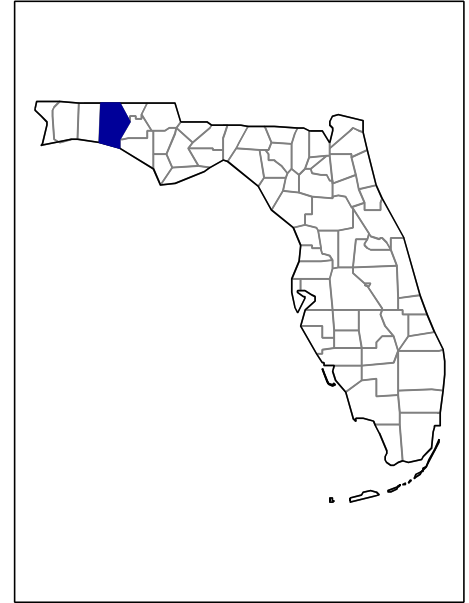


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Number of farms

540 farms in 2002, 631 farms in 1997, down 14 percent.

Land in farms

79,910 acres in 2002, 86,605 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

Average size of farm

148 acres in 2002, 137 acres in 1997, up 8 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$20,055,000 in 2002, \$23,772,000 in 1997, down 16 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$4,538,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$15,517,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

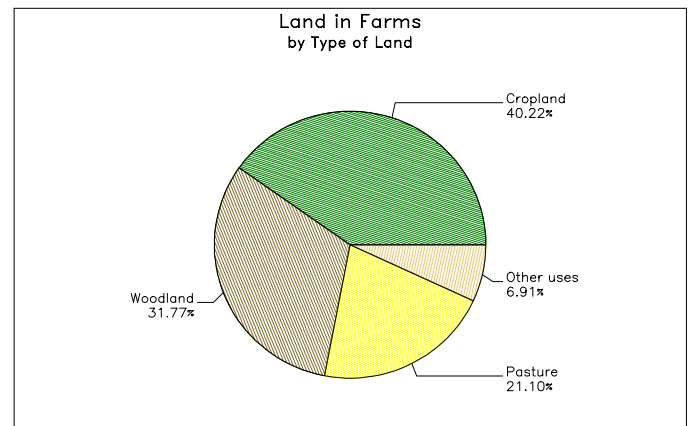
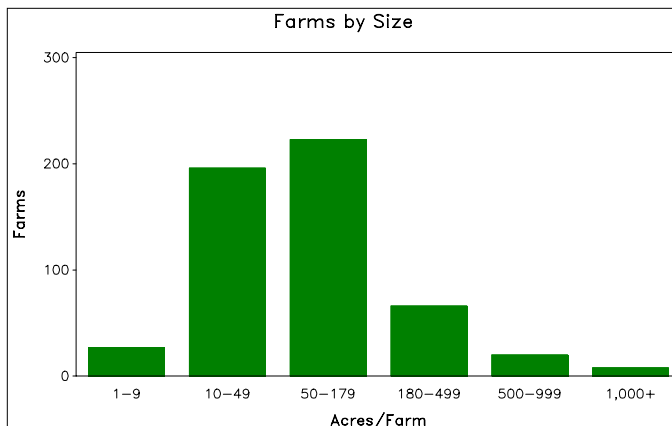
\$37,139 in 2002, \$37,673 in 1997, down 1 percent.

Government Payments

\$346,000 in 2002, \$603,000 in 1997, down 43 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,856 in 2002, \$3,702 in 1997, down 23 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	20,055	47	67	2,092	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	4,538	50	66	2,125	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	15,517	27	67	1,519	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	24	29	49	2,636	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	14	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	404	6	12	436	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	317	45	62	1,160	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	739	33	65	424	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2,247	47	65	748	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	36	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	808	22	61	1,464	3,046
Poultry and eggs	12,452	10	66	401	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,662	34	66	1,977	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	180	41	52	2,007	2,493
Hogs and pigs	21	35	61	2,028	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	65	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	131	37	64	1,514	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	53	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	65	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,491,904	5	57	235	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	16	65	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	11,524	36	66	1,933	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,059	28	65	1,202	3,065
Colonies of bees	(D)	39	64	(D)	2,392
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	5,368	20	65	2,263	3,059
Peanuts	2,263	8	30	106	398
All Cotton	2,008	7	12	424	663
Sod harvested	(D)	15	45	(D)	740
Short-rotation woody crops	800	1	46	56	1,262

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	250
\$1,000 to \$2,499	65
\$2,500 to \$4,999	66
\$5,000 to \$9,999	39
\$10,000 to \$19,999	35
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	15
\$40,000 to \$49,999	11
\$50,000 to \$99,999	16
\$100,000 to \$249,999	10
\$250,000 to \$499,999	13
\$500,000 or more	11
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	27,001
Average per farm (\$)	49,817
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-3,183
Average per farm (\$)	-5,873

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	260
Other	280
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	444
Female	96
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.0
All operators ² by race:	
White	739
Black or African American	3
American Indian or Alaska Native	19
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	2
More than one race	5
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	20

(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.