

**HIGHLANDS COUNTY**

**2002 Census of Agriculture**

**"Agriculture Counts"**

Farms and Land in Farms	Farms	Acres	Rank
Land in farms	1,035	576,900	3
Average farm size	1,035	557	8
Median farm size	1,035	40	35
Total cropland	630	168,996	4
Harvested cropland	514	99,362	
Irrigated land	447	99,269	
Pastureland	620	420,849	2
Farms by Size of Farm	Farms	Acres	Rank
Less than 10 acres *	150	722	43
10-49 acres	445	9,433	
50-99 acres	120	8,430	
100-499 acres	188	44,720	
500-999 acres	43	31,192	
1,000 acres or more **	89	482,403	10
Farms by Value of Sales	Farms	Sales	Rank
Less than \$2,500	350	\$224,000	
\$2,500-\$9,999	128	\$687,000	
\$10,000-\$99,999	274	\$13,265,000	
\$100,000-\$499,000	131	\$28,023,000	
\$500,000 or more	61	\$193,805,000	

Hired Labor	Farms	Number	Rank
Workers hired	250	2,829	
Working 150 days or more	178	1,450	
Working less than 150 days	180	1,379	

Livestock and Poultry	Farms	Number	Rank
All cattle and calves	569	100,806	3
Beef cows	489	62,415	
Milk cows	39	4,234	
Hogs and pigs	51	1,904	4
Sheep and lambs	8	78	
Poultry			
Layers, 20 weeks & older	30	1,166	27
Pullets	16	442	
Broilers	11	702	
Turkeys	6	93	
Horses & ponies	245	1,235	23
Goats, all	22	558	
Goats, meat & other	22	(D)	
Rabbits & pelts	6	254	
Colonies of bees	8	2,938	22

Fruits, Nuts, and Berries	Farms	Acres	Rank
Non-citrus fruits			
Grapes	7	31	
Mangoes	1	(D)	
Peaches			
Pears			
Persimmons	1	(D)	
Plums & prunes			
Other non-citrus			
Citrus fruits	377	83,088	
Grapefruit	56	2,796	6
Limes			
Oranges	361	78,452	3
Tangelos	17	291	
Tangerines	41	1,430	
Temples	16	119	
Nuts and berries			
Pecans			
Blueberries, tame	15	125	
Strawberries			

Value of Sales	Farms	Dollars	Rank
Market value of products sold	1,035	\$236,005,000	9
Value of products sold - per farm	1,035	\$228,024	15
All Crops	471	\$204,808,000	9
Grains, oilseeds, dry peas	1	(D)	
Vegetables, melons, potatoes	8	(D)	
Fruits, nuts, berries	384	\$154,975,000	3
Nursery & greenhouse	88	\$48,847,000	9
All Livestock and Poultry	443	\$31,197,000	13
Poultry & eggs	19	(D)	
Cattle & calves	371	\$20,880,000	2
Milk, other dairy products	8	\$9,620,000	11
Hogs & pigs	35	\$103,000	9
Sheep, goats & products	27	\$7,000	42
Horses & ponies	29	\$95,000	43
Direct sales - human consumption	22	\$34,000	
Organically produced commodities	6	(D)	

Vegetables and Melons	Farms	Acres	Rank
All vegetables harvested	8	504	
Beans, snap			
Broccoli			
Cabbage, Chinese	1	(D)	
Cabbage, Head			
Cantaloups			
Collards			
Cucumbers & pickles			
Eggplant			
Herbs	1	(D)	
Lettuce, all	1	(D)	
Mustard greens			
Okra	3	2	
Peas, green	3	3	
Peas, southern (cowpeas)	1	(D)	
Peppers, bell			
Radishes	1	(D)	
Squash			
Sweet corn	3	3	
Tomatoes	3	2	
Watermelons	2	(D)	

Field Crops	Farms	Acres	Rank
Grains & grain silage			
Corn for grain	1	(D)	
Corn for silage	4	1,190	
Oats for grain			
Rye for grain			
Sorghum for grain			
Sorghum for silage			
Wheat for grain			
Other field crops			
Dry southern peas (cowpeas)			
Peanuts for nuts			
Potatoes			
Soybeans for beans			
Sugarcane for sugar			
Tobacco			
Hay, forage & field & grass seeds			
Field & grass seeds	1	(D)	
Alfalfa hay	3	220	
Small grain hay	7	488	
Other tame hay	34	3,944	
Wild hay	7	359	
Haylage, all	12	1,183	

Nursery and Greenhouse Crops						
Indoor (under glass)	Farms (1)	Square feet	Rank	Outdoor (in the open)	Acres	Rank
All nursery, greenhouse crops	88	6,406,413		All nursery, greenhouse crops	9,009	
Bedding/Garden plants	8	65,840		Bedding/Garden plants	2	
Cut flowers & florist greens				Cut flowers & florist greens		
Foliage plants	15	(D)		Foliage plants	35	
Potted flowering plants				Potted flowering plants		
Aquatic plants				Aquatic plants		
Greenhouse vegetables	5	20,000		Greenhouse vegetables	(X)	
Sod	9	(X)		Sod	7,182	3
Nursery stock	44	(D)		Nursery stock	346	

\* 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  
 (1) "Farms" represent those having either indoor or outdoor crops

Other Highlights:	Farms	Value	Rank
Bulbs, rhizomes, tubers (acres)	20	1,445	1
Forage (hay, silage, etc.) acres	54	5,364	21

