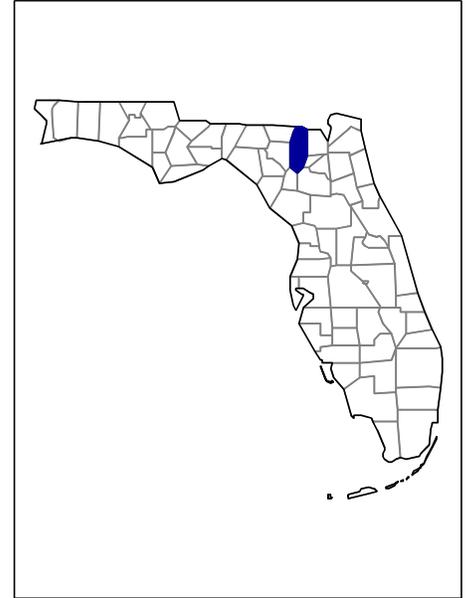


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Number of farms

688 farms in 2002, 808 farms in 1997, down 15 percent.

Land in farms

90,227 acres in 2002, 103,707 acres in 1997, down 13 percent.

Average size of farm

131 acres in 2002, 128 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$46,767,000 in 2002, \$23,159,000 in 1997, up 102 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$7,947,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$38,820,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

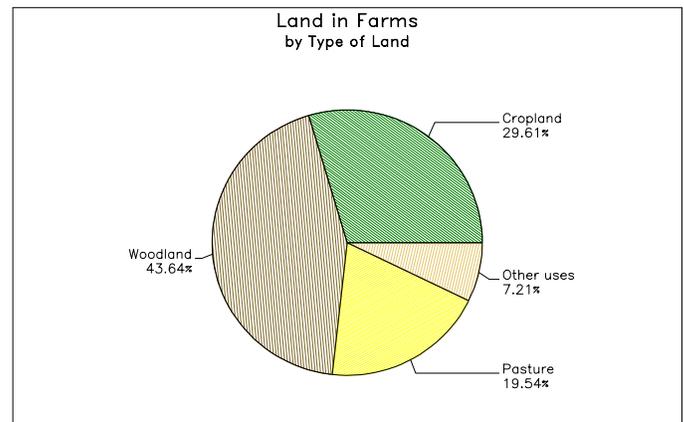
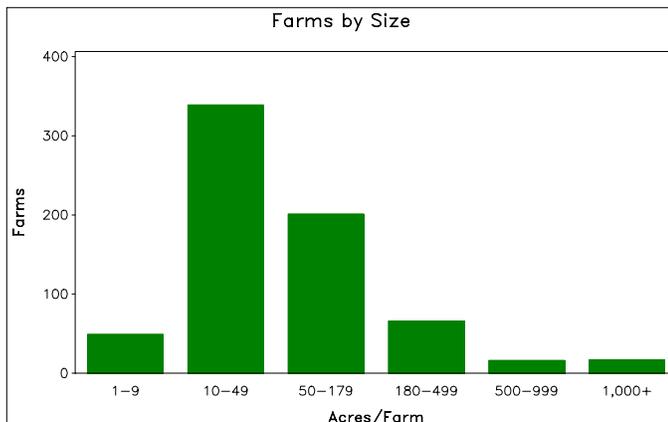
\$67,976 in 2002, \$28,662 in 1997, up 137 percent.

Government Payments

\$168,000 in 2002, \$310,000 in 1997, down 46 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,049 in 2002, \$3,484 in 1997, down 12 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	46,767	31	67	1,244	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	7,947	44	66	1,809	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	38,820	8	67	749	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	49	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	2,202	3	14	180	560
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	12	(D)	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	437	42	62	1,051	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	202	44	65	893	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	65	(D)	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	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,111	33	52	1,311	2,493
Hogs and pigs	27	27	61	1,941	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	22	17	65	1,845	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	65	49	64	2,172	3,014
Aquaculture	9	43	53	977	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	423	17	65	329	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	1	65	(D)	2,983
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	108,121	15	57	523	2,599
Cattle and calves	19,324	29	66	1,499	3,059
Colonies of bees	2,720	25	64	225	2,392
All Goats	1,214	10	64	366	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	5,558	19	65	2,232	3,059
Peanuts	(D)	9	30	(D)	398
Tobacco	459	4	14	218	563
All Field and grass seed crops	309	14	33	297	1,293
Pecans	293	7	45	277	1,194

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	280
\$1,000 to \$2,499	114
\$2,500 to \$4,999	93
\$5,000 to \$9,999	80
\$10,000 to \$19,999	45
\$20,000 to \$24,999	13
\$25,000 to \$39,999	13
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	13
\$100,000 to \$249,999	15
\$250,000 to \$499,999	9
\$500,000 or more	9
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	47,039
Average per farm (\$)	68,469
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	3,347
Average per farm (\$)	4,872

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	329
Other	359
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	573
Female	115
Average age of principal operator (years)	57.8
All operators ² by race:	
White	888
Black or African American	69
American Indian or Alaska Native	9
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	2
More than one race	1
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	44

(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.