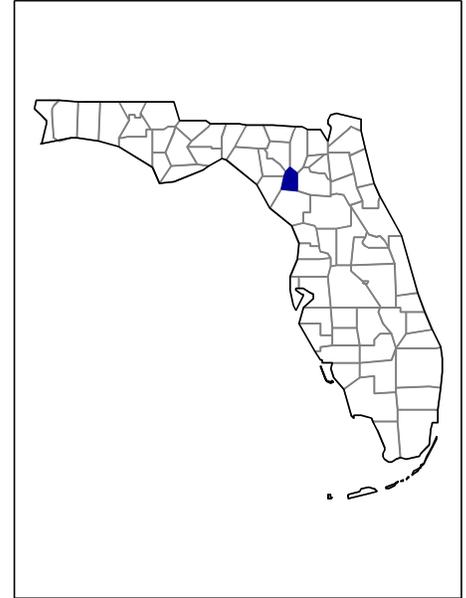


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Number of farms

408 farms in 2002, 467 farms in 1997, down 13 percent.

Land in farms

81,489 acres in 2002, 81,619 acres in 1997, down slightly.

Average size of farm

200 acres in 2002, 175 acres in 1997, up 14 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$44,558,000 in 2002, \$52,522,000 in 1997, down 15 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$6,194,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$38,364,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

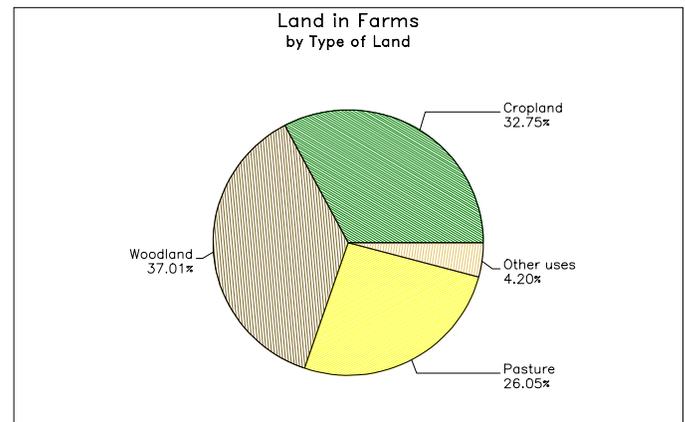
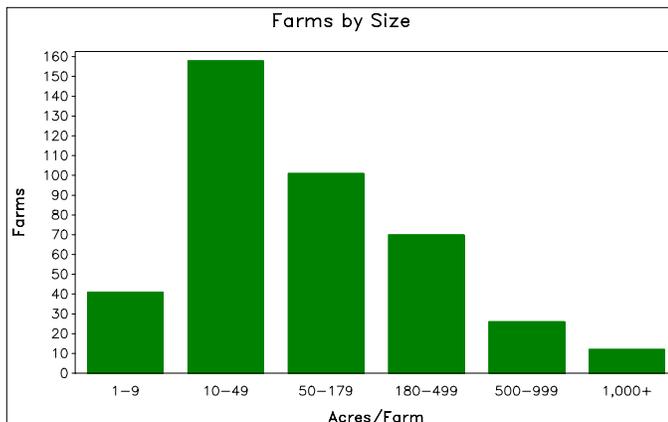
\$109,210 in 2002, \$112,467 in 1997, down 3 percent.

Government Payments

\$463,000 in 2002, \$185,000 in 1997, up 150 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$7,129 in 2002, \$2,253 in 1997, up 216 percent.



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Ranked items among the 67 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

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	44,558	33	67	1,297	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	6,194	48	66	1,967	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	38,364	9	67	763	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	572	11	49	1,959	2,871
Tobacco	(D)	(D)	14	(D)	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	12	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,723	31	62	575	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	65	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2,127	49	65	773	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	16	15	36	1,028	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,530	13	61	855	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	5,063	20	66	1,509	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	32,307	3	52	142	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	61	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	52	6	65	1,230	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	538	13	64	342	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	53	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	378	21	65	367	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	25,690	22	66	1,204	3,059
Horses and ponies	855	37	65	1,495	3,065
All Goats	683	18	64	763	2,971
Layers 20 weeks old and older	242	53	65	2,370	2,983
Sheep and lambs	180	16	57	2,014	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	8,504	11	65	1,924	3,059
Corn for silage	2,327	4	29	680	2,307
Sorghum for silage	1,164	1	17	90	1,387
All Field and grass seed crops	988	8	33	156	1,293
Peanuts	865	16	30	156	398

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	137
\$1,000 to \$2,499	64
\$2,500 to \$4,999	39
\$5,000 to \$9,999	58
\$10,000 to \$19,999	35
\$20,000 to \$24,999	10
\$25,000 to \$39,999	16
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	15
\$100,000 to \$249,999	12
\$250,000 to \$499,999	9
\$500,000 or more	8
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	45,441
Average per farm (\$)	111,103
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-977
Average per farm (\$)	-2,388

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	218
Other	190
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	303
Female	105
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.8
All operators ² by race:	
White	596
Black or African American	4
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	18

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

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.