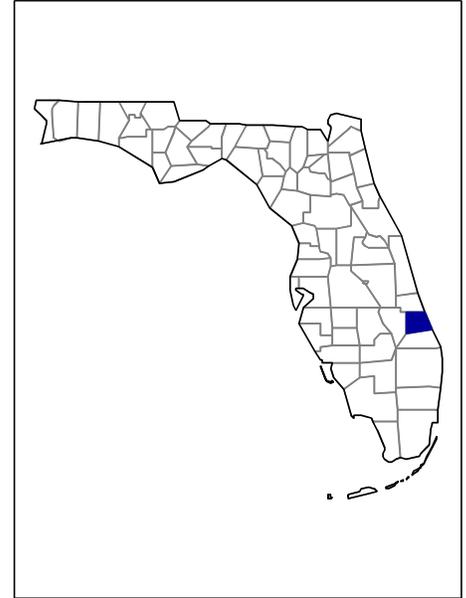




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Number of farms

477 farms in 2002, 609 farms in 1997, down 22 percent.

Land in farms

221,537 acres in 2002, 230,354 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

Average size of farm

464 acres in 2002, 378 acres in 1997, up 23 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$127,907,000 in 2002, \$174,029,000 in 1997, down 27 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$112,346,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$15,561,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

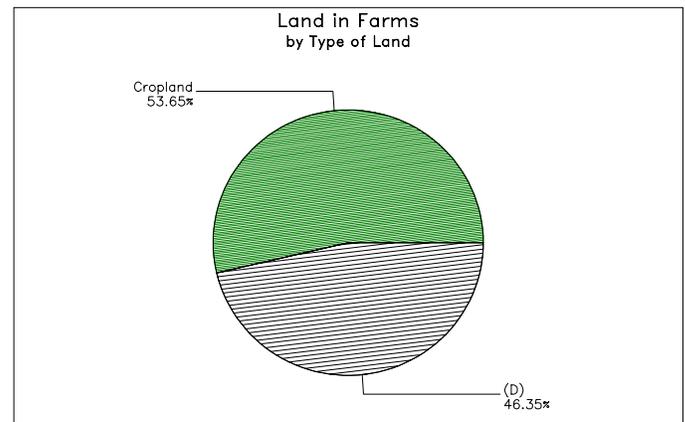
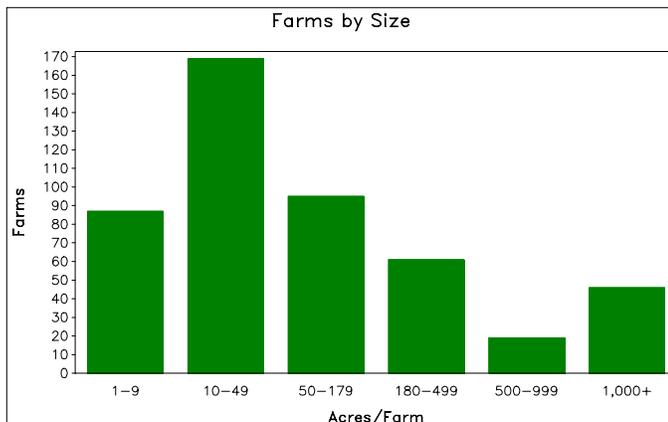
\$268,149 in 2002, \$285,762 in 1997, down 6 percent.

Government Payments

\$93,000 in 2002, \$78,000 in 1997, up 19 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$11,672 in 2002, \$8,629 in 1997, up 35 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	127,907	15	67	331	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	112,346	13	66	102	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	15,561	26	67	1,515	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	101,968	6	65	29	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	-	-	61	-	3,046
Poultry and eggs	4	57	66	2,339	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	15	40	61	2,155	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	14	28	65	2,126	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	119	39	64	1,622	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	258	29	65	486	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	31,944	18	66	1,000	3,059
Colonies of bees	3,135	18	64	189	2,392
Horses and ponies	633	43	65	1,874	3,065
All Goats	534	28	64	959	2,971
Hogs and pigs	394	27	62	1,738	2,926
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Grapefruit	47,661	1	40	1	88
Oranges	45,292	6	44	8	123
Tangerines	1,651	2	38	4	87
Temples	1,015	1	24	1	24
Tangelos	678	3	33	7	59

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	66	Farming	265
\$1,000 to \$2,499	46	Other	212
\$2,500 to \$4,999	33		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	41	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	17	Male	409
\$20,000 to \$24,999	16	Female	68
\$25,000 to \$39,999	37		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	18	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	75		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	42	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	38	White	694
\$500,000 or more	48	Black or African American	3
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	114,284	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	240,597	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	4
		Asian	20
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	16,275	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	34,263	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	33

(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.