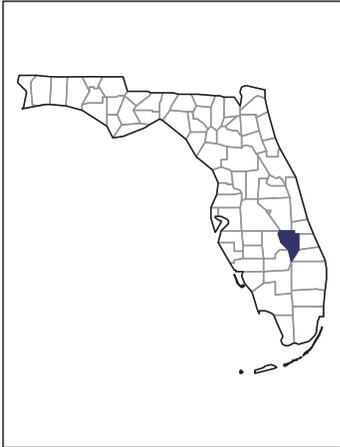


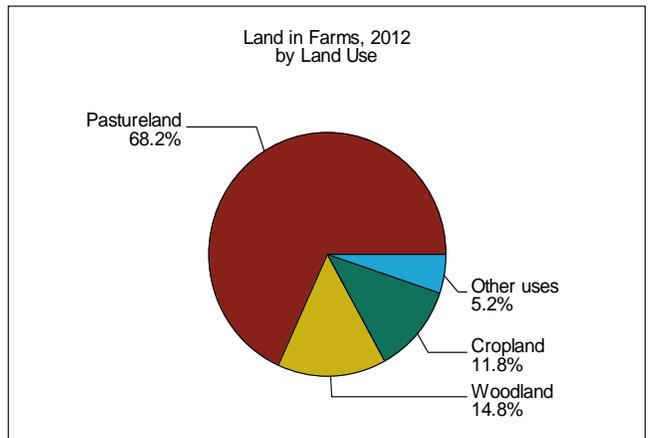
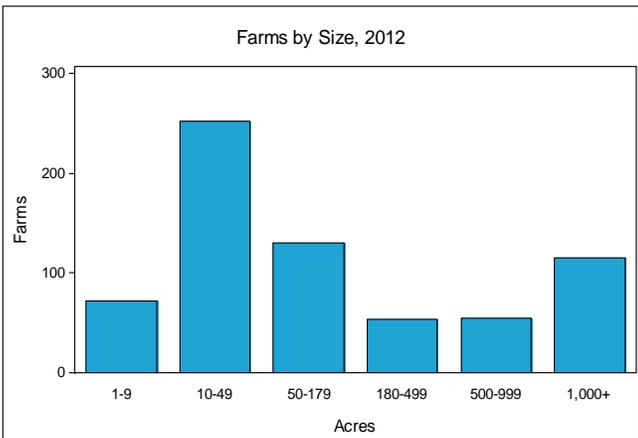
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Okeechobee County Florida

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	678	656	+ 3
Land in Farms	441,824 acres	338,357 acres	+ 31
Average Size of Farm	652 acres	516 acres	+ 26
Market Value of Products Sold	\$256,878,000	\$177,609,000	+ 45
Crop Sales \$50,597,000 (20 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$206,281,000 (80 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$378,876	\$270,745	+ 40
Government Payments	\$2,120,000	\$337,000	+ 529
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$17,232	\$7,831	+ 120





Okeechobee 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	256,878	10	67	371	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	50,597	27	67	1,160	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	206,281	2	67	166	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	10	53	(D)	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	5	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	17	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	15	64	161	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	15,318	20	65	124	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	17,599	21	64	171	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	34	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	463	38	66	2,461	3,049
Poultry and eggs	137	22	66	1,306	3,013
Cattle and calves	57,642	1	67	236	3,056
Milk from cows	143,635	1	33	48	2,038
Hogs and pigs	25	23	64	1,715	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	366	3	64	461	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	556	18	66	498	3,011
Aquaculture	3,782	6	55	82	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	138	38	67	934	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	17,667	6	67	1,102	3,057
Oranges, all	5,621	17	56	22	174
Vegetables harvested, all	3,704	12	64	206	2,801
Corn for silage	(D)	3	31	(D)	2,237
Sod harvested	3,140	5	41	13	690
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	180,538	1	67	43	3,063
Quail	6,000	9	38	113	944
Deer	2,599	1	37	6	1,034
Horses and ponies	2,236	13	67	389	3,072
Layers	1,433	39	66	1,572	3,040

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	179	Farming	384
\$1,000 to \$2,499	64	Other	294
\$2,500 to \$4,999	72	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	58	Male	590
\$10,000 to \$19,999	63	Female	88
\$20,000 to \$24,999	17	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	24	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	16	American Indian or Alaska Native	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	40	Asian	3
\$100,000 to \$249,999	48	Black or African American	8
\$250,000 to \$499,999	41	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	5
\$500,000 or more	56	White	1,113
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	244,851	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	361,138	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	113
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	18,115		
Average per farm (\$)	26,718		

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.