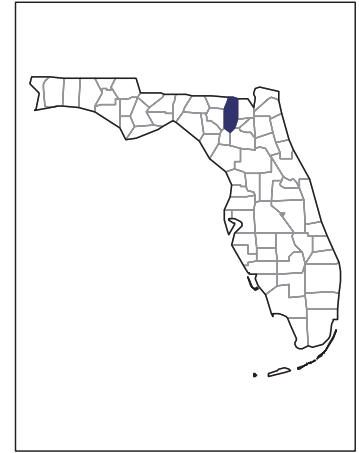


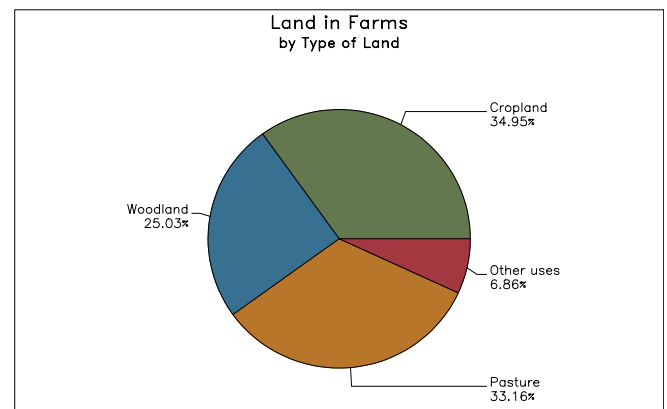
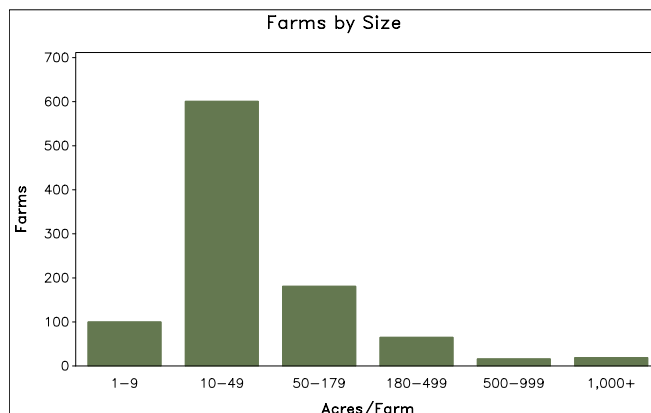
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Columbia County Florida



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	982	688	+ 43
Land in Farms	85,952 acres	90,227 acres	- 5
Average Size of Farm	88 acres	131 acres	- 33
Market Value of Products Sold	(D)	\$46,767,000	
Crop Sales (D)			
Livestock Sales (D)			
Average Per Farm	(D)	\$67,976	
Government Payments	\$334,000	\$168,000	+ 99
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$3,514	\$3,049	+ 15



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Columbia County – Florida

Ranked items among the 67 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

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	(D)	23	67	(D)	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	(D)	41	66	(D)	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	(D)	5	67	(D)	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	136	24	56	2,418	2,933
Tobacco	1,909	1	8	148	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	9	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	64	(D)	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	523	40	64	706	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	6,432	36	65	395	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	22	23	1,671	1,710
Other crops and hay	3,064	12	66	550	3,054
Poultry and eggs	(D)	2	65	(D)	3,020
Cattle and calves	5,009	26	66	1,705	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	45	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	40	16	64	1,679	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	85	9	63	1,232	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	195	36	65	1,130	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	60	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	203	30	67	686	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,077	14	66	1,803	3,060
Peanuts for nuts	2,354	12	25	112	347
Vegetables harvested for sale	522	31	64	713	2,794
Corn for grain	419	19	46	2,089	2,634
Tobacco	360	1	8	178	437
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers	(D)	1	65	(D)	3,024
Pullets for laying flock replacement	(D)	7	57	(D)	2,627
Cattle and calves	21,929	26	66	1,337	3,060
Colonies of bees	2,829	18	66	230	2,640
Goats, all	1,844	9	65	335	3,023

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	441	Farming	412
\$1,000 to \$2,499	152	Other	570
\$2,500 to \$4,999	131	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	98	Male	753
\$10,000 to \$19,999	64	Female	229
\$20,000 to \$24,999	15	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	22	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	6	American Indian or Alaska Native	21
\$50,000 to \$99,999	21	Asian	12
\$100,000 to \$249,999	10	Black or African American	73
\$250,000 to \$499,999	9	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
\$500,000 or more	13	White	1,365
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	55,479	More than one race	15
Average per farm (\$)	56,496	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	61
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	57,575		
Average per farm (\$)	58,630		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

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.