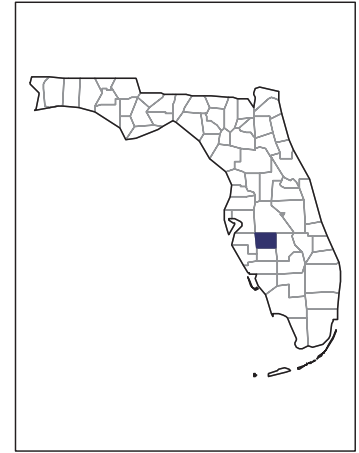


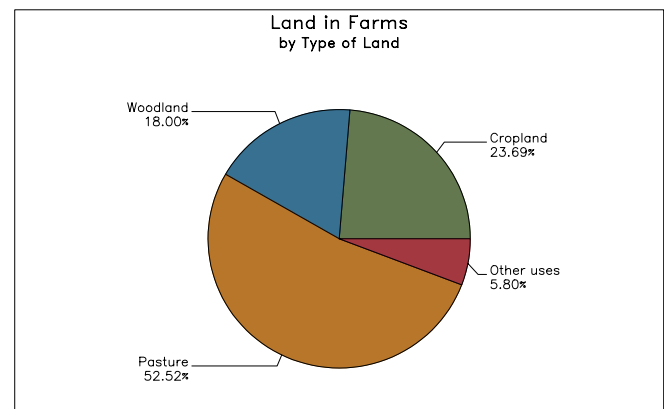
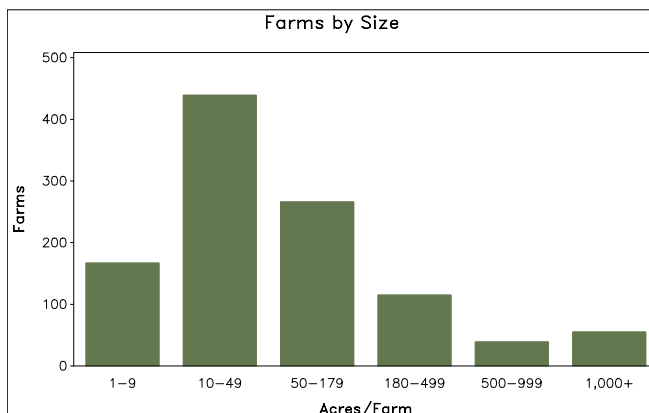
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Hardee County Florida



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	1,081	1,142	- 5
Land in Farms	279,887 acres	346,191 acres	- 19
Average Size of Farm	259 acres	303 acres	- 15
Market Value of Products Sold	\$231,959,000	\$166,203,000	+ 40
Crop Sales \$169,668,000 (73 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$62,291,000 (27 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$214,579	\$145,537	+ 47
Government Payments	\$217,000	\$230,000	- 6
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$8,364	\$9,995	- 16



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Hardee 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	231,959	10	67	255	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	169,668	12	66	116	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	62,291	8	67	666	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	8	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	9	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	16,611	12	64	127	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	113,184	6	64	33	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	39,110	11	65	83	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	23	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	3,054
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	65	(D)	3,020
Cattle and calves	20,385	7	66	668	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	40,723	4	45	181	2,493
Hogs and pigs	42	15	64	1,657	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	63	63	2,984	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	71	52	65	1,970	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	38	60	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	972	10	67	212	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Oranges, all	39,941	5	50	7	171
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,413	19	66	2,093	3,060
Vegetables harvested for sale	3,330	13	64	244	2,794
Sod harvested	1,286	17	44	81	761
Grapefruit	984	6	41	11	108
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	85,680	5	66	189	3,060
Colonies of bees	4,404	13	66	161	2,640
Horses and ponies	722	44	66	1,799	3,066
Layers	541	46	65	2,108	3,024
Goats, all	231	56	65	2,145	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	277	Farming	431
\$1,000 to \$2,499	48	Other	650
\$2,500 to \$4,999	64		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	77	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	88	Male	855
\$20,000 to \$24,999	38	Female	226
\$25,000 to \$39,999	86		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	62	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	112		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	111	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	42	American Indian or Alaska Native	16
\$500,000 or more	76	Asian	13
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	142,862	Black or African American	7
Average per farm (\$)	132,157	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	1,517
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	91,584	More than one race	6
Average per farm (\$)	84,722	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	62

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.