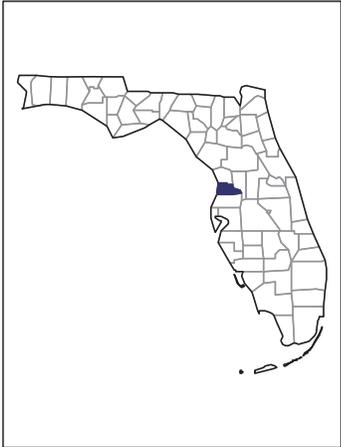


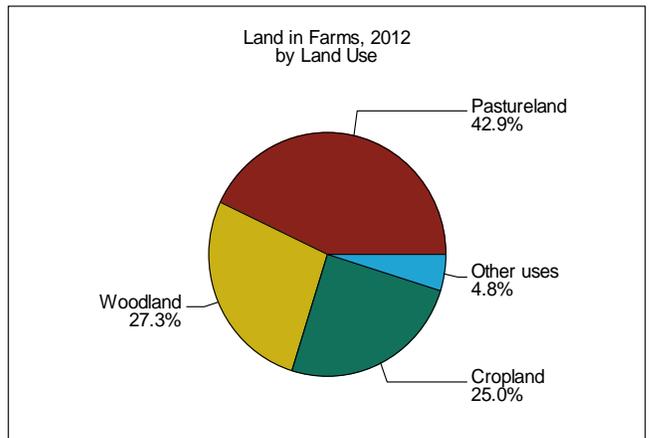
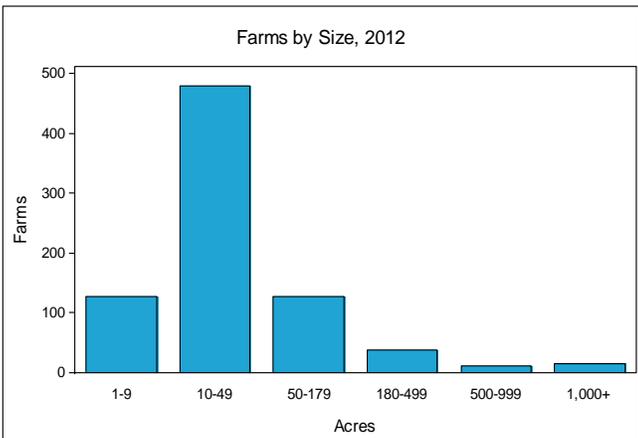
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Hernando County Florida

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	799	768	+ 4
Land in Farms	61,942 acres	56,237 acres	+ 10
Average Size of Farm	78 acres	73 acres	+ 7
Market Value of Products Sold	\$28,358,000	\$35,678,000	- 21
Crop Sales \$15,899,000 (56 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$12,459,000 (44 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$35,491	\$46,456	- 24
Government Payments	\$441,000	\$94,000	+ 369
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$31,505	\$10,420	+ 202





Hernando 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	28,358	44	67	2,181	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	15,899	42	67	1,844	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	12,459	29	67	1,959	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	49	53	(D)	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	5	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	17	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	236	50	64	1,431	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	5,259	23	65	191	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	9,069	30	64	284	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	34	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	1,308	28	66	1,690	3,049
Poultry and eggs	4,393	13	66	773	3,013
Cattle and calves	4,092	33	67	1,946	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	29	33	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	32	17	64	1,603	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	87	16	64	1,466	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,721	8	66	121	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	29	55	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	67	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	11,010	12	67	1,529	3,057
Oranges, all	762	23	56	34	174
Other oranges	709	22	53	34	162
Nursery stock crops	684	21	63	133	2,077
Floriculture and bedding crops	(D)	6	56	(D)	1,848
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers	903,226	4	66	108	3,040
Cattle and calves	15,799	32	67	1,545	3,063
Horses and ponies	2,080	14	67	434	3,072
Pullets for laying flock replacement	1,092	10	58	541	2,637
Goats, all	1,034	16	65	539	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	293	Farming	409
\$1,000 to \$2,499	118	Other	390
\$2,500 to \$4,999	108	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	82	Male	586
\$10,000 to \$19,999	80	Female	213
\$20,000 to \$24,999	12	Average age of principal operator (years)	61.3
\$25,000 to \$39,999	22	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	10	American Indian or Alaska Native	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	25	Asian	7
\$100,000 to \$249,999	31	Black or African American	20
\$250,000 to \$499,999	8	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	10	White	1,193
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	39,356	More than one race	6
Average per farm (\$)	49,257	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	102
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-9,480		
Average per farm (\$)	-11,865		

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.