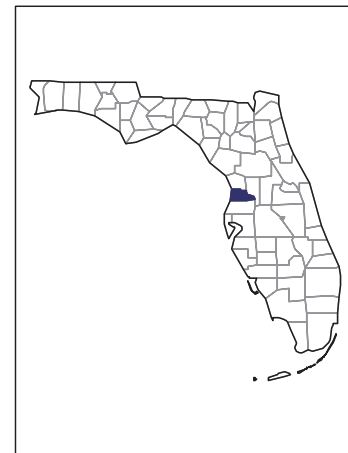


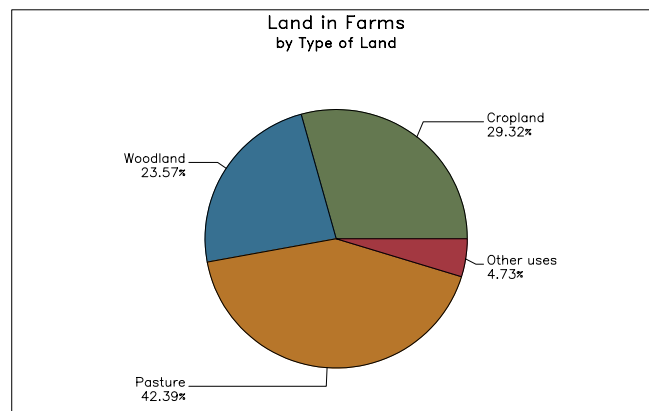
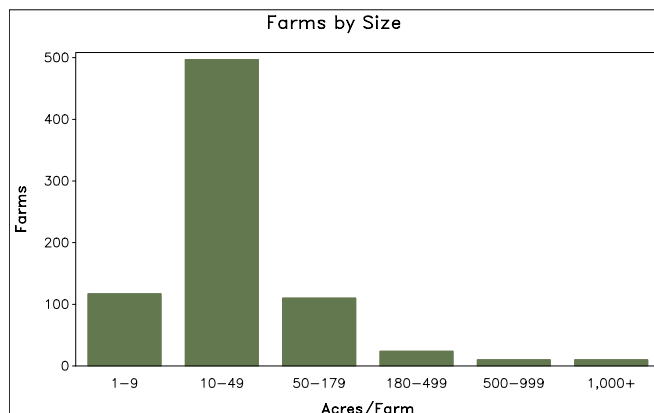
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Hernando County Florida



| | 2007 | 2002 | % change |
|--|--------------|--------------|----------|
| Number of Farms | 768 | 617 | + 24 |
| Land in Farms | 56,237 acres | 65,315 acres | - 14 |
| Average Size of Farm | 73 acres | 106 acres | - 31 |
| Market Value of Products Sold | \$35,678,000 | \$21,708,000 | + 64 |
| Crop Sales \$17,605,000 (49 percent) | | | |
| Livestock Sales \$18,073,000 (51 percent) | | | |
| Average Per Farm | \$46,456 | \$35,183 | + 32 |
| Government Payments | \$94,000 | \$128,000 | - 27 |
| Average Per Farm Receiving Payments | \$10,420 | \$9,161 | + 14 |



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Hernando 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 | 35,678 | 37 | 67 | 1,852 | 3,076 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse | 17,605 | 38 | 66 | 1,537 | 3,072 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products | 18,073 | 23 | 67 | 1,599 | 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 | (D) | (D) | 64 | (D) | 2,796 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries | 3,715 | 28 | 64 | 222 | 2,659 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod | 12,723 | 27 | 65 | 240 | 2,703 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops | (D) | 5 | 23 | (D) | 1,710 |
| Other crops and hay | (D) | (D) | 66 | (D) | 3,054 |
| Poultry and eggs | (D) | 10 | 65 | (D) | 3,020 |
| Cattle and calves | 3,068 | 33 | 66 | 2,046 | 3,054 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows | 4,958 | 15 | 45 | 732 | 2,493 |
| Hogs and pigs | 16 | 35 | 64 | 2,063 | 2,922 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products | 59 | 14 | 63 | 1,533 | 2,998 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys | (D) | (D) | 65 | (D) | 3,024 |
| Aquaculture | (D) | 36 | 60 | (D) | 1,498 |
| Other animals and other animal products | (D) | 6 | 67 | (D) | 2,875 |
| TOP CROP ITEMS (acres) | | | | | |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 5,881 | 21 | 66 | 2,171 | 3,060 |
| Field and grass seed crops, all | (D) | 5 | 29 | (D) | 931 |
| Oranges, all | 816 | 24 | 50 | 34 | 171 |
| Nursery stock | 629 | 19 | 63 | 152 | 2,130 |
| Vegetables harvested for sale | 131 | 46 | 64 | 1,214 | 2,794 |
| TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number) | | | | | |
| Layers | (D) | 5 | 65 | (D) | 3,024 |
| Cattle and calves | 15,070 | 31 | 66 | 1,658 | 3,060 |
| Horses and ponies | 2,100 | 16 | 66 | 509 | 3,066 |
| Goats, all | 1,842 | 10 | 65 | 337 | 3,023 |
| Pigeons or squab | 992 | 3 | 47 | 59 | 1,501 |

Other County Highlights

| Economic Characteristics | Quantity | Operator Characteristics | Quantity |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales: | | Principal operators by primary occupation: | |
| Less than \$1,000 | 310 | Farming | 344 |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499 | 124 | Other | 424 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 93 | Principal operators by sex: | |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 92 | Male | 562 |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 | 51 | Female | 206 |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 | 12 | Average age of principal operator (years) | 58.6 |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999 | 23 | All operators by race ² : | |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999 | 10 | American Indian or Alaska Native | 5 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 13 | Asian | 1 |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 | 23 | Black or African American | 21 |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999 | 5 | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | - |
| \$500,000 or more | 12 | White | 1,218 |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000) | 31,274 | More than one race | 23 |
| Average per farm (\$) | 40,721 | All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ² | 87 |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 5,337 | | |
| Average per farm (\$) | 6,950 | | |

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.