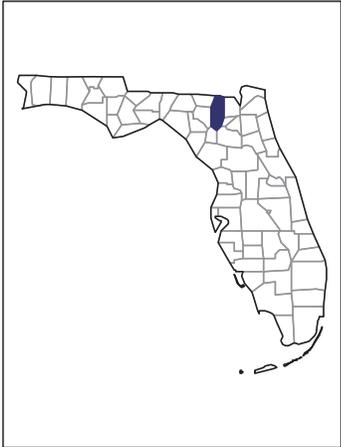


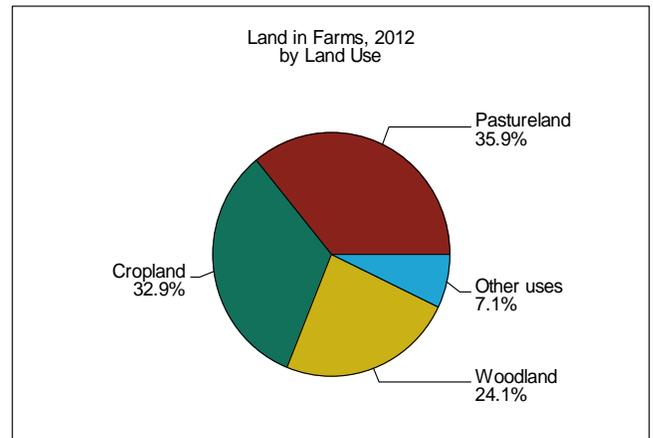
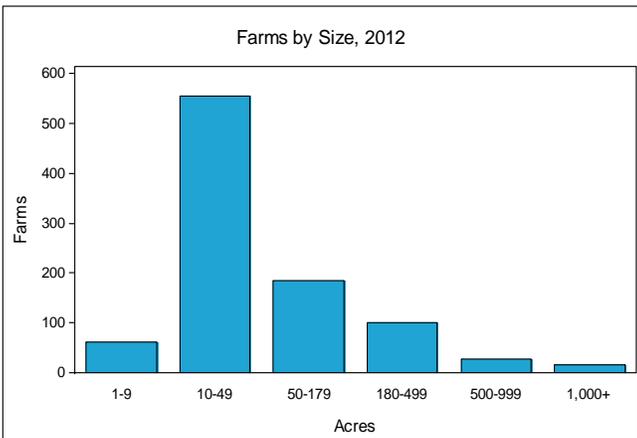
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Columbia County Florida

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	945	982	- 4
Land in Farms	101,451 acres	85,952 acres	+ 18
Average Size of Farm	107 acres	88 acres	+ 22
Market Value of Products Sold	\$108,574,000	(D)	
Crop Sales \$18,916,000 (17 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$89,658,000 (83 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$114,893	(D)	
Government Payments	\$709,000	\$334,000	+ 112
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$7,238	\$3,514	+ 106





Columbia County – Florida

Ranked items among the 67 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	108,574	21	67	1,085	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	18,916	40	67	1,735	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	89,658	4	67	530	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,558	13	53	2,123	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	5	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	653	13	17	475	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	857	38	64	898	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	347	48	65	846	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	7,980	31	64	307	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	6	27	34	1,081	1,530
Other crops and hay	7,516	15	66	391	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	2	66	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	67	(D)	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	33	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	25	21	64	1,705	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	152	12	64	1,018	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	122	45	66	1,675	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	55	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	259	28	67	651	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	11,423	11	67	1,497	3,057
Peanuts for nuts	6,300	12	25	78	364
Corn for grain	1,453	8	46	1,804	2,638
Cotton, all	564	13	17	529	635
Upland cotton	564	13	17	529	635
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers	(D)	1	66	(D)	3,040
Pullets for laying flock replacement	(D)	3	58	(D)	2,637
Cattle and calves	32,735	17	67	876	3,063
Colonies of bees	(D)	22	67	(D)	2,761
Goats, all	1,790	7	65	243	2,996

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	443	Farming	439
\$1,000 to \$2,499	101	Other	506
\$2,500 to \$4,999	100		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	131	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	51	Male	740
\$20,000 to \$24,999	18	Female	205
\$25,000 to \$39,999	19		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	14	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	21		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	19	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	10	American Indian or Alaska Native	10
\$500,000 or more	18	Asian	3
		Black or African American	100
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	106,844	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Average per farm (\$)	113,063	White	1,364
		More than one race	9
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	5,866	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	41
Average per farm (\$)	6,207		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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.