

FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL OVERVIEW

Florida's 40,000 **commercial farms**, utilizing 10.0 million **acres**, continue to produce a wide variety of safe and dependable food products. From the **citrus groves** and the **nurseries** in central and southern Florida, to the **vegetables** in regions around the State, to the **cattle and calves** throughout the State, these farms provide Florida with a large and stable economic base.

In 2007 Florida ranked:

✓ 1st in the U.S. in the value of production of **oranges, grapefruit, tangerines, and sugarcane for sugar and seed.**^{1/}

✓ 1st in value of production of: **snap beans, fresh market tomatoes, cucumbers for fresh market, squash, bell peppers, watermelons and sweet corn.**

✓ 2nd in value of production of **greenhouse and nursery products, strawberries and cucumbers for pickles.**

✓ 4th in value of production of **honey.**

In 2007, in terms of total value of production, Florida accounted for:

73 percent of the total U.S. value for **oranges** (\$1.5 billion)

65 percent of the total U.S. value for **grapefruit** (\$184.6 million)

55 percent of the total U.S. value **snap beans** (\$217 million)

53 percent of the total U.S. value for **tangerines** (\$75.0 million)

50 percent of the total U.S. value for **sugarcane for sugar and seed** (\$446 million)^{1/}

36 percent of the total U.S. value for **fresh market tomatoes** (\$464 million)

39 percent of the total U.S. value for **bell peppers** (\$183 million)

31 percent of the total U.S. value for **cucumbers for fresh market** (\$72 million)

32 percent of the total U.S. value for **watermelons** (\$152 million)

The total cash receipts for **nursery and greenhouse** products in Florida were just over \$1.8 billion in 2006.

Livestock and livestock products produced sales of \$1.3 billion, with \$344 million coming from sales of **dairy products** and \$487 million coming from sales of **meat animals**. **Poultry farms** generated \$297 million in sales, with \$181 million coming from **broilers** and \$115 million coming from **eggs**.

Florida **aquaculture** products contributed \$74.9 million in sales in 2005, the latest year available. Tropical fish accounted for sales of \$33.2 million; aquatic plants accounted for \$17.6 million; and clams accounted for \$10.7 million.

Florida growers harvested **vegetables for fresh market** from 172,300 acres in 2007, with sales exceeding \$1.3 billion.

Florida citrus growers in 2006-2007 produced 129 million boxes of **oranges** (95 percent of which were used for **orange juice**) and 27.2 million boxes of **grapefruit** (60 percent of which were used for **grapefruit juice**).

On January 1, 2008 there were 1.71 million **head of cattle** on farms and ranches in Florida, including 936,000 head of **beef cows** and 124,000 head of **milk cows**.

Florida ranked 12th in the number of **chickens** on farms in 2007, Florida's poultry farmers maintained an average of 10.8 million **layers** in 2007 (producing 2.9 billion **eggs**) and produced 73.3 million **broilers**.

^{1/} Data for 2006, the latest year available.

FLORIDA CASH RECEIPTS – 2006

Farm cash receipts from marketing Florida agricultural products in 2006 amounted to \$6.97 billion, a decrease of 9 percent from the previous year. Nationally, Florida ranks 2nd in the value of **vegetable and melon** production with cash receipts of \$1.57 billion, 3rd in **fruits and nuts** with receipts of \$1.8 billion, 5th in **all crops** with receipts of \$5.7 billion, and 9th in **total** cash receipts

Commodity	Cash receipts	
	2006	Percent of total ^{1/}
	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	
All Commodities	6,974,161	100.00
All Crops	5,669,269	81.29
Citrus	1,444,978	20.72
Grapefruit	172,149	2.47
Oranges	1,200,915	17.22
Tangelos	9,378	0.13
Tangerines	58,502	3.84
Temples	4,034	0.06
Other Fruits and Nuts	337,318	4.84
Avocados	12,360	0.18
Pecans	810	0.01
Blueberries	32,900	0.47
Strawberries	239,148	3.43
Other	52,100	0.75
Vegetables and Melons	1,568,869	22.50
Cabbage	30,690	0.44
Cucumbers	98,077	1.41
Green Peppers	187,330	2.69
Potatoes	145,138	2.08
Snap Beans	141,804	2.03
Squash	38,760	0.56
Sweet Corn	117,271	1.68
Tomatoes	551,128	7.90
Watermelons	111,042	1.59
Other	147,629	2.12

