

**MARION COUNTY**

**2002 Census of Agriculture**

**"Agriculture Counts"**

Farms and Land in Farms	Farms	Acres	Rank
Land in farms	2,930	270,562	12
Average farm size	2,930	92	56
Median farm size	2,930	27	47
Total cropland	1,246	86,712	15
Harvested cropland	560	30,601	
Irrigated land	291	5,605	
Pastureland	2,564	192,322	9
Farms by Size of Farm	Farms	Acres	Rank
Less than 10 acres *	600	3,202	31
10-49 acres	1,608	36,320	
50-99 acres	293	19,680	
100-499 acres	339	61,136	
500-999 acres	47	31,403	
1,000 acres or more **	43	118,821	52
Farms by Value of Sales	Farms	Sales	Rank
Less than \$2,500	1,750	\$1,009,000	
\$2,500-\$9,999	607	\$2,960,000	
\$10,000-\$99,999	447	\$12,236,000	
\$100,000-\$499,000	89	\$20,373,000	
\$500,000 or more	37	\$50,953,000	

Hired Labor	Farms	Number	Rank
Workers hired	771	3,824	
Working 150 days or more	393	1,700	
Working less than 150 days	620	2,124	

Livestock and Poultry	Farms	Number	Rank
All cattle and calves	1,036	47,224	13
Beef cows	832	24,708	
Milk cows	52	3,639	
Hogs and pigs	135	2,498	3
Sheep and lambs	81	802	
Poultry			
Layers, 20 weeks & older	112	2,100	
Pullets	21	18,151	
Broilers	9	21	
Turkeys	18	71	
Horses & ponies	1,911	26,965	1
Goats, milk	19	93	
Goats, meat & other	124	1,735	
Rabbits & pelts	4	(D)	1
Colonies of bees	16	1,442	

Fruits, Nuts, and Berries	Farms	Acres	Rank
Non-citrus fruits			
Grapes	20	31	
Nectarines	3	(D)	
Peaches	5	(D)	
Pears	4	1	
Persimmons	15	34	
Plums & prunes			
Other non-citrus			
Citrus fruits	100	1,094	
Grapefruit	30	56	
Lemons	2	(D)	
Oranges	94	870	
Tangelos	6	29	
Tangerines	12	127	
Other citrus	1	(D)	
Nuts and berries			
Pecans	19	61	
Blueberries, tame	19	38	
Strawberries	9	3	

Value of Sales	Farms	Dollars	Rank
Market value of products sold	2,930	\$87,530,000	21
Value of products sold - per farm	2,930	\$29,874	57
All Crops	372	\$18,314,000	34
Grains, oilseeds, dry peas	5	\$16,000	33
Vegetables, melons, potatoes	49	\$2,375,000	29
Fruits, nuts, berries	135	\$2,095,000	27
Nursery & greenhouse	109	\$10,479,000	24
All Livestock and Poultry	1,672	\$69,217,000	3
Poultry & eggs	42	\$117,000	32
Cattle & calves	685	\$7,811,000	14
Milk, other dairy products	17	\$8,498,000	15
Hogs & pigs	77	\$190,000	3
Sheep, goats & products	75	\$57,000	5
Horses & ponies	911	\$51,679,000	1
Direct sales - human consumption	124	\$426,000	
Organically produced commodities	12	\$7,000	

Vegetables and Melons	Farms	Acres	Rank
All vegetables harvested	48	1,677	16
Beans, snap	17	8	
Broccoli	5	1	
Cabbage, Chinese			
Cabbage, Head	5	1	
Cantaloups	1	(D)	
Collards	9	32	
Cucumbers & pickles	18	251	
Eggplant	2	(D)	
Herbs			
Lettuce, all			
Mustard greens	3	18	
Okra	6	43	
Peas, green	10	53	
Peas, southern (cowpeas)	8	122	
Peppers, bell	1	(D)	
Squash	21	28	
Sweet corn	21	23	
Tomatoes	1	(D)	
Turnip greens	3	18	
Watermelons	19	1,045	10

Field Crops	Farms	Acres	Rank
Grains & grain silage			
Corn for grain	7	88	
Corn for silage			
Oats for grain	3	(D)	
Rye for grain	6	150	
Sorghum for grain	1	(D)	
Sorghum for silage			
Wheat for grain			
Other field crops			
Dry edible peas (cowpeas)	1	(D)	
Peanuts for nuts	24	4,025	6
Potatoes	6	6	
Soybeans for beans	1	(D)	
Sweetpotatoes	4	1	
Tobacco	3	3	
Hay, forage & field & grass seeds			
Field & grass seeds	22	2,727	2
Alfalfa hay	1	(D)	
Small grain hay	7	(D)	
Other tame hay	242	15,046	
Wild hay	34	2,574	
Haylage, all	18	2,355	

Nursery and Greenhouse Crops						
Indoor (under glass)	Farms (1)	Square feet	Rank	Outdoor (in the open)	Acres	Rank
All nursery, greenhouse crops	109	1,253,002		All nursery, greenhouse crops	1,422	
Bedding/Garden plants	23	79,850		Bedding/Garden plants	17	
Cut flowers & florist greens	7	(D)		Cut flowers & florist greens	37	
Foliage plants	12	160,412		Foliage plants	4	
Potted flowering plants	17	(D)		Potted flowering plants	4	
Aquatic plants				Aquatic plants		
Greenhouse vegetables	5	130,680		Greenhouse vegetables	(X)	
Sod	6	(X)		Sod	820	
Nursery stock	71	(D)		Nursery stock	539	

\* Rank is the percentage of farms in the county less than 10 acres  
 \*\* Rank is the percentage of farms in the county 1,000 acres or more  
 (D) = withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.  
 (X) = not applicable for this item  
 (Z) = less than 1/2 acre  
 (1) "Farms" represent those having either indoor or outdoor crops

Other Highlights:	Farms	Value	Rank
Other crops & hay sales	131	\$3,304,000	8
Deer, number	11	160	8
Bison, number	5	42	
Llamas, number	7	80	

