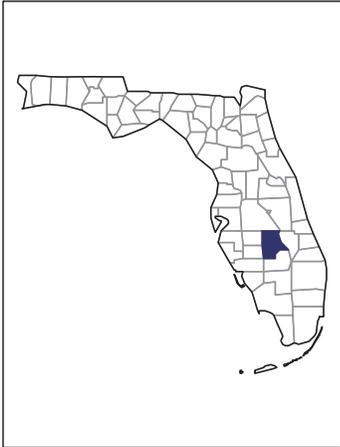


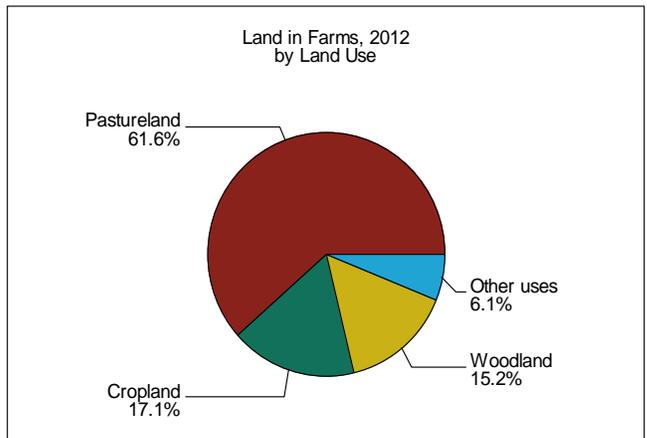
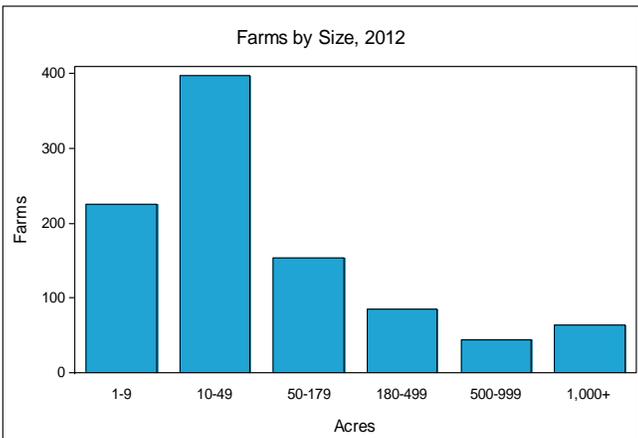
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Highlands County Florida

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	969	832	+ 16
Land in Farms	489,912 acres	476,256 acres	+ 3
Average Size of Farm	506 acres	572 acres	- 12
Market Value of Products Sold	\$273,375,000	\$326,002,000	- 16
Crop Sales \$198,496,000 (73 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$74,879,000 (27 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$282,121	\$391,829	- 28
Government Payments	\$609,000	\$493,000	+ 24
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$29,017	\$18,979	+ 53





Highlands 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	273,375	8	67	337	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	198,496	9	67	217	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	74,879	6	67	646	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	52	53	2,919	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	5	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	17	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	64	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	137,698	5	65	36	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	51,802	7	64	53	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	34	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	20	66	(D)	3,049
Poultry and eggs	21	49	66	2,046	3,013
Cattle and calves	41,749	2	67	352	3,056
Milk from cows	31,931	6	33	236	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	11	64	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	56	25	64	1,835	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	78	52	66	2,024	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	27	55	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	756	15	67	317	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Oranges, all	45,467	4	56	5	174
Valencia oranges	27,539	3	49	3	126
Other oranges	17,928	5	53	8	162
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,243	15	67	1,705	3,057
Sod harvested	8,194	2	41	3	690
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	122,336	2	67	82	3,063
Colonies of bees	4,655	16	67	167	2,761
Layers	1,906	34	66	1,337	3,040
Horses and ponies	1,283	26	67	885	3,072
Goats, all	872	20	65	672	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	336	Farming	478
\$1,000 to \$2,499	94	Other	491
\$2,500 to \$4,999	61	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	77	Male	803
\$10,000 to \$19,999	54	Female	166
\$20,000 to \$24,999	19	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	38	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	23	American Indian or Alaska Native	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	60	Asian	31
\$100,000 to \$249,999	85	Black or African American	12
\$250,000 to \$499,999	52	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
\$500,000 or more	70	White	1,471
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	209,215	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	215,908	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	175
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	66,100		
Average per farm (\$)	68,215		

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.