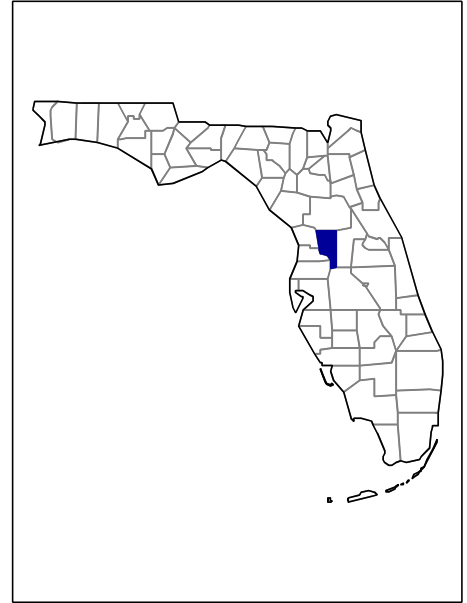


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Number of farms

902 farms in 2002, 1,017 farms in 1997, down 11 percent.

Land in farms

187,373 acres in 2002, 189,732 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

Average size of farm

208 acres in 2002, 187 acres in 1997, up 11 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$30,644,000 in 2002, \$35,472,000 in 1997, down 14 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$14,022,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$16,622,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

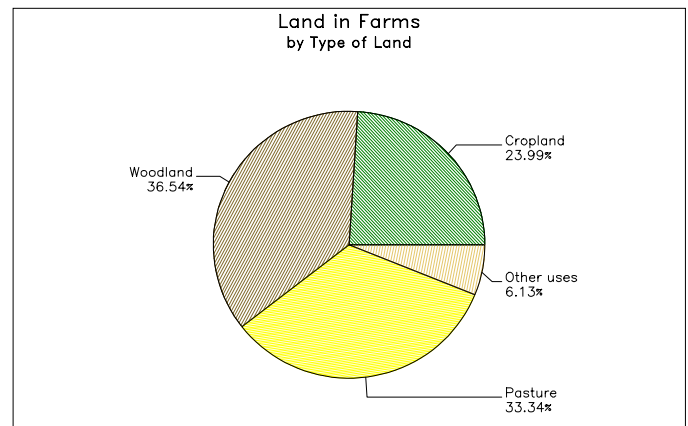
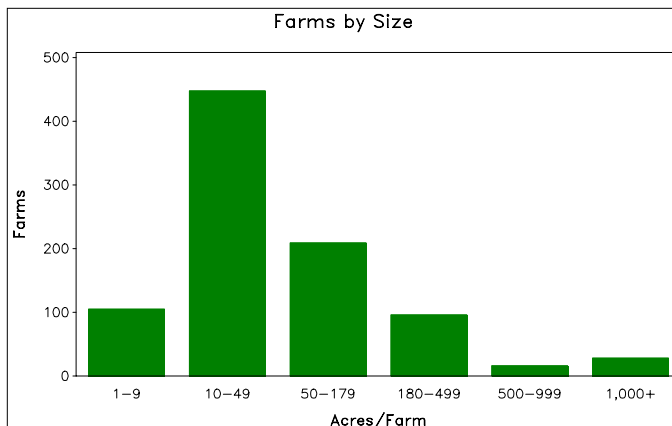
\$33,974 in 2002, \$34,880 in 1997, down 3 percent.

Government Payments

\$326,000 in 2002, \$20,000 in 1997, up 1,530 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,352 in 2002, \$1,321 in 1997, up 532 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	30,644	37	67	1,677	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	14,022	36	66	1,433	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	16,622	23	67	1,458	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	4	44	49	2,809	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	14	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	12	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	2,378	28	62	489	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	127	51	65	1,125	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	10,191	26	65	255	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	36	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,322	15	61	994	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	7,548	16	66	1,203	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	3,011	22	52	832	2,493
Hogs and pigs	13	42	61	2,206	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	15	25	65	2,087	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	2,786	3	64	38	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	18	55	65	1,589	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	9	65	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	37,918	16	66	827	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,625	14	65	669	3,065
Sheep and lambs	504	7	57	1,455	2,867
All Goats	269	43	64	1,585	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	12,720	5	65	1,528	3,059
All Field and grass seed crops	3,980	1	33	65	1,293
All Vegetables harvested	961	26	62	449	2,710
Watermelons	607	13	57	64	1,753
Nursery stock	(D)	27	64	(D)	2,129

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	292
\$1,000 to \$2,499	172
\$2,500 to \$4,999	126
\$5,000 to \$9,999	101
\$10,000 to \$19,999	67
\$20,000 to \$24,999	30
\$25,000 to \$39,999	31
\$40,000 to \$49,999	9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	19
\$100,000 to \$249,999	33
\$250,000 to \$499,999	10
\$500,000 or more	12
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	34,874
Average per farm (\$)	38,577
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-2,061
Average per farm (\$)	-2,280

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	478
Other	424
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	751
Female	151
Average age of principal operator (years)	57.6
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,194
Black or African American	36
American Indian or Alaska Native	8
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	20
More than one race	-
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	53

(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.