

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Polk, Florida

Number of farms

3,114 farms in 2002, 3,151 farms in 1997, down 1 percent.

Land in farms

626,634 acres in 2002, 624,671 acres in 1997, up slightly.

Average size of farm

201 acres in 2002, 198 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$284,787,000 in 2002, \$258,147,000 in 1997, up 10 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$249,232,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$35,554,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

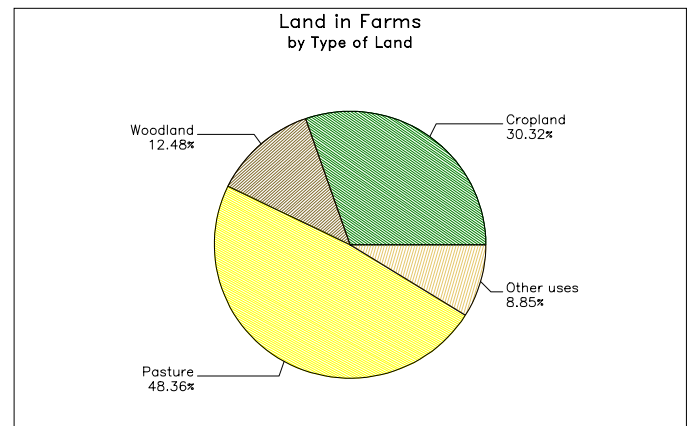
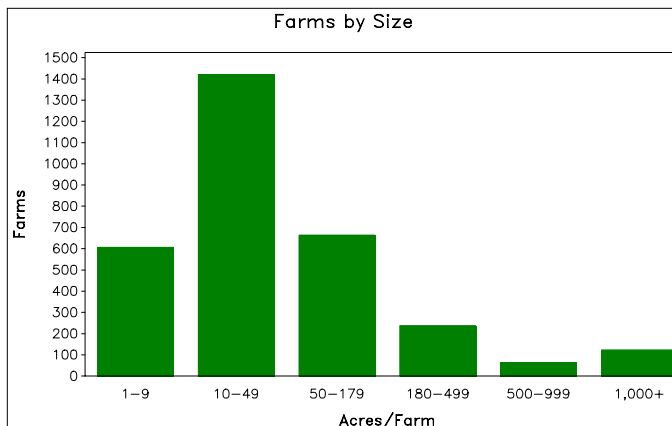
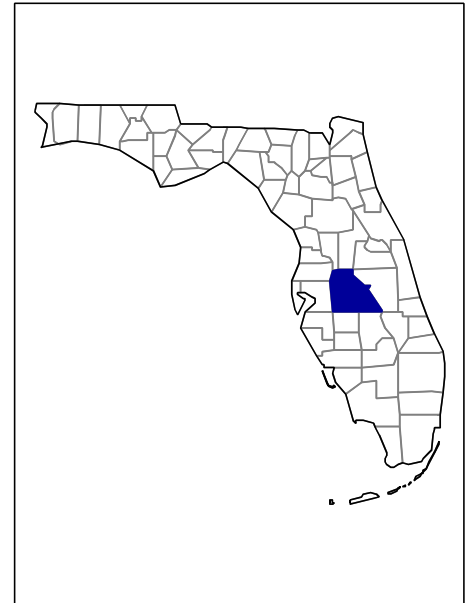
\$91,454 in 2002, \$81,926 in 1997, up 12 percent.

Government Payments

\$200,000 in 2002, \$181,000 in 1997, up 10 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$6,236 in 2002, \$3,183 in 1997, up 96 percent.



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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	284,787	5	67	81	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	249,232	6	66	36	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	35,554	11	67	815	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	9	36	49	2,744	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	14	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	12	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	3,038	23	62	424	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	217,620	1	65	15	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	28,270	14	65	102	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	36	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	61	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	18,783	4	66	554	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	44	19	61	1,752	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	35	13	65	1,510	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	650	9	64	249	3,014
Aquaculture	5,476	3	53	49	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	2,194	3	65	43	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	6	65	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	108,126	2	66	111	3,059
Colonies of bees	14,856	3	64	25	2,392
Horses and ponies	2,562	7	65	302	3,065
All Goats	1,254	9	64	348	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Oranges	104,087	1	44	2	123
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	8,274	12	65	1,942	3,059
Grapefruit	7,466	3	40	5	88
Tangerines	5,550	1	38	1	87
Sod harvested	2,017	11	45	43	740

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	492
\$1,000 to \$2,499	384
\$2,500 to \$4,999	251
\$5,000 to \$9,999	267
\$10,000 to \$19,999	327
\$20,000 to \$24,999	117
\$25,000 to \$39,999	261
\$40,000 to \$49,999	139
\$50,000 to \$99,999	366
\$100,000 to \$249,999	312
\$250,000 to \$499,999	106
\$500,000 or more	92
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	213,826
Average per farm (\$)	68,578
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	71,376
Average per farm (\$)	22,892

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	1,623
Other	1,491
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	2,678
Female	436
Average age of principal operator (years)	60.3
All operators ² by race:	
White	4,106
Black or African American	22
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	4
Asian	15
More than one race	6
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	119

(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.