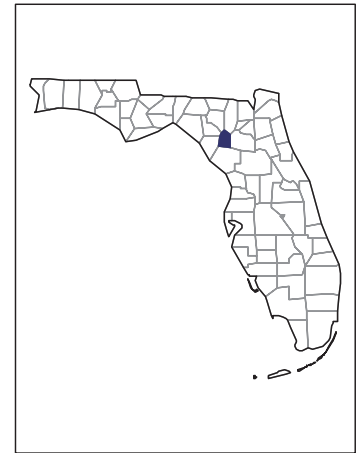


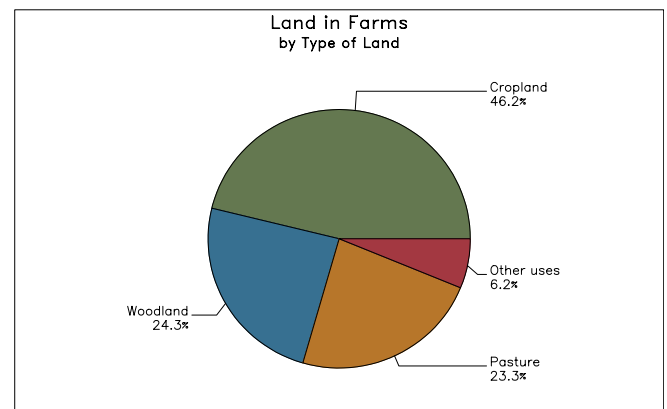
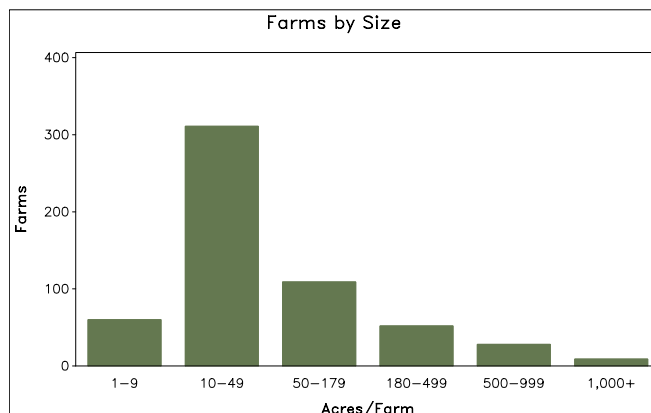
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Gilchrist County Florida



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	569	408	+ 39
Land in Farms	71,098 acres	81,489 acres	- 13
Average Size of Farm	125 acres	200 acres	- 38
Market Value of Products Sold	\$76,670,000	\$44,558,000	+ 72
Crop Sales \$16,165,000 (21 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$60,505,000 (79 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$134,745	\$109,210	+ 23
Government Payments	\$565,000	\$463,000	+ 22
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$8,688	\$7,129	+ 22



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Gilchrist 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	76,670	28	67	1,147	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	16,165	40	66	1,587	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	60,505	9	67	684	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	686	13	56	2,078	2,933
Tobacco	(D)	5	8	(D)	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	9	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	7,768	23	64	232	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	53	64	(D)	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,999	51	65	809	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	7	23	(D)	1,710
Other crops and hay	5,243	10	66	307	3,054
Poultry and eggs	40	33	65	1,774	3,020
Cattle and calves	9,021	17	66	1,274	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	50,131	3	45	148	2,493
Hogs and pigs	67	9	64	1,502	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	53	18	63	1,603	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,180	9	65	177	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	56	60	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	67	(D)	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	12,689	8	66	1,474	3,060
Peanuts for nuts	(D)	(D)	25	(D)	347
Vegetables harvested for sale	2,992	18	64	276	2,794
Corn for silage	2,900	2	27	498	2,263
Watermelons	1,692	3	58	16	1,898
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	37,982	15	66	824	3,060
Goats, all	2,152	5	65	252	3,023
Layers	1,334	29	65	1,390	3,024
Horses and ponies	1,312	26	66	1,038	3,066
Hogs and pigs	378	16	65	1,514	2,958

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	212	Farming	246
\$1,000 to \$2,499	84	Other	323
\$2,500 to \$4,999	55	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	67	Male	439
\$10,000 to \$19,999	58	Female	130
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	26	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	11	American Indian or Alaska Native	33
\$50,000 to \$99,999	19	Asian	11
\$100,000 to \$249,999	9	Black or African American	4
\$250,000 to \$499,999	5	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
\$500,000 or more	15	White	846
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	73,746	More than one race	5
Average per farm (\$)	129,607	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	24
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	4,349		
Average per farm (\$)	7,643		

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.