

2014 FIELD CROPS HIGHLIGHTS

Value

The 2014 total value of production for corn, cotton, cottonseed, hay, peanuts, pecans, soybeans and wheat totaled \$385 million, an increase of 1% from the previous year's total of \$380 million. The total value of corn production decreased 59 percent and was valued at \$19.4 million. The value of soybean production (\$14.2 million) decreased 2 percent. Peanut value of production (\$145 million) increased 16 percent, and hay (\$133 million) increased by 21 percent.

Acreage and Production

Acreage harvested in 2014 for corn, cotton, hay, peanuts, soybeans and wheat totaled 679 thousand acres, down 1 percent from the 685 thousand harvested in 2013. Harvested acreage for soybeans (37,000), peanuts (167,000) and hay (320,000) increased. Decreased acreage was estimated for wheat (10,000), corn (40,000), and cotton (105,000). Production increased for cotton (14%), hay (26%), soybeans (29%), peanuts (29%), and cottonseed (58%). Production declined for corn (-48%), and wheat (-65%).

Sugarcane

Florida producers harvested 412 thousand acres of sugarcane for sugar and seed in 2014, down 1 percent from 2013. Production was up 10 percent in 2014 from 2013. The value of production for the 2013 crop was \$505 million, down 25 percent from the 2012 total of \$677 million.

Crop Weather

In **January** 2014, Florida had extremely low temperatures in the Panhandle and north Florida. Hard freezes were felt into central Florida, with low temperatures ranging from 14 to 24 degrees. Limited rain was received across the State throughout the month. Farmers in the northern part of the State were completing the harvest of soybeans. Planting of oats, wheat, rye, and winter grazing was ongoing. Rain was beneficial to earlier plantings. Sugarcane harvest proceeded as scheduled in Hendry, Palm Beach, and Glades counties.

In **February**, the month started with icy, wet weather which hampered field work and crop growth in the Panhandle. Sugarcane harvest was also delayed in Hendry, Palm Beach, and Glades counties due to rain. By month's end farmers in Washington and Gadsden counties were preparing ground for peanut and corn planting.

In **March**, the Panhandle and north Florida had low temperatures in the 30s. South Florida high temperatures ranged from 78 degrees to 90 degrees. By the end of the month, field corn planting had started in the Panhandle. Most fields in the Panhandle were too wet to work. Levy County farmers started planting peanuts while Dixie County farmers prepared fields for peanuts.

In **April**, most soil in the Panhandle was completely saturated, bringing field work to a standstill. Defuniak Springs (Walton County) received the most rain during the month at 11.25 inches. North Florida farmers continued planting corn and peanuts. As the month progressed, various portions of the Panhandle were able to begin planting corn, peanuts, and cotton.

In **May**, Governor Rick Scott declared a state of emergency in the following counties due to excessive rain; Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Holmes, Washington, Bay, Jackson, Calhoun, Gulf, Liberty, Franklin, Gadsden, Leon, Wakulla, Jefferson, Madison, Taylor, Hamilton, Suwannee, Lafayette, Dixie, Columbia, Gilchrist, Levy, and Alachua. Farmers in the Panhandle and north Florida were behind schedule

on planting field crops due to the excessive rain. But by the month's end, peanut planting was 72 percent complete, ahead of last year's and the 5-year average of 68 percent.

In **June**, farmers experienced rain delays in harvesting winter wheat and oats early in the month. By mid-month, planting of peanuts was completed. Peanuts were in good condition and 39 percent pegged by the end of the month.

In **July**, Florida was drought free almost all month. By the second week of the month, Army worms were causing damage in forages, soybeans, and peanuts. Wet weather hindered haying throughout the State. Peanut pegging was at 89 percent, ahead of the previous year and the 5-year average. Rice harvesting began in Palm Beach County. Temperatures ranged from the low 50s to highs in the upper 90s.