Commodity	Cash receipts	
	2006	Percent of total
	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	
Field Crops	499,082	7.16
Corn	5,607	0.08
Cotton	39,579	0.57
Hay	18,451	0.26
Peanuts	51,900	0.74
Soybeans	950	0.01
Sugarcane	356,888	5.12
Tobacco	4,319	0.06
Wheat	818	0.01
Other	20,570	0.29
Foliage and Floriculture	800,399	11.48
Other Crops and Products ^{2/}	1,018,623	14.61
All Livestock and Products	1,304,892	18.71
Milk	343,599	4.93
Cattle and Calves	484,288	6.94
Poultry and Eggs		
Broilers	181,425	2.60
Eggs	115,002	1.65
Other	732	0.01
Aquaculture	57,231	0.82
Catfish	1,761	0.03
Other Aquaculture ^{3/}	55,470	0.80
Miscellaneous Livestock		
Hogs	3,766	0.05
Honey	13,908	0.20
Other Livestock & Products	104,941	1.50

^{1/} 2006 preliminary. Percents for individual commodities do not add to totals for some groups because of rounding.

^{2/} Includes mushrooms, sod, ornamental shrubs and trees and aquatic plants. Excludes forestry products.

^{3/} Other aquaculture include tropical fish, alligators farmed and clams and oysters.

FLORIDA CASH RECEIPTS
By Commodity Group and Year

Year	Crops	Livestock	Total cash receipts
		<i>1,000 dollars</i>	
1960	516,927	209,925	771,852
1970	916,291	403,604	1,319,895
1971	1,042,078	416,029	1,478,107
1972	1,219,359	468,397	1,687,756
1973	1,442,362	605,103	2,047,465
1974	1,601,213	544,200	2,145,413
1975	1,879,670	623,905	2,503,575
1976	1,901,292	672,709	2,574,001
1977	2,018,719	742,598	2,761,317
1978	2,579,409	849,213	3,428,622
1979	2,845,812	1,001,876	3,487,688
1980	3,103,833	978,525	4,082,358
1981	3,231,728	1,026,286	4,258,014
1982	3,326,155	1,020,062	4,346,217
1983	3,546,915	1,081,535	4,628,450
1984	3,638,231	1,098,092	4,736,323
1985	3,762,770	1,030,336	4,793,106
1986	3,747,156	1,030,336	4,777,492
1987	4,207,362	1,100,854	5,308,216
1988	4,688,987	1,146,040	5,835,027
1989	5,021,374	1,218,705	6,240,079
1990	4,438,082	1,258,961	5,697,043
1991	4,972,810	1,171,626	6,144,436
1992	4,956,706	1,263,874	6,220,580
1993	4,824,757	1,310,232	6,134,989
1994	4,815,127	1,296,603	6,111,730
1995	4,841,471	1,238,378	6,079,849
1996	5,100,235	1,312,154	6,412,389
1997	5,238,267	1,385,551	6,623,818
1998	5,689,172	1,390,238	7,079,410
1999	5,311,395	1,347,573	6,658,968
2000	5,470,458	1,315,908	6,786,366
2001	5,236,151	1,389,601	6,625,752
2002	5,157,002	1,239,055	6,396,057
2003	5,374,178	1,240,273	6,614,451
2004	5,621,904	1,456,914	7,078,818
2005	6,295,677	1,406,637	7,702,314
2006	5,669,269	1,304,892	6,974,161

UNITED STATES TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS

Leading States, 2006

Rank	State	Cash receipts	Percent of U.S. total
		<i>1,000 dollars</i>	
1	California	31,402,706	13.1
2	Texas	16,026,756	6.7
3	Iowa	15,108,261	6.3
4	Nebraska	12,042,344	5.0
5	Kansas	10,335,795	4.3
6	Minnesota	9,769,512	4.1
7	Illinois	8,635,700	3.6
8	North Carolina	8,199,349	3.4
9	Florida	6,974,161	2.9
10	Wisconsin	6,791,282	2.8
	U.S. Total	239,271,907	100.0

UNITED STATES VEGETABLE CASH RECEIPTS

Leading States, 2006

Rank	State	Cash receipts	Percent of U.S. total
		<i>1,000 dollars</i>	
1	California	7,130,680	39.8
2	Florida	1,568,869	8.7
3	Washington	960,989	5.4
4	Arizona	924,266	5.2
5	Idaho	758,081	4.2
6	Georgia	612,789	3.4
7	New York	545,347	3.0
8	Texas	446,767	2.5
9	Michigan	440,401	2.5
10	Wisconsin	408,099	2.3
	U.S. Total	17,934,927	100.0

