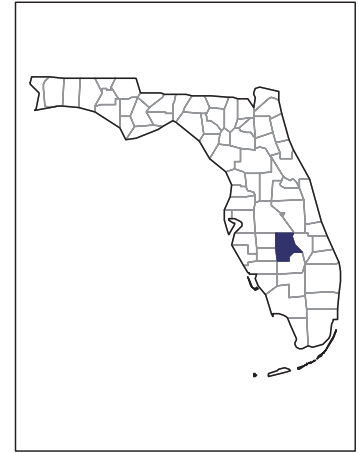


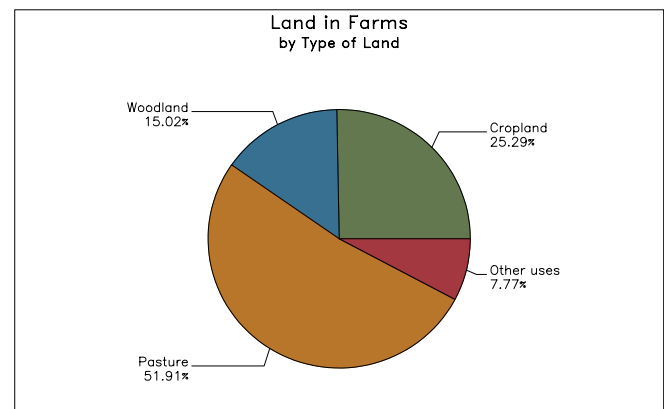
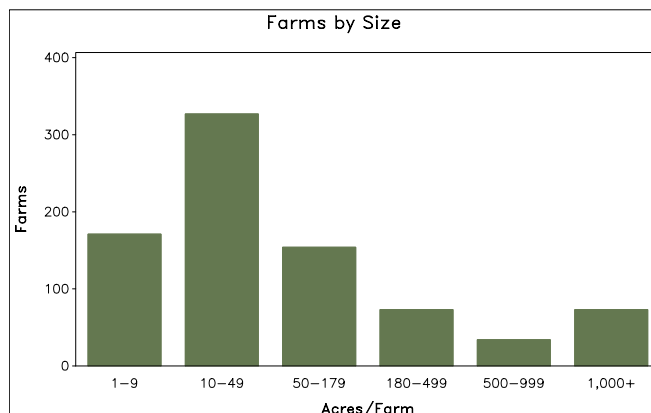
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Highlands County Florida



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	832	1,035	- 20
Land in Farms	476,256 acres	576,900 acres	- 17
Average Size of Farm	572 acres	557 acres	+ 3
Market Value of Products Sold	\$326,002,000	\$236,005,000	+ 38
Crop Sales \$263,391,000 (81 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$62,611,000 (19 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$391,829	\$228,024	+ 72
Government Payments	\$493,000	\$135,000	+ 265
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$18,979	\$11,230	+ 69



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Highlands 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	326,002	6	67	140	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	263,391	9	66	54	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	62,611	7	67	661	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	31	56	(D)	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	8	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	9	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	26	64	(D)	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	200,873	3	64	24	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	56,896	9	65	59	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	31	42	65	1,909	3,020
Cattle and calves	40,892	1	66	283	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	19,716	6	45	300	2,493
Hogs and pigs	59	11	64	1,534	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	58	16	63	1,547	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	65	(D)	3,024
Aquaculture	571	19	60	292	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	8	67	(D)	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Oranges, all	54,868	3	50	4	171
Sod harvested	12,616	2	44	2	761
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,996	17	66	2,034	3,060
Corn for silage	2,260	5	27	600	2,263
Vegetables harvested for sale	1,618	22	64	392	2,794
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	110,987	2	66	106	3,060
Layers	2,857	18	65	971	3,024
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	2,030	16	55	768	2,476
Colonies of bees	1,793	25	66	334	2,640
Horses and ponies	937	38	66	1,467	3,066

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	187	Farming	406
\$1,000 to \$2,499	53	Other	426
\$2,500 to \$4,999	52	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	54	Male	689
\$10,000 to \$19,999	75	Female	143
\$20,000 to \$24,999	32	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.6
\$25,000 to \$39,999	57	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	30	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	82	Asian	23
\$100,000 to \$249,999	71	Black or African American	5
\$250,000 to \$499,999	61	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	5
\$500,000 or more	78	White	1,210
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	229,619	More than one race	16
Average per farm (\$)	275,984	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	72
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	98,793		
Average per farm (\$)	118,741		

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.