



Highlands County Florida

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	989	+2
Land in farms (acres)	375,798	-23
Average size of farm (acres)	380	-25
Total (\$)		
Market value of products sold	196,677,000	-28
Government payments	2,471,000	+306
Farm-related income	7,207,000	+442
Total farm production expenses	178,087,000	-15
Net cash farm income	28,269,000	-57
Per farm average (\$)		
Market value of products sold	198,865	-30
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	22,671	-22
Farm-related income	33,680	+108
Total farm production expenses	180,068	-17
Net cash farm income	28,583	-58

3 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	72
Livestock, poultry, and products	28

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	23
Pastureland	51
Woodland	15
Other	10

Acres irrigated: 73,277

19% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	1
Reduced till	1
Intensive till	6
Cover crop	1

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	439	44
\$2,500 to \$4,999	72	7
\$5,000 to \$9,999	81	8
\$10,000 to \$24,999	86	9
\$25,000 to \$49,999	78	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	54	5
\$100,000 or more	179	18

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	261	26
10 to 49 acres	396	40
50 to 179 acres	161	16
180 to 499 acres	75	8
500 to 999 acres	36	4
1,000 + acres	60	6

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	196,677	12	67	534	3,077
Crops	142,548	11	67	332	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	2	52	57	2,603	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	5	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	13	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	9,832	23	65	222	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	85,127	7	65	49	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	38,629	13	65	79	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	36	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	8,959	12	65	284	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	54,129	9	67	895	3,073
Poultry and eggs	135	29	64	969	3,007
Cattle and calves	25,959	4	65	609	3,055
Milk from cows	24,319	8	38	287	1,892
Hogs and pigs	337	2	61	680	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	29	49	63	2,047	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	9	55	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	988	16	67	183	2,878

Total Producers ^c

1,638

Sex

Male	1,042
Female	596

Age

<35	114
35 – 64	928
65 and older	596

Race

American Indian/Alaska Native	10
Asian	11
Black or African American	19
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	8
White	1,581
More than one race	9

Other characteristics

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	207
With military service	186
New and beginning farmers	472

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **71**

Farm organically **(Z)**

Sell directly to consumers **6**

Hire farm labor **32**

Are family farms **93**

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Oranges, all	43,403
Sugarcane for sugar	6,314
Forage (hay/haylage), all	6,083
Sod harvested	(D)
Vegetables harvested, all	2,213

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	224
Cattle and calves	85,875
Goats	516
Hogs and pigs	391
Horses and ponies	715
Layers	8,840
Pullets	155
Sheep and lambs	417
Turkeys	40

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.