In **August**, Florida experienced scattered showers and high temperatures. Army worms continued to cause damage to pastures, soybeans, and peanuts. Peanut pegging was completed by the end of the month. Sugarcane had grown to 8-10 feet tall. Extreme heat index warnings at the end of the month made for unsuitable working conditions across the State.

In **September**, hay, corn, and peanut harvest began in the Panhandle, north, and central Florida. Army worms were still a problem in parts of the Panhandle as were white mold on peanuts. By the end of the month, some areas saw peanut quality declining due to weather, disease, and pests. Sugarcane planting was underway in Glades and Hendry counties.

In **October**, frequent rain the beginning of the month made field work difficult. Peanut harvesting was at 31 percent, below the 5-year average. Cotton was harvested in the Panhandle and hay continued to be harvested. Farmers in the Panhandle were planting rye grass, oats, and winter grazing. By the end of the month, peanut harvest was at 83 percent complete, slightly above the 5-year average.

In **November**, temperatures ranged from night time lows in the 20s to daytime highs in the upper 80s. The month started out dry but the end of the month had some areas receiving between three and seven inches of rain. Peanut harvest was completed in November, cotton and soybean harvest was near completion.

In **December**, the month started out very dry but wrapped up very wet in the northern part of the State. Quincy (Gadsden County) reported 9.43 inches of rain the last week of the month. Sugarcane harvesting continued through the entire month. By month's end, winter wheat and rye for grazing was rated in excellent growing condition.

Field Crops Acreage, Yield, Production, and Value by Crop Years – Florida: 2005-2014

[All 2014 estimates are preliminary]

Crop and year	Area		Yield	Production	Season average price	Value of production
	Planted	Harvested				
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
Corn ¹						
2005.....	65	28	94	2,632	2.00	5,264
2006.....	60	30	82	2,460	2.80	6,888
2007.....	70	35	90	3,150	4.00	12,600
2008.....	70	35	110	3,850	4.50	17,325
2009.....	70	37	97	3,589	4.00	14,356
2010.....	60	25	109	2,725	4.70	12,808
2011.....	70	33	104	3,432	6.65	22,823
2012.....	75	40	115	4,600	7.50	34,500
2013.....	115	78	133	10,374	4.51	46,787
2014.....	75	40	135	5,400	3.60	19,440
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> (pounds) (1,000 bales) </div>						
Cotton, Upland ²						
2005.....	86	85	762	135.0	0.480	31,104
2006.....	103	101	789	166.0	0.462	36,812
2007.....	85	81	687	116.0	0.580	32,294
2008.....	67	65	916	124.0	0.504	29,998
2009.....	82	78	723	117.5	0.673	37,957
2010.....	92	89	766	142.0	0.779	53,097
2011.....	122	118	744	183.0	0.978	85,908
2012.....	108	107	897	200.0	0.763	73,248
2013.....	131	127	661	175.0	0.820	68,880
2014.....	107	105	878	192.0	0.632	60,672
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> (1,000 tons) </div>						
Cottonseed						
2005.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	41.1	75.00	3,083
2006.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	49.3	92.50	4,560
2007.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	32.9	161.00	5,297
2008.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	32.6	207.00	6,748
2009.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	34.5	135.00	4,658
2010.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	40.0	130.00	5,200
2011.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	53.0	218.00	11,554
2012.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	61.0	211.00	12,871
2013.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	38.0	197.00	7,486
2014.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	40.0	171.00	10,260

