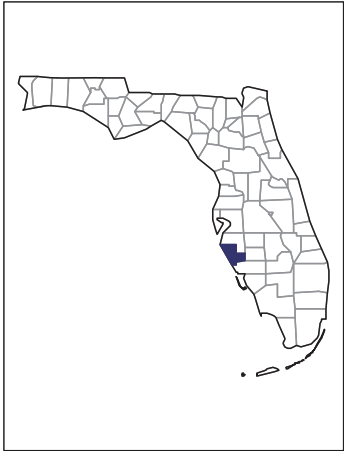


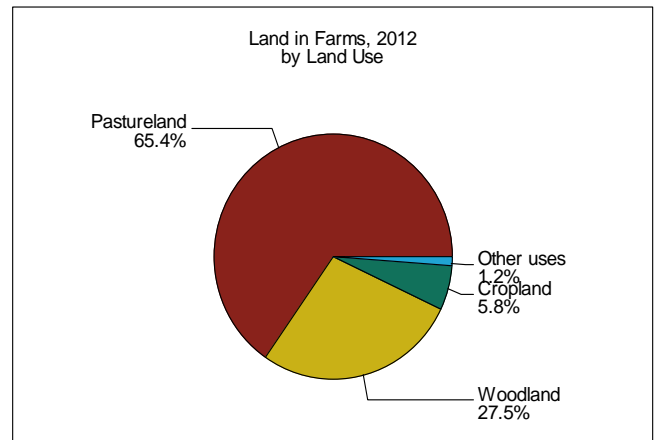
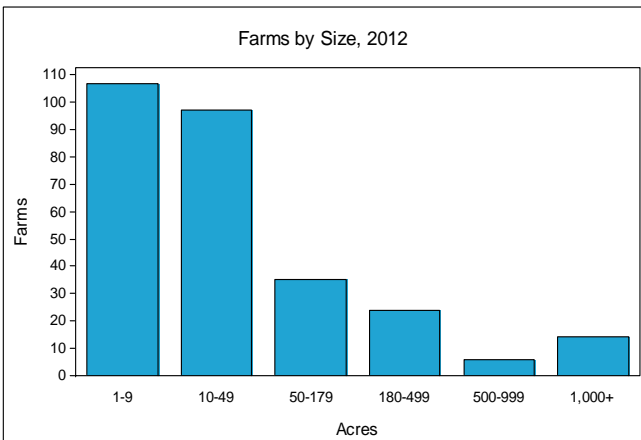
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Sarasota County Florida

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	283	305	- 7
Land in Farms	80,143 acres	61,033 acres	+ 31
Average Size of Farm	283 acres	200 acres	+ 42
Market Value of Products Sold	\$25,033,000	\$31,031,000	- 19
Crop Sales \$15,027,000 (60 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$10,006,000 (40 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$88,457	\$101,741	- 13
Government Payments	\$384,000	\$79,000	+ 386
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$54,831	\$13,151	+ 317





Sarasota County – Florida

Ranked items among the 67 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	25,033	46	67	2,245	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	15,027	45	67	1,871	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	10,006	37	67	2,108	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	-	-	53	-	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	5	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	17	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	64	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,889	29	65	331	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	12,082	25	64	230	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	34	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	44	66	(D)	3,049
Poultry and eggs	47	38	66	1,642	3,013
Cattle and calves	4,577	32	67	1,883	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	19	33	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	6	45	64	2,256	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	7	58	64	2,760	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	169	37	66	1,392	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	11	55	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	67	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,035	45	67	2,695	3,057
Sod harvested	(D)	22	41	(D)	690
Oranges, all	467	24	56	39	174
Other oranges	294	25	53	40	162
Valencia oranges	173	24	49	38	126
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	15,629	33	67	1,557	3,063
Quail	(D)	10	38	(D)	944
Colonies of bees	1,543	26	67	327	2,761
Horses and ponies	1,393	22	67	803	3,072
Layers	616	57	66	2,224	3,040

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	120	Farming	126
\$1,000 to \$2,499	27	Other	157
\$2,500 to \$4,999	23	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	32	Male	197
\$10,000 to \$19,999	12	Female	86
\$20,000 to \$24,999	2	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	17	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	8	American Indian or Alaska Native	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	12	Asian	4
\$100,000 to \$249,999	8	Black or African American	1
\$250,000 to \$499,999	10	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	12	White	444
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	21,892	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	77,358	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	10
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	4,379		
Average per farm (\$)	15,472		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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.