UNITED STATES CROP CASH RECEIPTS

Leading States, 2006

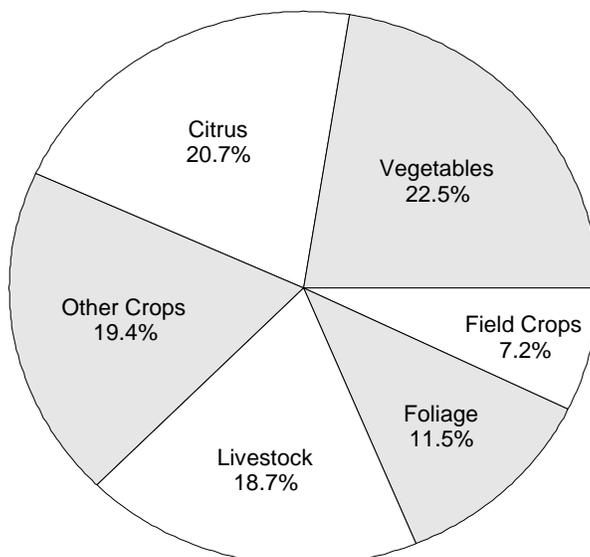
Rank	State	Cash receipts	Percent of U.S. total
		<i>1,000 dollars</i>	
1	California	23,787,727	19.8
2	Iowa	7,229,148	6.0
3	Illinois	6,840,840	5.7
4	Texas	5,703,021	4.8
5	Florida	5,669,269	4.7
6	Minnesota	5,127,587	4.3
7	Washington	4,524,433	3.8
8	Nebraska	4,358,958	3.6
9	Indiana	3,918,946	3.3
10	Ohio	3,448,407	2.9
	U.S. Total	119,951,478	100.0

FLORIDA LEADING CASH RECEIPTS

By commodity, 2006

Commodity	Florida receipts	U.S. receipts	Florida percent of U.S.	Florida national Ranking
	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>		<i>Percent</i>	
Greenhouse/Nursery	1,753,399	16,891,934	10.4	2
Oranges	1,204,949	1,759,263	68.5	1
Tomatoes (Fresh Market)	551,128	2,280,996	24.2	2
Cattle/Calves	484,288	49,148,366	1.0	23
Sugarcane	356,888	743,711	48.0	1
Dairy Products	343,599	23,421,987	1.5	16
Strawberries	239,148	1,515,393	15.8	2
Peppers, Bell	187,330	585,633	32.0	2
Broilers	181,425	18,851,949	1.0	18
Grapefruit	172,149	315,138	54.6	1
Potatoes	145,138	2,929,648	5.0	6
Snap Beans (Fresh Market)	141,804	447,992	31.7	1
Sweet Corn	117,271	825,101	14.2	1
Eggs	115,002	4,340,076	2.6	12
Watermelons	111,042	434,861	25.5	1
Cucumbers (Fresh & Processing)	98,077	404,619	24.2	1
Tangerines	58,502	114,601	51.0	1
Aquaculture	57,231	937,378	6.1	6
Peanuts	51,900	602,080	8.6	4
Mushrooms	47,623	865,025	5.5	--
Cotton	39,579	6,172,887	0.6	16
Squash	38,760	229,386	16.9	2
Blueberries	32,900	557,742	5.9	7
Cabbage (Fresh Market)	30,690	355,535	8.6	4
Hay	18,451	4,912,144	0.4	38

FLORIDA AGRICULTURE CASH RECEIPTS, 2006



FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS

Florida had 40,000 commercial farms in 2007, using a total of 10,000,000 acres. There were 6,350 farms with sales exceeding \$100,000. The average farm size was 250 acres. The number of farms in Florida has decreased by 5,000 over the past 10 years. Florida ranks 23rd among all States in number of farms and tied at 28th in land in farms with Michigan and Georgia.

FLORIDA FARMS AND ACREAGE By year and by economic sales class

Year	Number of farms				Total acres				Average farm size
	Total	\$1,000 - \$9,999	\$10,000 - \$99,999	\$100,000 & over	Total	\$1,000 - \$9,999	\$10,000 - \$99,999	\$100,000 & over	
					<i>1,000 acres</i>				<i>Acres</i>
1998	45,000	29,300	10,500	5,200	10,500	1,800	2,400	6,300	233.3
1999	45,000	28,800	11,000	5,200	10,500	1,800	2,400	6,300	233.3
2000	44,000	27,800	11,000	5,200	10,400	1,750	2,350	6,300	236.4
2001	44,000	27,600	11,000	5,400	10,300	1,700	2,350	6,250	234.1
2002	44,000	27,600	11,000	5,400	10,300	1,700	2,350	6,250	234.1
2003	44,000	27,600	11,000	5,400	10,200	1,650	2,300	6,250	231.8
2004	43,200	27,000	10,700	5,500	10,100	1,600	2,200	6,300	234.0
2005	42,000	26,000	10,600	5,400	10,000	1,600	2,100	6,300	238.0
2006	41,000	24,700	10,600	5,700	10,000	1,500	2,150	6,350	244.0
2007	40,000	23,400	10,600	6,000	10,000	1,500	2,150	6,350	250.0

