



Hardee County Florida

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	1,038	+6
Land in farms (acres)	376,939	+38
Average size of farm (acres)	363	+30
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	204,662,000	-6
Government payments	1,611,000	+367
Farm-related income	9,027,000	+138
Total farm production expenses	199,645,000	+15
Net cash farm income	15,655,000	-68
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	197,170	-11
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	9,366	-35
Farm-related income	41,218	+5
Total farm production expenses	192,336	+9
Net cash farm income	15,082	-70

3 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	60
Livestock, poultry, and products	40

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	18
Pastureland	60
Woodland	16
Other	5

Acres irrigated: 46,751

12% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	2
Reduced till	(Z)
Intensive till	2
Cover crop	1

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	387	37
\$2,500 to \$4,999	78	8
\$5,000 to \$9,999	99	10
\$10,000 to \$24,999	117	11
\$25,000 to \$49,999	93	9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	61	6
\$100,000 or more	203	20

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	196	19
10 to 49 acres	395	38
50 to 179 acres	266	26
180 to 499 acres	79	8
500 to 999 acres	45	4
1,000 + acres	57	5

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^b	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^b	Counties Producing Item
Total	204,662	11	67	504	3,077
Crops	122,698	13	67	419	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	2	51	57	2,597	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	5	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	13	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	10,367	20	65	216	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	81,646	8	65	51	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	29,910	15	65	98	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	36	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	773	37	65	2,099	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	81,965	4	67	635	3,073
Poultry and eggs	25	49	64	1,495	3,007
Cattle and calves	24,588	5	65	650	3,055
Milk from cows	56,364	2	38	150	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	61	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	25	50	63	2,100	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	340	23	66	639	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	32	55	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	574	19	67	270	2,878

Total Producers ^c	1,689	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	Oranges, all 39,537
Male	1,084	71	Forage (hay/haylage), all 9,217
Female	605		Vegetables harvested, all 1,680
Age		Farm organically	Watermelons 1,085
<35	84	-	Grapefruit 984
35 – 64	914		
65 and older	691		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
American Indian/Alaska Native	9	5	Broilers and other meat-type chickens 412
Asian	29		Cattle and calves 80,881
Black or African American	8	Hire farm labor	Goats 359
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-	31	Hogs and pigs 49
White	1,635		Horses and ponies 692
More than one race	8	Are family farms	Layers 1,215
Other characteristics		92	Pullets (D)
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	152		Sheep and lambs 373
With military service	205		Turkeys 35
New and beginning farmers	481		

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

^a May not add to 100% due to rounding. ^b Among counties whose rank can be displayed. ^c Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

^d Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. ^e Position below the line does not indicate rank.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.