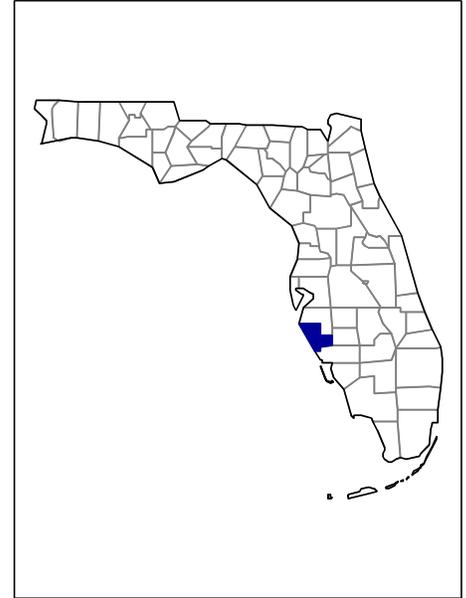




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Number of farms

371 farms in 2002, 463 farms in 1997, down 20 percent.

Land in farms

121,310 acres in 2002, 129,311 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

Average size of farm

327 acres in 2002, 279 acres in 1997, up 17 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$17,801,000 in 2002, \$24,878,000 in 1997, down 28 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$13,343,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$4,458,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

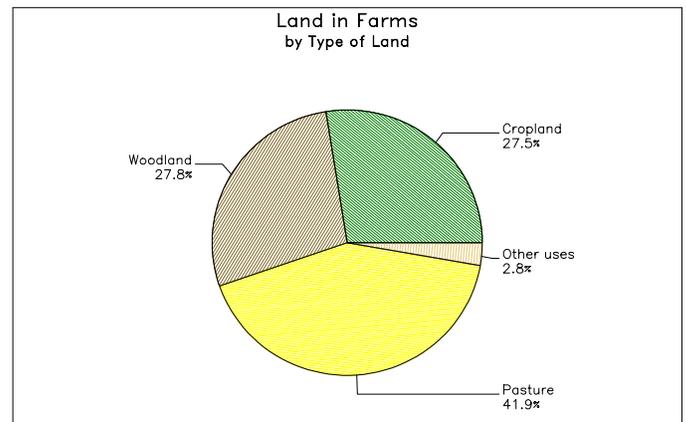
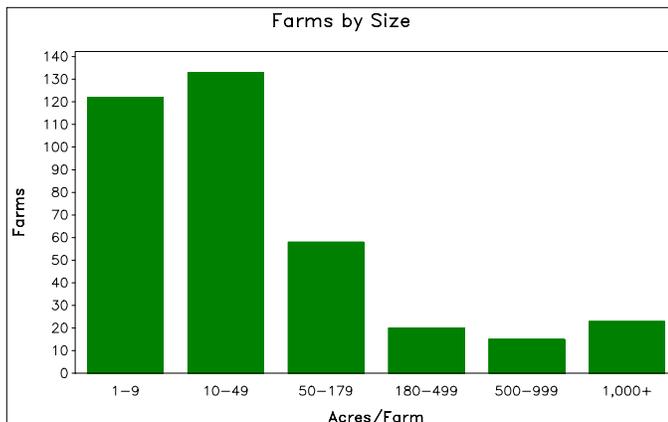
\$47,982 in 2002, \$53,732 in 1997, down 11 percent.

Government Payments

(D) in 2002, \$11,000 in 1997.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

(D) in 2002, \$2,132 in 1997.



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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	17,801	50	67	2,182	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	13,343	37	66	1,464	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	4,458	46	67	2,395	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	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	4,865	24	65	147	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	8,312	31	65	308	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	36	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	61	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	3,637	27	66	1,765	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	9	50	61	2,359	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	2	60	65	2,846	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	64	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	53	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	255	30	65	490	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	14	65	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	22,741	24	66	1,323	3,059
Colonies of bees	1,840	29	64	301	2,392
Horses and ponies	882	35	65	1,453	3,065
Hogs and pigs	181	45	62	2,074	2,926
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Oranges	3,110	22	44	32	123
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,086	47	65	2,871	3,059
Sod harvested	1,020	19	45	104	740
Grapefruit	565	19	40	28	88
Nursery stock	275	31	64	366	2,129

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	118	Farming	194
\$1,000 to \$2,499	71	Other	177
\$2,500 to \$4,999	42		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	22	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	24	Male	279
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9	Female	92
\$25,000 to \$39,999	24		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	11	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	18		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	18	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	6	White	534
\$500,000 or more	8	Black or African American	3
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	16,208	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Average per farm (\$)	43,686	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	3
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	3,841	More than one race	9
Average per farm (\$)	10,354	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	22

(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.