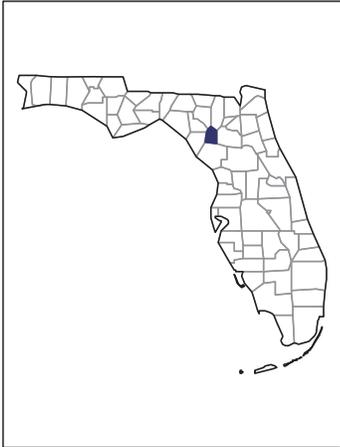


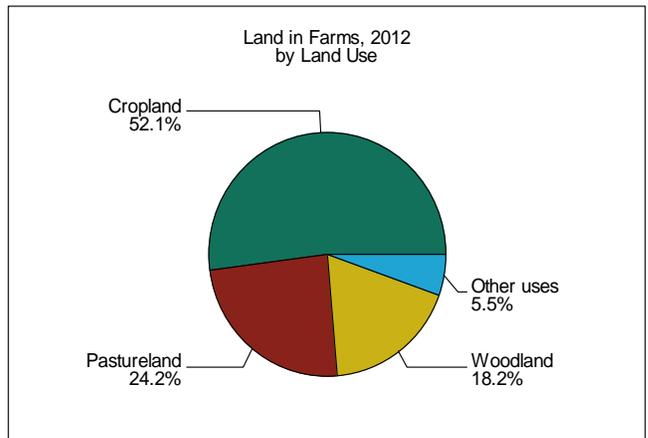
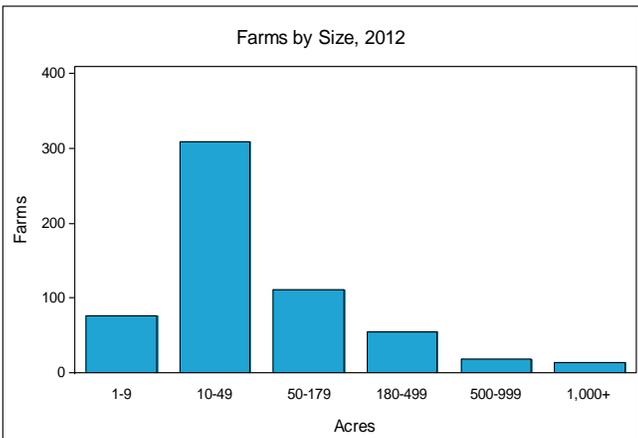
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Gilchrist County Florida

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	581	569	+ 2
<b>Land in Farms</b>	83,904 acres	71,098 acres	+ 18
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	144 acres	125 acres	+ 15
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$88,737,000	\$76,670,000	+ 16
Crop Sales \$28,031,000 (32 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$60,706,000 (68 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$152,731	\$134,745	+ 13
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$746,000	\$565,000	+ 32
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$10,653	\$8,688	+ 23





## Gilchrist County – Florida

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

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	88,737	27	67	1,276	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	28,031	36	67	1,518	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	60,706	8	67	780	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,784	11	53	2,087	2,926
Tobacco	(D)	3	5	(D)	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	17	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	9,067	21	64	227	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	458	44	65	741	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2,368	46	64	704	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	34	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	14,159	10	66	229	3,049
Poultry and eggs	55	37	66	1,594	3,013
Cattle and calves	8,696	22	67	1,416	3,056
Milk from cows	50,121	2	33	168	2,038
Hogs and pigs	4	50	64	2,403	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	159	11	64	976	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,615	9	66	132	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	55	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	57	47	67	1,361	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	11,553	10	67	1,492	3,057
Peanuts for nuts	10,351	6	25	53	364
Corn for silage	4,471	2	31	417	2,237
Sorghum for silage	3,186	1	14	28	1,076
Vegetables harvested, all	2,685	18	64	263	2,801
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	32,721	18	67	879	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	13	62	(D)	2,723
Layers	1,782	35	66	1,393	3,040
Goats, all	1,621	8	65	282	2,996
Horses and ponies	1,368	23	67	818	3,072

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	259	Farming	260
\$1,000 to \$2,499	56	Other	321
\$2,500 to \$4,999	40		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	67	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	60	Male	426
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9	Female	155
\$25,000 to \$39,999	24		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	8	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	15		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	12	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	16	American Indian or Alaska Native	9
\$500,000 or more	15	Asian	2
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	71,776	Black or African American	4
Average per farm (\$)	123,538	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	3
		White	851
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	19,608	More than one race	8
Average per farm (\$)	33,748	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	16

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.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item. <sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.