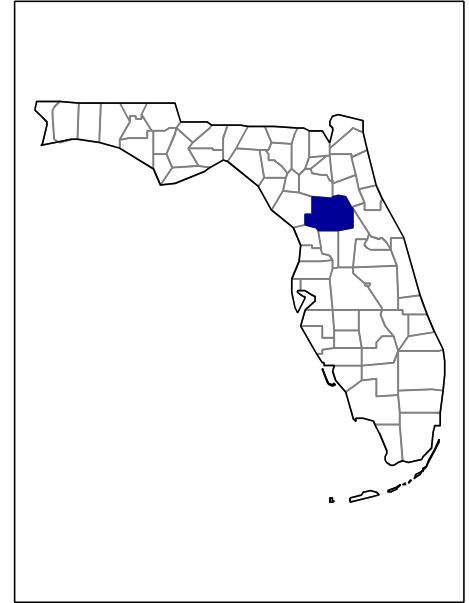


# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Marion, Florida



### Number of farms

2,930 farms in 2002, 2,370 farms in 1997, up 24 percent.

### Land in farms

270,562 acres in 2002, 281,798 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

### Average size of farm

92 acres in 2002, 119 acres in 1997, down 23 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$87,530,000 in 2002, \$107,028,000 in 1997, down 18 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$18,314,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$69,217,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

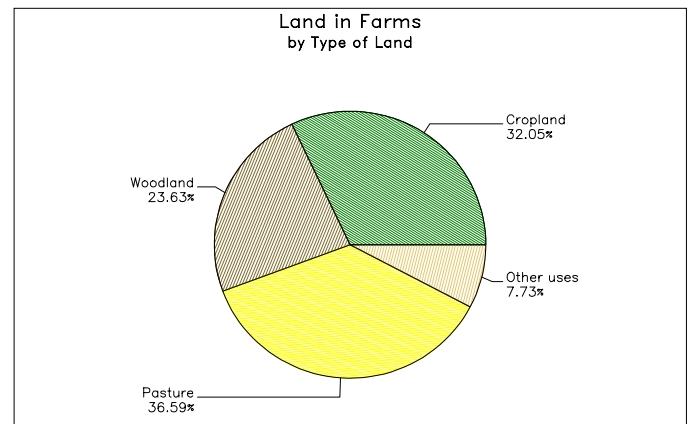
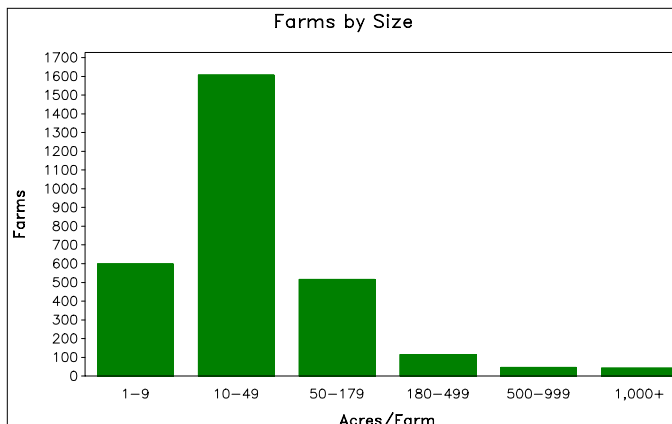
\$29,874 in 2002, \$45,159 in 1997, down 34 percent.

### Government Payments

\$362,000 in 2002, \$62,000 in 1997, up 484 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$10,957 in 2002, \$852 in 1997, up 1,186 percent.



**2002 Census of Agriculture  
County Profile  
United States Department of Agriculture, Florida Agricultural Statistics Service**

**Marion, Florida**

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

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	87,530	21	67	635	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	18,314	34	66	1,239	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	69,217	3	67	360	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	16	33	49	2,689	2,871
Tobacco	11	13	14	501	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	12	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	2,375	29	62	491	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	2,095	27	65	238	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	10,479	24	65	248	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	34	7	36	761	1,774
Other crops and hay	3,304	8	61	375	3,046
Poultry and eggs	117	32	66	1,277	2,918
Cattle and calves	7,811	14	66	1,174	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	8,498	15	52	432	2,493
Hogs and pigs	190	3	61	1,279	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	57	5	65	1,165	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	51,679	1	64	4	3,014
Aquaculture	91	33	53	596	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	774	10	65	171	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	47,224	13	66	616	3,059
Horses and ponies	26,965	1	65	1	3,065
Rabbits	(D)	1	52	(D)	1,966
Hogs and pigs	2,498	3	62	1,081	2,926
Quail	(D)	8	37	(D)	1,412
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	19,386	2	65	1,133	3,059
Peanuts	4,025	6	30	81	398
All Field and grass seed crops	2,727	2	33	83	1,293
All Vegetables harvested	1,677	16	62	319	2,710
Watermelons	1,045	10	57	34	1,753

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	1,193	Farming	1,787
\$1,000 to \$2,499	557	Other	1,143
\$2,500 to \$4,999	371		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	236	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	208	Male	2,080
\$20,000 to \$24,999	47	Female	850
\$25,000 to \$39,999	95		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	37	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	60		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	57	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	32	White	4,193
\$500,000 or more	37	Black or African American	173
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	137,093	American Indian or Alaska Native	19
Average per farm (\$)	46,806	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	8
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-28,163	More than one race	11
Average per farm (\$)	-9,615	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	190

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.