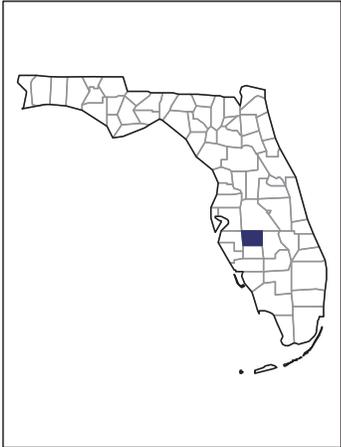


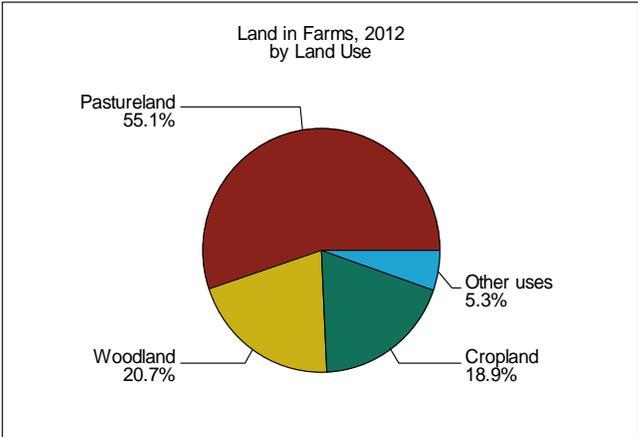
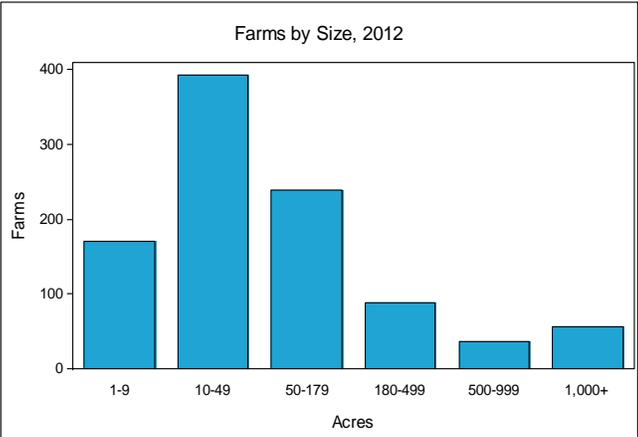
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Hardee County Florida

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	982	1,081	- 9
Land in Farms	273,916 acres	279,887 acres	- 2
Average Size of Farm	279 acres	259 acres	+ 8
Market Value of Products Sold	\$218,375,000	\$231,959,000	- 6
Crop Sales \$145,058,000 (66 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$73,317,000 (34 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$222,378	\$214,579	+ 4
Government Payments	\$345,000	\$217,000	+ 59
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$14,364	\$8,364	+ 72





Hardee 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	218,375	11	67	473	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	145,058	12	67	413	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	73,317	7	67	669	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	46	53	(D)	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	5	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	17	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	4,590	28	64	392	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	103,927	8	65	41	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	36,220	12	64	89	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	34	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	43	66	2,625	3,049
Poultry and eggs	18	51	66	2,118	3,013
Cattle and calves	25,522	4	67	642	3,056
Milk from cows	46,970	4	33	177	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	64	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	6	60	64	2,784	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	30	57	66	2,512	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	31	55	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	604	20	67	372	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Oranges, all	35,420	5	56	8	174
Other oranges	20,075	4	53	7	162
Valencia oranges	15,345	5	49	6	126
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	7,068	22	67	1,947	3,057
Vegetables harvested, all	1,095	25	64	451	2,801
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	69,581	5	67	274	3,063
Colonies of bees	2,837	20	67	246	2,761
Layers	1,140	42	66	1,763	3,040
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,122	19	62	914	2,723
Horses and ponies	735	41	67	1,603	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	253	Farming	493
\$1,000 to \$2,499	79	Other	489
\$2,500 to \$4,999	97	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	81	Male	812
\$10,000 to \$19,999	88	Female	170
\$20,000 to \$24,999	16	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	57	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	31	American Indian or Alaska Native	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	84	Asian	13
\$100,000 to \$249,999	82	Black or African American	10
\$250,000 to \$499,999	43	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	71	White	1,419
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	173,203	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	176,378	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	170
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	49,311		
Average per farm (\$)	50,215		

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.