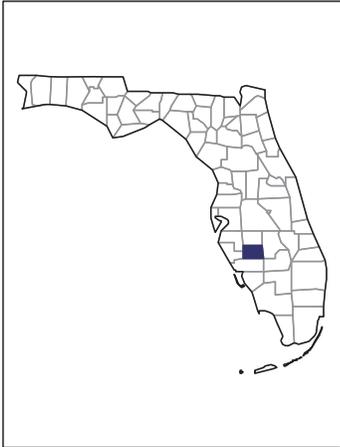


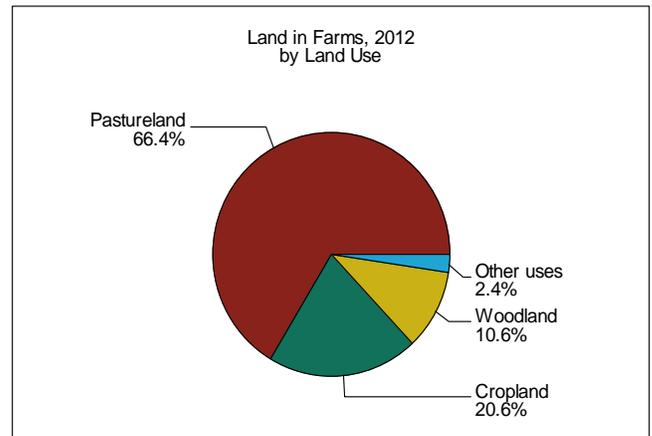
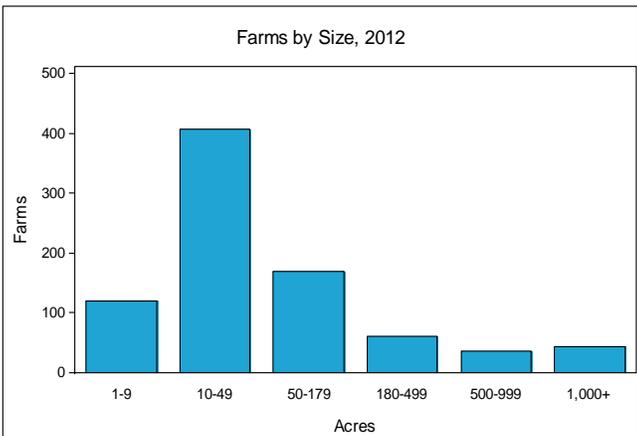
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



DeSoto County Florida

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	836	1,035	- 19
Land in Farms	302,869 acres	260,277 acres	+ 16
Average Size of Farm	362 acres	251 acres	+ 44
Market Value of Products Sold	\$198,271,000	\$219,928,000	- 10
Crop Sales \$162,968,000 (82 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$35,303,000 (18 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$237,166	\$212,491	+ 12
Government Payments	\$196,000	\$123,000	+ 59
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$17,810	\$11,223	+ 59





DeSoto 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	198,271	13	67	543	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	162,968	10	67	342	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	35,303	15	67	1,162	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	4	50	53	2,872	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	5	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	17	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	5,415	25	64	346	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	146,896	3	65	32	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	10,260	29	64	256	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	34	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	393	40	66	2,534	3,049
Poultry and eggs	140	21	66	1,300	3,013
Cattle and calves	20,026	6	67	802	3,056
Milk from cows	12,782	10	33	436	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	64	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	20	40	64	2,447	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	326	23	66	849	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	40	55	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	1,956	8	67	122	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Oranges, all	47,191	3	56	4	174
Other oranges	23,999	3	53	6	162
Valencia oranges	23,192	4	49	4	126
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	5,201	26	67	2,188	3,057
Sod harvested	1,645	9	41	35	690
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	62,895	8	67	340	3,063
Colonies of bees	11,361	6	67	58	2,761
Layers	3,070	25	66	1,025	3,040
Quail	(D)	11	38	(D)	944
Pigeons or squab	1,500	1	23	19	842

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	258	Farming	405
\$1,000 to \$2,499	98	Other	431
\$2,500 to \$4,999	80	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	71	Male	664
\$10,000 to \$19,999	76	Female	172
\$20,000 to \$24,999	20	Average age of principal operator (years)	61.1
\$25,000 to \$39,999	40	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	18	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	55	Asian	9
\$100,000 to \$249,999	52	Black or African American	13
\$250,000 to \$499,999	22	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
\$500,000 or more	46	White	1,243
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	156,534	More than one race	5
Average per farm (\$)	187,242	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	89
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	49,599		
Average per farm (\$)	59,329		

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.