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	Planted	Harvested				
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(tons)	(1,000 tons)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
Hay, All ³						
2005.....	(X)	290	2.45	711	98.50	70,034
2006.....	(X)	300	2.30	690	101.00	69,690
2007.....	(X)	320	3.00	960	116.00	111,360
2008.....	(X)	300	3.00	900	136.00	122,400
2009.....	(X)	300	2.70	810	140.00	113,400
2010.....	(X)	320	2.40	768	141.00	108,288
2011.....	(X)	260	2.40	624	164.00	102,336
2012.....	(X)	320	2.50	800	167.00	133,600
2013.....	(X)	300	2.20	660	167.00	110,220
2014.....	(X)	320	2.60	832	160.00	133,120
Peanuts ⁴						
			(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)		
2005.....	160	152	2,700	410,400	0.167	68,537
2006.....	130	120	2,500	300,000	0.173	51,900
2007.....	130	119	2,700	321,300	0.186	59,762
2008.....	150	140	3,200	448,000	0.221	99,008
2009.....	115	105	3,200	336,000	0.202	67,872
2010.....	145	135	3,500	472,500	0.213	100,643
2011.....	170	157	3,500	549,500	0.292	160,454
2012.....	210	195	3,900	760,500	0.281	213,701
2013.....	140	131	3,950	517,450	0.242	125,223
2014.....	175	167	4,000	668,000	0.217	144,956
Soybeans ⁴						
			(bushels)	(1,000 bushels)		
2005.....	9	8	32	256	5.40	1,382
2006.....	7	5	27	135	6.25	844
2007.....	14	12	24	288	8.90	2,563
2008.....	32	29	38	1,102	8.50	9,367
2009.....	37	34	38	1,292	9.50	12,274
2010.....	25	23	30	690	11.00	7,590
2011.....	18	16	27	432	11.00	4,752
2012.....	21	20	39	780	14.00	10,920
2013.....	32	30	41	1,230	11.80	14,514
2014.....	39	37	43	1,591	8.90	14,160

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	Planted	Harvested				
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(tons)	(1,000 tons)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
Sugarcane For Sugar and Seed						
2005.....	(X)	401	31.8	12,746	(NA)	356,888
2006.....	(X)	400	35.9	14,346	(NA)	446,161
2007.....	(X)	393	36.1	14,177	(NA)	447,993
2008.....	(X)	401	33.1	13,255	(NA)	398,975
2009.....	(X)	387	36.0	13,939	(NA)	550,591
2010.....	(X)	392	33.1	12,972	(NA)	492,936
2011.....	(X)	397	37.6	14,930	(NA)	673,343
2012.....	(X)	413	36.9	15,220	(NA)	677,290
2013.....	(X)	416	34.6	14,400	(NA)	505,440
2014.....	(X)	412	38.6	15,738	(NA)	(NA)
Sugarcane For Sugar						
2005.....	(X)	376	31.4	11,806	28.00	330,568
2006.....	(X)	382	35.8	13,676	31.10	425,324
2007.....	(X)	375	36.0	13,500	31.60	426,600
2008.....	(X)	384	32.9	12,634	30.10	380,283
2009.....	(X)	370	35.9	13,283	39.50	524,679
2010.....	(X)	374	32.7	12,230	38.00	464,740
2011.....	(X)	380	37.5	14,250	45.10	642,675
2012.....	(X)	396	36.6	14,494	44.50	644,983
2013.....	(X)	400	34.3	13,720	35.10	481,572
2014.....	(X)	392	38.4	15,053	(NA)	(NA)
			(bushels)	(1,000 bushels)		
Wheat, Winter						
2005.....	18	8	45	360	3.10	1,116
2006.....	8	5	42	210	3.15	662
2007.....	13	9	55	495	4.00	1,980
2008.....	25	23	54	1,242	5.50	6,831
2009.....	17	14	44	616	4.30	2,649
2010.....	12	7	41	287	5.00	1,435
2011.....	12	8	46	368	6.60	2,429
2012.....	20	15	42	630	6.30	3,969
2013.....	25	19	59	1,121	5.75	6,446
2014.....	15	10	39	390	5.10	1,989

NA Not available.

X Not applicable.

¹ Planted for all purposes; harvested for grain.

² Production in 480-pound net weight bales.

³ Baled hay.

⁴ Planted for all purposes; harvested for dry nuts or beans.

⁵ Estimates of season average price and value of production for the 2013 crop will be available February 2015.

