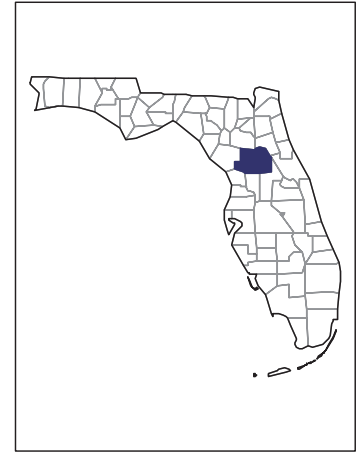


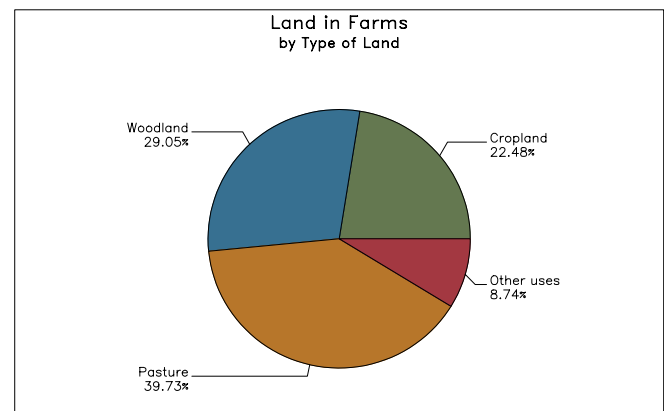
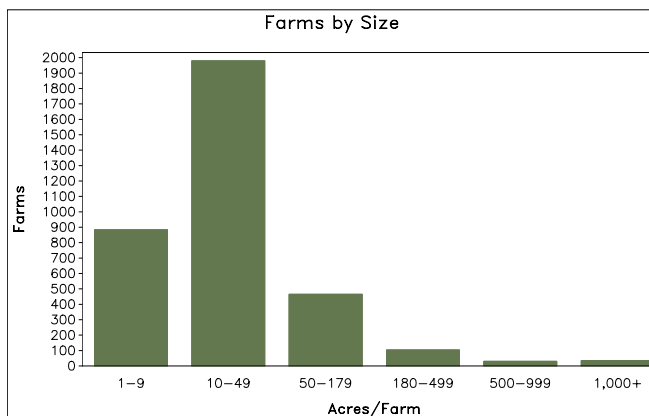
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Marion County Florida



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	3,496	2,930	+ 19
Land in Farms	266,571 acres	270,562 acres	- 1
Average Size of Farm	76 acres	92 acres	- 17
Market Value of Products Sold	\$173,739,000	\$87,530,000	+ 98
Crop Sales \$27,251,000 (16 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$146,488,000 (84 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$49,696	\$29,874	+ 66
Government Payments	\$476,000	\$362,000	+ 31
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$10,338	\$10,957	- 6



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County Profile

Marion 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	173,739	15	67	422	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	27,251	34	66	1,282	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	146,488	2	67	218	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	563	15	56	2,121	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	8	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	9	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	29	64	(D)	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	8,689	24	64	150	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	11,404	30	65	262	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	6	23	(D)	1,710
Other crops and hay	(D)	11	66	(D)	3,054
Poultry and eggs	214	22	65	1,243	3,020
Cattle and calves	13,756	11	66	949	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	19	45	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	102	5	64	1,374	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	178	1	63	694	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	128,244	1	65	3	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	37	60	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	9	67	(D)	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	22,076	2	66	958	3,060
Peanuts for nuts	3,252	9	25	96	347
Oranges, all	1,336	23	50	33	171
Field and grass seed crops, all	1,262	3	29	105	931
Vegetables harvested for sale	1,088	27	64	498	2,794
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	47,403	12	66	624	3,060
Horses and ponies	31,128	1	66	1	3,066
Quail	(D)	6	41	(D)	1,386
Rabbits and their pelts	12,419	1	60	6	2,574
Layers	5,316	16	65	780	3,024

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	1,635	Farming	1,768
\$1,000 to \$2,499	462	Other	1,728
\$2,500 to \$4,999	336	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	273	Male	2,411
\$10,000 to \$19,999	216	Female	1,085
\$20,000 to \$24,999	69	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.3
\$25,000 to \$39,999	123	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	41	American Indian or Alaska Native	67
\$50,000 to \$99,999	133	Asian	9
\$100,000 to \$249,999	95	Black or African American	280
\$250,000 to \$499,999	43	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	8
\$500,000 or more	70	White	5,055
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	218,645	More than one race	50
Average per farm (\$)	62,541	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	268
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-11,998		
Average per farm (\$)	-3,432		

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.