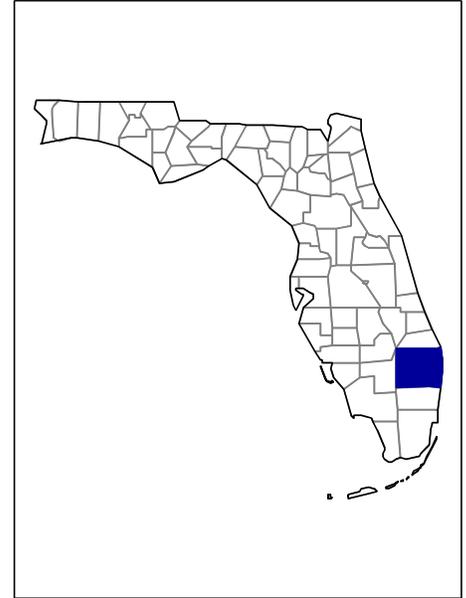




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Number of farms

1,110 farms in 2002, 1,095 farms in 1997, up 1 percent.

Land in farms

535,965 acres in 2002, 609,546 acres in 1997, down 12 percent.

Average size of farm

483 acres in 2002, 557 acres in 1997, down 13 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$759,867,000 in 2002, \$875,809,000 in 1997, down 13 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$752,826,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$7,040,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

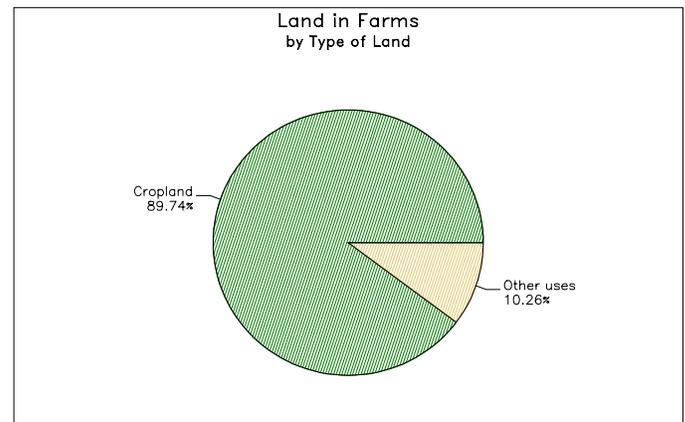
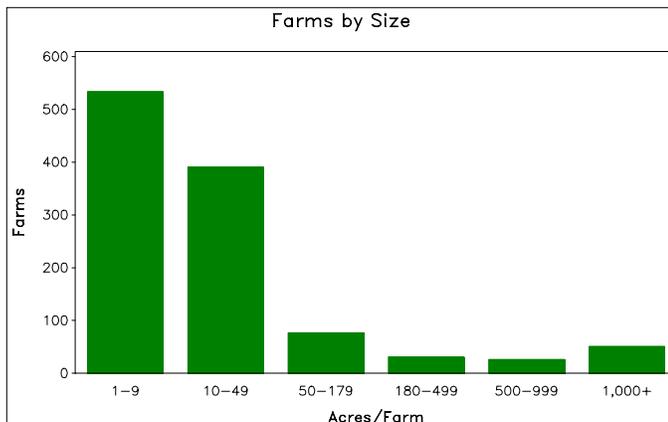
\$684,565 in 2002, \$799,826 in 1997, down 14 percent.

Government Payments

\$299,000 in 2002, \$71,000 in 1997, up 321 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$18,658 in 2002, \$3,361 in 1997, up 455 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	759,867	1	67	19	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	752,826	1	66	8	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	7,040	36	67	2,132	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	49	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	14	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	12	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	207,498	1	62	10	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	22,604	16	65	77	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	164,989	3	65	12	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	36	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	352,659	1	61	1	3,046
Poultry and eggs	15	41	66	1,835	2,918
Cattle and calves	966	48	66	2,563	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	52	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	43	20	61	1,758	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	44	10	65	1,373	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,866	4	64	54	3,014
Aquaculture	2,044	6	53	102	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	2,063	4	65	46	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Colonies of bees	10,892	4	64	37	2,392
Cattle and calves	5,443	49	66	2,474	3,059
Horses and ponies	4,191	3	65	92	3,065
Hogs and pigs	953	9	62	1,360	2,926
All Goats	933	14	64	516	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Sugrcane for sugar	327,272	1	4	1	37
All Vegetables harvested	58,645	1	62	9	2,710
Sweet corn	26,460	1	50	2	2,279
Rice	13,994	1	3	55	150
Sugrcane for seed	12,928	1	4	1	32

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	288	Farming	595
\$1,000 to \$2,499	163	Other	515
\$2,500 to \$4,999	87	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	99	Male	782
\$10,000 to \$19,999	66	Female	328
\$20,000 to \$24,999	30	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	45	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	37	White	1,547
\$50,000 to \$99,999	51	Black or African American	43
\$100,000 to \$249,999	75	American Indian or Alaska Native	25
\$250,000 to \$499,999	42	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	127	Asian	40
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	443,198	More than one race	6
Average per farm (\$)	399,278	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	156
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	333,727		
Average per farm (\$)	300,655		

(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.