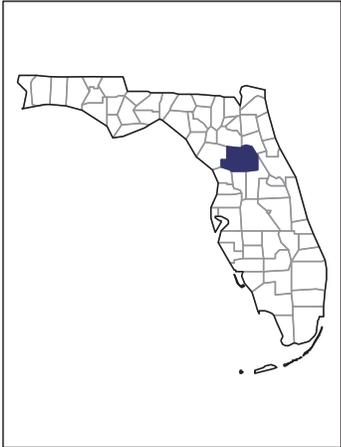


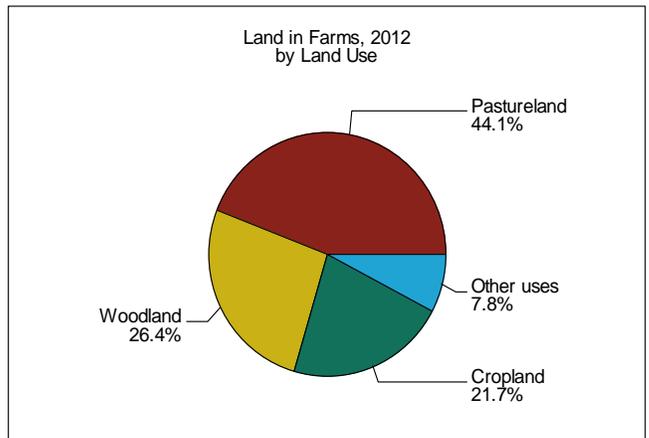
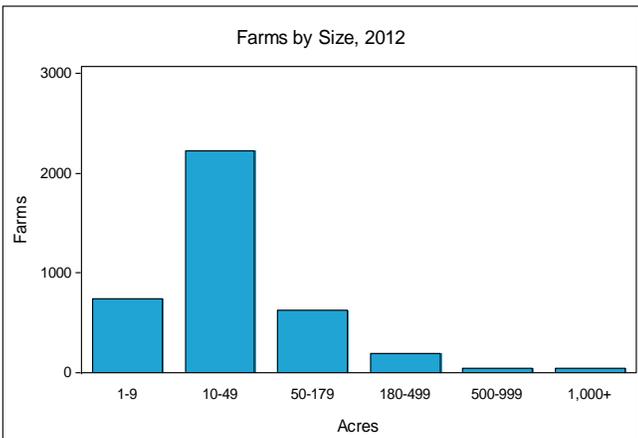
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Marion County Florida

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	3,870	3,496	+ 11
Land in Farms	321,474 acres	266,571 acres	+ 21
Average Size of Farm	83 acres	76 acres	+ 9
Market Value of Products Sold	\$188,174,000	\$173,739,000	+ 8
Crop Sales \$43,774,000 (23 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$144,400,000 (77 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$48,624	\$49,696	- 2
Government Payments	\$483,000	\$476,000	+ 1
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$5,820	\$10,338	- 44





Marion 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	188,174	14	67	586	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	43,774	28	67	1,248	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	144,400	3	67	285	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	592	25	53	2,356	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	5	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	17	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	4,313	29	64	404	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	13,352	22	65	130	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	10,954	26	64	243	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	38	12	34	556	1,530
Other crops and hay	14,524	9	66	224	3,049
Poultry and eggs	224	19	66	1,210	3,013
Cattle and calves	16,145	10	67	951	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	33	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	85	5	64	1,304	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	267	5	64	632	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	112,821	1	66	1	3,011
Aquaculture	50	39	55	742	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	14,809	1	67	9	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	31,166	1	67	569	3,057
Peanuts for nuts	9,597	7	25	57	364
Vegetables harvested, all	1,670	20	64	357	2,801
Field and grass seed crops, all	1,500	1	19	63	583
Watermelons	1,333	5	60	21	1,945
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	47,253	10	67	549	3,063
Horses and ponies	37,880	1	67	1	3,072
Layers	10,441	13	66	689	3,040
Quail	9,143	6	38	97	944
Colonies of bees	5,829	14	67	136	2,761

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	1,678	Farming	1,916
\$1,000 to \$2,499	397	Other	1,954
\$2,500 to \$4,999	363		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	355	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	253	Male	2,679
\$20,000 to \$24,999	82	Female	1,191
\$25,000 to \$39,999	158		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	57	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	211		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	155	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	97	American Indian or Alaska Native	123
\$500,000 or more	64	Asian	41
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	286,353	Black or African American	366
Average per farm (\$)	73,993	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
		White	5,583
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-47,500	More than one race	19
Average per farm (\$)	-12,274	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	478

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero.

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.