
  [1] Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.
  [2] Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.
  [3] Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.