



St. Lucie County Florida

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	415	+2
Land in farms (acres)	225,971	+16
Average size of farm (acres)	545	+13
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	139,626,000	-17
Government payments	947,000	+9
Farm-related income	2,614,000	+33
Total farm production expenses	116,432,000	-15
Net cash farm income	26,754,000	-22
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	336,447	-19
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	15,777	-51
Farm-related income	22,152	-31
Total farm production expenses	280,559	-17
Net cash farm income	64,468	-24

2 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	89
Livestock, poultry, and products	11

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	30
Pastureland	52
Woodland	10
Other	8

Acres irrigated: 48,211

21% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	2
Reduced till	(Z)
Intensive till	5
Cover crop	2

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	148	36
\$2,500 to \$4,999	43	10
\$5,000 to \$9,999	27	7
\$10,000 to \$24,999	34	8
\$25,000 to \$49,999	32	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	20	5
\$100,000 or more	111	27

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	108	26
10 to 49 acres	123	30
50 to 179 acres	57	14
180 to 499 acres	46	11
500 to 999 acres	26	6
1,000 + acres	55	13

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	139,626	17	67	817	3,077
Crops	124,671	12	67	409	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	-	-	57	-	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	5	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	13	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	18	65	(D)	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	90,539	5	65	46	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	20	65	127	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	36	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	136	55	65	2,654	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	14,954	27	67	1,858	3,073
Poultry and eggs	25	50	64	1,496	3,007
Cattle and calves	11,154	14	65	1,169	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	38	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	18	33	61	1,393	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	83	26	63	1,406	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	77	46	66	1,589	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	4	55	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	28	67	(D)	2,878

Total Producers ^c

Sex	757
Male	493
Female	264
Age	
<35	70
35 – 64	470
65 and older	217
Race	
American Indian/Alaska Native	-
Asian	45
Black or African American	-
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	712
More than one race	-
Other characteristics	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	57
With military service	105
New and beginning farmers	289

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	69
Farm organically	(Z)
Sell directly to consumers	6
Hire farm labor	32
Are family farms	87

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Oranges, all	20,489
Grapefruit	17,833
Forage (hay/haylage), all	2,027
Nursery stock crops	1,652
Tangerines	732

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)
Cattle and calves	38,247
Goats	573
Hogs and pigs	52
Horses and ponies	394
Layers	1,100
Pullets	(D)
Sheep and lambs	415
Turkeys	-

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.