Pecan Production and Price by Variety – Florida: 2005-2014

Crop Year	Utilized production			Price per pound		
	Improved varieties ¹	Native and seedling	All pecans	Improved Varieties	Native and seedling	All pecans
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
2005.....	300	700	1,000	1.400	.850	1.020
2006.....	200	300	500	1.800	1.500	1.620
2007.....	1,700	200	1,900	1.000	.700	.968
2008.....	1,400	300	1,700	2.000	1.100	1.840
2009.....	1,500	1,600	3,100	1.200	1.100	1.150
2010.....	1,200	300	1,500	1.900	1.100	1.740
2011.....	1,400	2,600	4,000	1.850	1.400	1.560
2012.....	1,100	900	2,000	1.100	0.750	0.943
2013.....	700	(D)	(D)	1.720	(D)	(D)
2014.....	150	50	200	1.740	1.160	1.600

D Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ Budded, grafted, or topworked varieties.

Pecan Value of Utilized Production by Variety – Florida: 2005-2014

Crop Year	Improved varieties ¹	Native and seedling	All pecans
	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
2005.....	420	595	1,015
2006.....	360	450	810
2007.....	1,700	140	1,840
2008.....	2,800	330	3,130
2009.....	1,800	1,760	3,560
2010.....	2,280	330	2,610
2011.....	2,590	3,640	6,230
2012.....	1,210	675	1,885
2013.....	1,204	(D)	(D)
2014.....	261	58	319

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Peanuts Acreage, Yield, and Production by District and County – Florida: 2013 and 2014

District and county	Planted for all purposes		Harvested for dry peanuts		Yield per acre		Production	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)
District 10								
Escambia	6,400	7,200	5,900	6,900	4,203	4,145	24,800	28,600
Gadsden.....	1,300	(D)	1,200	(D)	3,167	(D)	3,800	(D)
Holmes	4,900	4,900	4,600	4,700	2,196	3,085	10,100	14,500
Jackson	23,500	37,000	21,800	35,300	3,472	3,561	75,700	125,700
Jefferson	1,500	(D)	1,400	(D)	3,500	(D)	4,900	(D)
Okaloosa	1,900	2,300	1,700	2,200	4,235	2,955	7,200	6,500
Santa Rosa.....	19,400	23,000	18,300	22,000	4,470	4,986	81,800	109,700
Washington	(D)	4,300	(D)	4,100	(D)	4,366	(D)	17,900
Other, District 10...	9,200	10,600	8,700	10,000	3,736	3,620	32,500	36,200
Total	68,100	89,300	63,600	85,200	3,786	3,980	240,800	339,100
District 30								
Lafayette	1,400	4,200	1,400	4,000	5,143	4,650	7,200	18,600
Madison.....	7,600	(D)	7,300	(D)	3,356	(D)	24,500	(D)
Suwannee	9,200	10,900	8,600	10,400	4,663	4,760	40,100	49,500
Other, District 30...	11,600	27,400	10,600	26,100	4,358	3,808	46,200	99,400
Total	29,800	42,500	27,900	40,500	4,229	4,136	118,000	167,500
Other, Counties	42,100	43,200	39,500	41,300	4,016	3,908	158,650	161,400
State Total.....	140,000	175,000	131,000	167,000	3,950	4,000	517,450	668,000

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Cotton Acreage, Yield, and Production, by District and County – Florida: 2013 and 2014

District and county	Planted		Harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013 ¹	2014 ¹
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(bales)	(bales)
District 10								
Calhoun.....	11,100	(D)	11,000	(D)	524	(D)	12,000	(D)
Escambia.....	11,600	11,800	11,500	11,800	918	1,123	22,000	27,600
Holmes.....	(D)	4,600	(D)	4,300	(D)	726	(D)	6,500
Jackson.....	50,100	38,700	48,400	38,200	600	808	60,500	64,300
Santa Rosa.....	19,900	16,200	19,700	16,200	816	1,058	33,500	35,700
Walton.....	4,200	(D)	4,080	(D)	706	(D)	6,000	(D)
Washington.....	(D)	4,100	(D)	4,100	(D)	667	(D)	5,700
Other, District 10.....	18,600	18,500	16,820	18,000	571	885	20,000	33,200
Total.....	115,500	93,900	111,500	92,600	663	897	154,000	173,000
Other Counties.....	15,500	13,100	15,500	12,400	650	735	21,000	19,000
State Total.....	131,000	107,000	127,000	105,000	661	878	175,000	192,000

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¹ 480-lb net weight bale.

