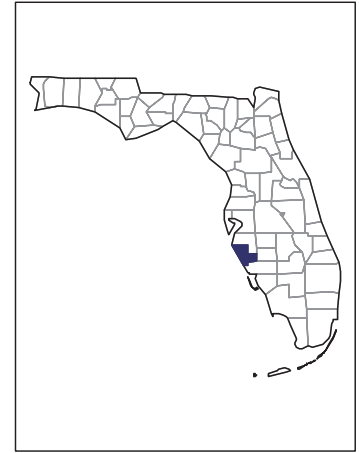


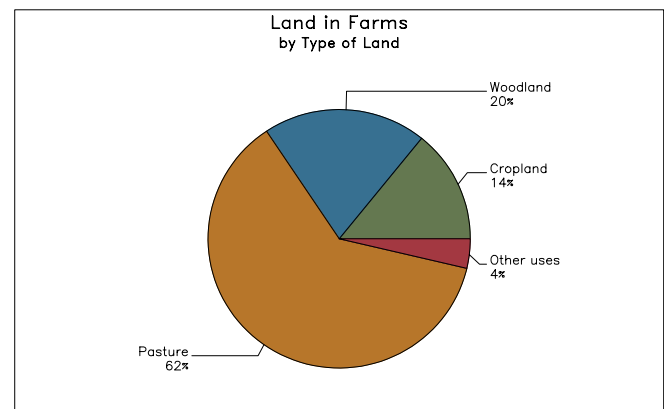
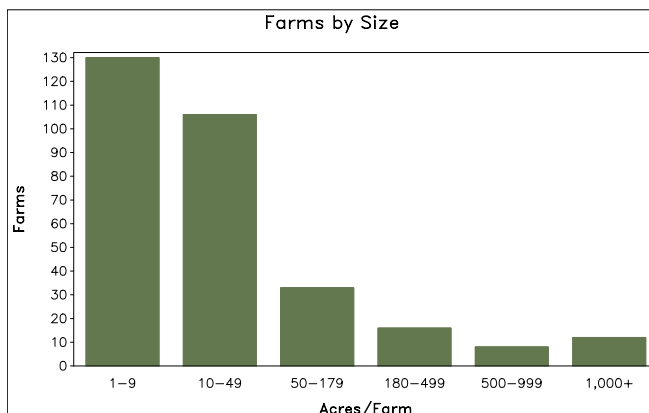
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Sarasota County Florida



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	305	371	- 18
Land in Farms	61,033 acres	121,310 acres	- 50
Average Size of Farm	200 acres	327 acres	- 39
Market Value of Products Sold	\$31,031,000	\$17,801,000	+ 74
Crop Sales (D)			
Livestock Sales (D)			
Average Per Farm	\$101,741	\$47,982	+ 112
Government Payments	\$79,000	(D)	
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$13,151	(D)	



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Sarasota 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	31,031	40	67	1,960	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	(D)	37	66	(D)	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	(D)	25	67	(D)	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	50	56	(D)	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	8	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	9	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	25	64	(D)	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	27	64	(D)	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	6,907	34	65	375	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	6	58	65	2,630	3,020
Cattle and calves	3,137	32	66	2,037	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	9,109	9	45	510	2,493
Hogs and pigs	3	57	64	2,590	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	48	20	63	1,695	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	666	18	65	344	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	27	60	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	58	43	67	1,290	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,602	38	66	2,641	3,060
Vegetables harvested for sale	(D)	21	64	(D)	2,794
Potatoes	(D)	7	43	(D)	2,124
Sod harvested	(D)	25	44	(D)	761
Beans, snap	(D)	13	54	(D)	2,171
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	16,845	30	66	1,568	3,060
Horses and ponies	1,183	29	66	1,173	3,066
Colonies of bees	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,640
Sheep and lambs	623	4	60	1,279	2,891
Layers	264	55	65	2,532	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	140	Farming	132
\$1,000 to \$2,499	27	Other	173
\$2,500 to \$4,999	30	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	24	Male	208
\$10,000 to \$19,999	28	Female	97
\$20,000 to \$24,999	5	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.6
\$25,000 to \$39,999	7	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2	American Indian or Alaska Native	11
\$50,000 to \$99,999	11	Asian	1
\$100,000 to \$249,999	14	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	4	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	13	White	451
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	27,416	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	89,888	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	4
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	5,178		
Average per farm (\$)	16,976		

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.