



Highlands County Florida

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017

	2022	% change since 2017
Number of farms	836	-15
Land in farms (acres)	389,622	+4
Average size of farm (acres)	466	+23
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	225,473,000	+15
Government payments	2,815,000	+14
Farm-related income	6,502,000	-10
Total farm production expenses	189,183,000	+6
Net cash farm income	45,607,000	+61
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	269,705	+36
Government payments ^a	46,918	+107
Farm-related income ^a	38,703	+15
Total farm production expenses	226,296	+26
Net cash farm income	54,554	+91

2 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	82
Livestock, poultry, and products	18

Land in Farms by Use (acres)

Cropland	80,896
Pastureland	212,146
Woodland	62,527
Other	34,053

Acres irrigated: 67,987

17% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	5
Reduced till	1
Intensive till	6
Cover crop	1

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
Less than \$2,500	333	40
\$2,500 to \$4,999	63	8
\$5,000 to \$9,999	74	9
\$10,000 to \$24,999	73	9
\$25,000 to \$49,999	57	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	58	7
\$100,000 or more	178	21

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
1 to 9 acres	160	19
10 to 49 acres	338	40
50 to 179 acres	138	17
180 to 499 acres	89	11
500 to 999 acres	47	6
1,000+ acres	64	8

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^c	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^c	Counties Producing Item
Total	225,473	14	67	724	3,078
Crops	185,063	11	67	423	3,074
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	(D)	58	61	2,598	2,917
Tobacco	-	-	5	-	267
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	14	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	14,872	27	66	204	2,831
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	72,275	6	67	56	2,711
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	84,487	8	65	48	2,660
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	19	-	1,274
Other crops and hay	(D)	10	65	257	3,035
Livestock, poultry, and products	40,410	15	67	1,263	3,076
Poultry and eggs	44	51	65	1,692	3,027
Cattle and calves	25,953	5	67	685	3,047
Milk from cows	(D)	10	28	(D)	1,770
Hogs and pigs	13	38	62	1,484	2,814
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	72	36	65	1,644	2,967
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	225	30	62	1,050	2,907
Aquaculture	-	-	50	-	1,190
Other animals and animal products	(D)	11	66	(D)	2,909

Producers ^d	1,530	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^e
Sex		Have internet access	82
Male	969		
Female	561		
Age		Farm organically	(Z)
<35	89		
35 – 64	883		
65 and older	558		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	3
American Indian/Alaska Native	3		
Asian	14		
Black or African American	25		
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1		
White	1,484	Hire farm labor	33
More than one race	3		
Other characteristics		Are family farms	88
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	146		
With military service	148		
New and beginning farmers	387		
		Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)	
		Broilers and other meat-type chickens	550
		Cattle and calves	74,469
		Goats	535
		Hogs and pigs	122
		Horses and ponies	597
		Layers	1,535
		Pullets	32
		Sheep and lambs	428
		Turkeys	46

^a Average per farm receiving. ^b May not add to 100% due to rounding. ^c Among counties whose rank can be displayed. ^d Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm. ^e Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. ^f 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.