LEADING STATES Number of farms – 2007

State	Number of farms	Total acres in farms	Average size of farm
			<i>Acres</i>
Texas	229,000	129,500,000	566
Missouri	104,500	30,000,000	287
Iowa	88,400	31,500,000	356
Kentucky	83,000	13,700,000	165
Oklahoma	82,500	33,700,000	408
Tennessee	79,000	11,400,000	144
Minnesota	79,000	27,400,000	347
Wisconsin	76,000	15,200,000	200
Ohio	75,700	14,200,000	188
California	75,000	26,200,000	349

FLORIDA HIRED FARM WORKERS

Date	Combined Farmers & Agricultural Services	Hired by Farmers	Hired by Agricultural Services
2008			
January	58	49	9
2007			
October	47	43	4
July	43	41	2
April	63	55	8
January ^{1/}			
2006			
October	49	44	5
July	46	43	3
April	60	52	8
January	58	49	9
2005			
October	45	42	3
July	43	41	2
April	59	49	10
January	56	48	8

WAGES PAID BY TYPE OF WORK ^{2/}

Date	All	Field	Livestock
<i>Dollars per hour</i>			
2008			
January	9.98	9.00	9.20
2007			
October	9.76	8.70	8.95
July	9.49	8.50	8.60
April	10.01	9.20	9.00
January ^{1/}			
2006			
October	9.42	8.50	9.10
July	9.40	8.39	9.10
April	9.19	8.37	8.50
January	9.55	8.80	8.80
2005			
October	9.33	8.60	8.45
July	9.70	8.75	9.15
April	9.31	8.20	9.90
January	9.52	8.50	8.60

^{1/} Because of budget constraints, NASS did not conduct the January Agricultural Labor Survey, which provides the data for the report. For more information, please see the Federal Register, Feb. 7, 2007, Vol. 72, No. 25, page 5675 - http://www.nass.usda.gov/Newsroom/Notices/fed_register_notice.pdf

^{2/} Excludes Agricultural Service workers.

FLORIDA FARM INCOME AND EXPENSES, 2006

GROSS FARM INCOME		\$7,850,922,000
Gross Cash Income		\$7,384,077,000
Farm Marketing	\$7,015,724,000	
Crops	\$5,666,850,000	
Livestock & Products	\$1,348,874,000	
Government Payments	\$140,767,000	
Farm-related Income	\$227,586,000	
Non-cash Income		\$466,845,000
Value of Home Consumption	\$5,186,000	
Rental Value of Buildings	\$461,659,000	
TOTAL PRODUCTION EXPENSES		\$5,510,496,000
Intermediate Production Expenses		\$3,459,287,000
Farm Origin	\$893,148,000	
Feed Purchased	\$400,000,000	
Livestock/Poultry Purchased	\$83,148,000	
Seed Purchased	\$410,000,000	
Manufactured Input	\$872,164,000	
Fertilizer and Lime	\$340,000,000	
Pesticides	\$240,000,000	
Fuel and Oil	\$214,763,000	
Electricity	\$77,401,000	
Other	\$1,291,310,000	
Repair and Maintenance	\$211,432,000	
Machine Hire and Custom Work	\$118,612,000	
Marketing, Storage and Transportation	\$385,423,000	
Other Miscellaneous	\$575,843,000	
Interest	\$402,665,000	
Contract and Hired Labor Expense		\$1,445,277,000
Net Rent to Non-operator Landlords		\$27,471,000
Capital Consumption		\$411,499,000
Property Tax		\$160,000,000
Motor Vehicle Registration and License Fees		\$6,962,000
NET FARM INCOME		\$2,340,426,000

LEADING STATES IN NET FARM INCOME, 2006

State	Net Farm Income
1. California	5,905,655,000
2. Texas	4,866,322,000
3. North Carolina	3,702,198,000
4. Iowa	3,274,816,000
5. Minnesota	2,493,552,000
6. Georgia	2,387,596,000
7. Florida	2,340,426,000
8. Nebraska	2,297,014,000
9. Kentucky	1,741,516,000
10. Kansas	1,614,298,000