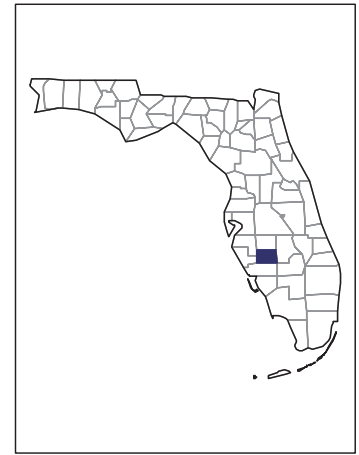


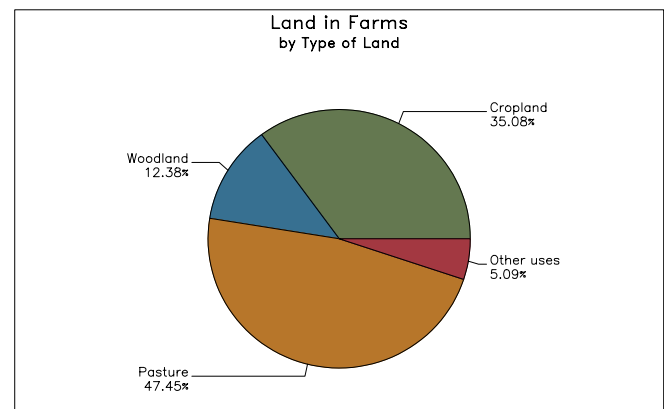
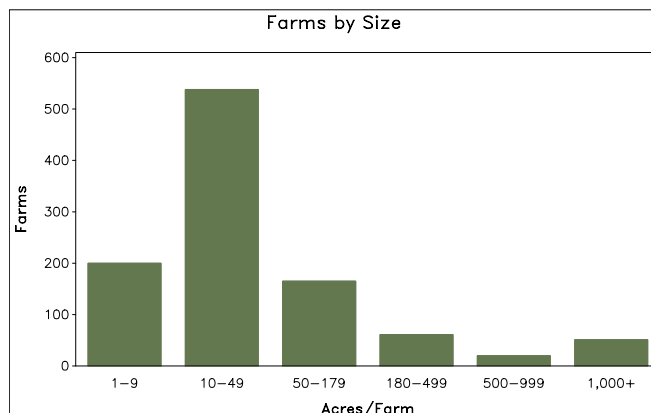
# 2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## County Profile

### DeSoto County Florida



	2007	2002	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	1,035	1,153	- 10
<b>Land in Farms</b>	260,277 acres	388,177 acres	- 33
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	251 acres	337 acres	- 26
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$219,928,000	\$180,096,000	+ 22
Crop Sales \$185,596,000 (84 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$34,333,000 (16 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$212,491	\$156,198	+ 36
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$123,000	(D)	
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$11,223	(D)	



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### DeSoto County – Florida

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

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	219,928	11	67	279	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	185,596	10	66	93	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	34,333	13	67	1,070	3,069
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	-	-	56	-	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	8	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	9	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	9,071	21	64	205	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	151,438	5	64	29	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	24,737	18	65	132	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	23	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	350	40	66	2,369	3,054
Poultry and eggs	31	41	65	1,907	3,020
Cattle and calves	20,718	6	66	650	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	12,607	7	45	404	2,493
Hogs and pigs	18	32	64	2,023	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	63	(D)	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	242	31	65	964	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	60	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	694	14	67	292	2,875
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Oranges, all	51,745	4	50	6	171
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	4,884	25	66	2,314	3,060
Sod harvested	4,560	5	44	10	761
Vegetables harvested for sale	1,567	23	64	401	2,794
Watermelons	1,082	8	58	33	1,898
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	72,442	6	66	282	3,060
Colonies of bees	7,071	6	66	96	2,640
Layers	1,122	33	65	1,528	3,024
Horses and ponies	1,035	35	66	1,345	3,066
Rabbits and their pelts	477	10	60	202	2,574

#### Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	261	Farming	406
\$1,000 to \$2,499	92	Other	629
\$2,500 to \$4,999	78	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	93	Male	874
\$10,000 to \$19,999	109	Female	161
\$20,000 to \$24,999	19	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	151	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	18	American Indian or Alaska Native	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	73	Asian	18
\$100,000 to \$249,999	60	Black or African American	35
\$250,000 to \$499,999	27	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	7
\$500,000 or more	54	White	1,509
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	161,024	More than one race	8
Average per farm (\$)	155,578	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	112
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	63,597		
Average per farm (\$)	61,447		

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.

<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.