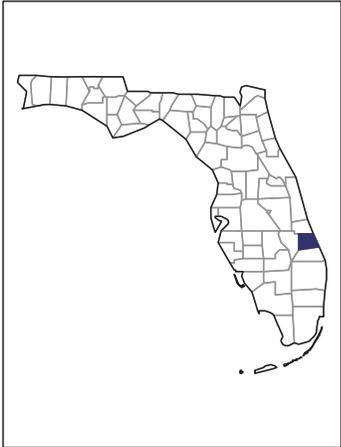


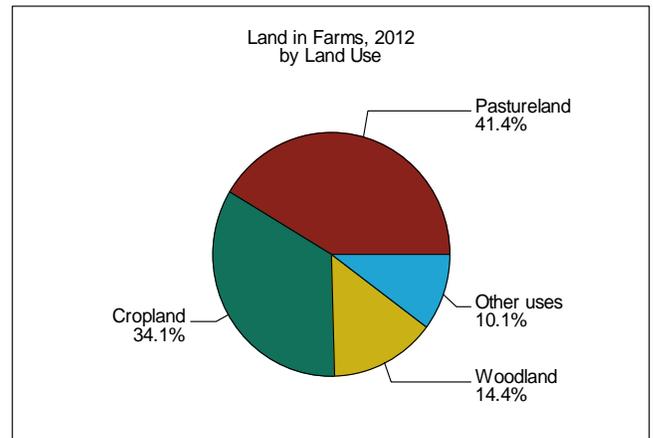
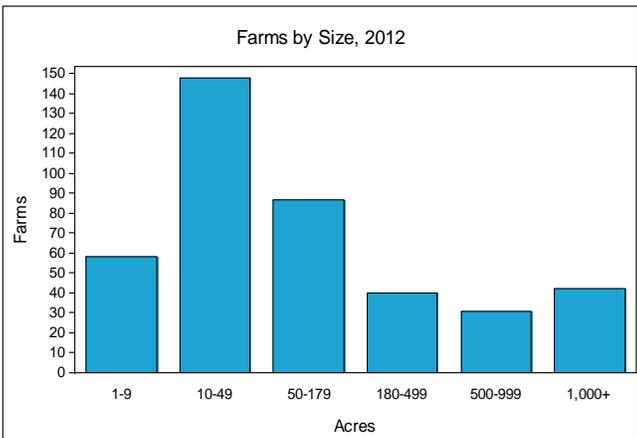
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### St. Lucie County Florida

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	406	365	+ 11
<b>Land in Farms</b>	195,155 acres	153,486 acres	+ 27
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	481 acres	421 acres	+ 14
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$168,074,000	\$144,283,000	+ 16
Crop Sales \$147,009,000 (87 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$21,065,000 (13 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$413,975	\$395,297	+ 5
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$872,000	\$182,000	+ 379
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$32,290	\$18,208	+ 77





## St. Lucie County – Florida

### Ranked items among the 67 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	168,074	15	67	694	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	147,009	11	67	402	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	21,065	22	67	1,579	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	-	-	53	-	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	5	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	17	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	59	60	64	2,103	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	136,073	6	65	37	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	10,761	27	64	246	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	34	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	116	52	66	2,890	3,049
Poultry and eggs	5	62	66	2,621	3,013
Cattle and calves	11,194	18	67	1,231	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	14	33	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	5	47	64	2,324	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	13	50	64	2,617	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	134	43	66	1,588	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	7	55	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	714	16	67	333	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Grapefruit	25,676	1	47	1	114
Oranges, all	24,884	6	56	9	174
Other oranges	14,898	7	53	10	162
Valencia oranges	9,986	7	49	8	126
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,510	31	67	2,437	3,057
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	39,055	14	67	713	3,063
Colonies of bees	6,714	12	67	118	2,761
Horses and ponies	697	43	67	1,665	3,072
Hogs and pigs	(D)	10	64	(D)	2,889
Layers	331	61	66	2,581	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	97	Farming	215
\$1,000 to \$2,499	27	Other	191
\$2,500 to \$4,999	40	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	46	Male	326
\$10,000 to \$19,999	19	Female	80
\$20,000 to \$24,999	19	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	14	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	8	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	34	Asian	25
\$100,000 to \$249,999	34	Black or African American	2
\$250,000 to \$499,999	26	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	42	White	633
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	136,672	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	336,629	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	19
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	34,246		
Average per farm (\$)	84,349		

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.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item. <sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.