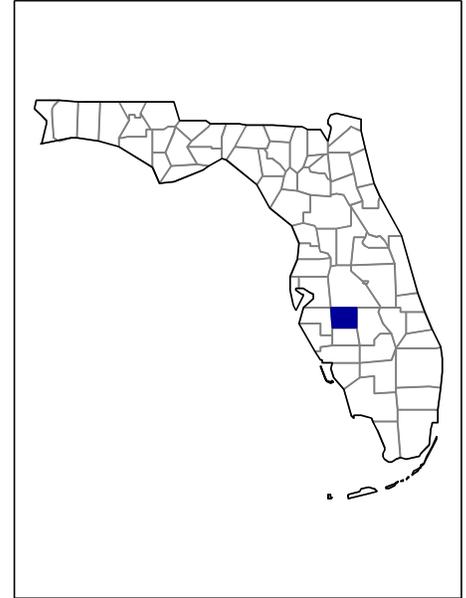


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Number of farms

1,142 farms in 2002, 1,292 farms in 1997, down 12 percent.

Land in farms

346,191 acres in 2002, 345,439 acres in 1997, up slightly.

Average size of farm

303 acres in 2002, 267 acres in 1997, up 13 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$166,203,000 in 2002, \$155,872,000 in 1997, up 7 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$129,599,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$36,604,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

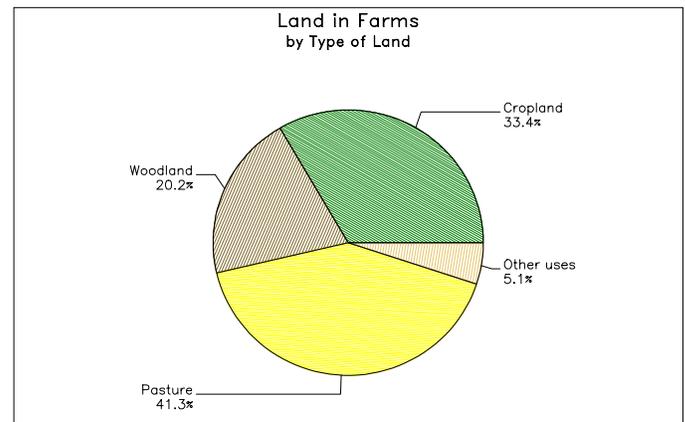
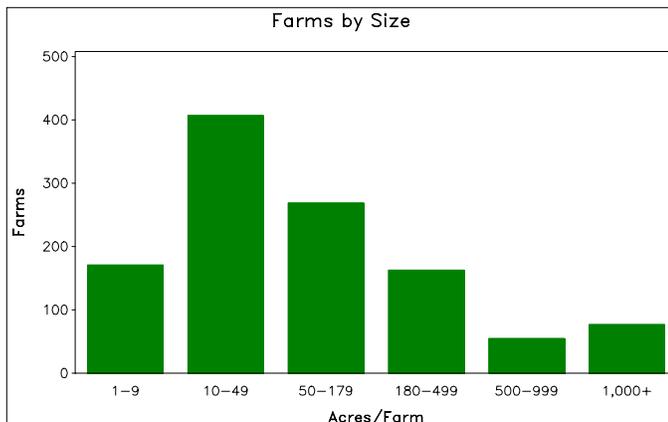
\$145,537 in 2002, \$120,644 in 1997, up 21 percent.

Government Payments

\$230,000 in 2002, \$18,000 in 1997, up 1,178 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$9,995 in 2002, \$1,366 in 1997, up 632 percent.



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Ranked items among the 67 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

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	166,203	12	67	204	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	129,599	12	66	85	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	36,604	10	67	799	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	-	-	49	-	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	14	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	12	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	11,199	15	62	158	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	91,516	7	65	33	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	26,588	15	65	107	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	36	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	61	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	15,958	7	66	664	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	19,797	7	52	226	2,493
Hogs and pigs	11	46	61	2,274	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	2	55	65	2,810	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	64	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	310	24	65	423	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	94,749	5	66	150	3,059
Colonies of bees	5,914	11	64	88	2,392
Horses and ponies	713	40	65	1,716	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	292	46	65	2,271	2,983
All Goats	127	57	64	2,142	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Oranges	54,388	5	44	6	123
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	7,508	15	65	2,012	3,059
All Vegetables harvested	3,160	10	62	203	2,710
Sod harvested	3,136	6	45	18	740
Grapefruit	1,203	14	40	20	88

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	149
\$1,000 to \$2,499	120
\$2,500 to \$4,999	91
\$5,000 to \$9,999	95
\$10,000 to \$19,999	139
\$20,000 to \$24,999	35
\$25,000 to \$39,999	99
\$40,000 to \$49,999	42
\$50,000 to \$99,999	165
\$100,000 to \$249,999	102
\$250,000 to \$499,999	54
\$500,000 or more	51
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	125,496
Average per farm (\$)	110,084
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	41,582
Average per farm (\$)	36,476

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	602
Other	540
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	979
Female	163
Average age of principal operator (years)	59.4
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,570
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	1
More than one race	1
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	68

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

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.