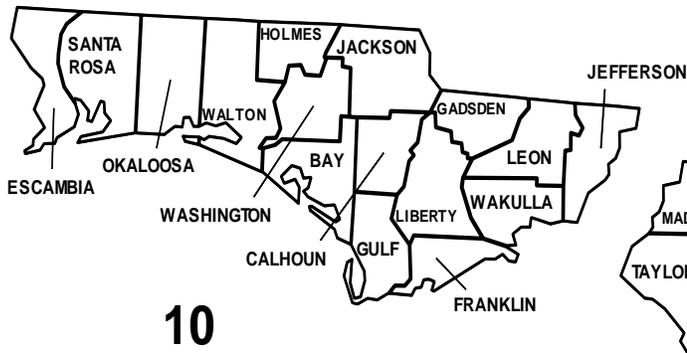
Sugarcane for Sugar Acreage, Yield, and Production by County – Florida: 2012 and 2013

County	Harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
	(acres)	(acres)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)
Glades.....	25,200	24,100	36.8	35.3	928,000	851,000
Hendry.....	62,600	66,000	35.9	31.2	2,250,000	2,058,000
Palm Beach.....	298,500	298,500	36.7	34.8	10,955,000	10,398,000
Other.....	9,700	11,400	37.2	36.2	361,000	413,000
State Total.....	396,000	400,000	36.6	34.3	14,494,000	13,720,000

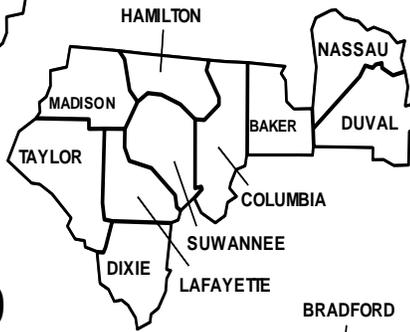
Planting and Harvesting Seasons of Selected Florida Field Crops

Crop (Principal producing areas - Agricultural Statistics Districts or Counties)	Usual Planting Dates						Usual Harvesting Dates					
							Begin	Most Active			End	
	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Corn for grain												
(10, 30, 50).....												
Corn for silage												
(10, 30, 50).....												
Corn for forage												
(10, 30, 50).....												
Cotton												
(10, 30).....												
Peanuts for nuts												
(10, 30, 50).....												
Potatoes												
(30, 50, 80).....												
Soybeans												
(10, 30).....												
Sugarcane												
(3 counties*)												
Tobacco												
(10, 30, 50).....												
Winter Wheat												
(10, 30).....												
Hay												
(Statewide)												
	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb

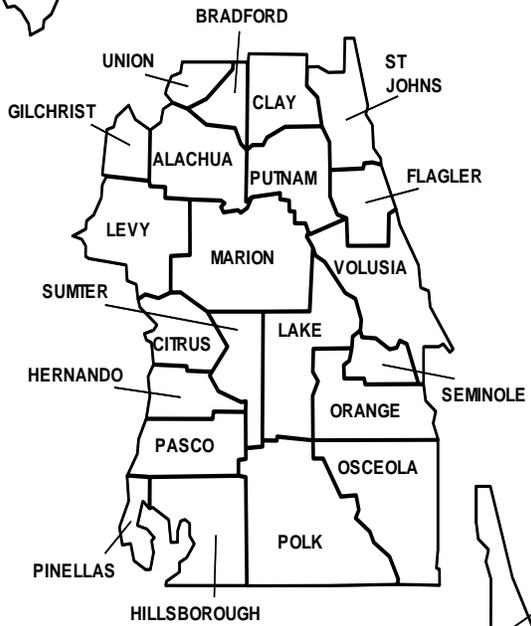
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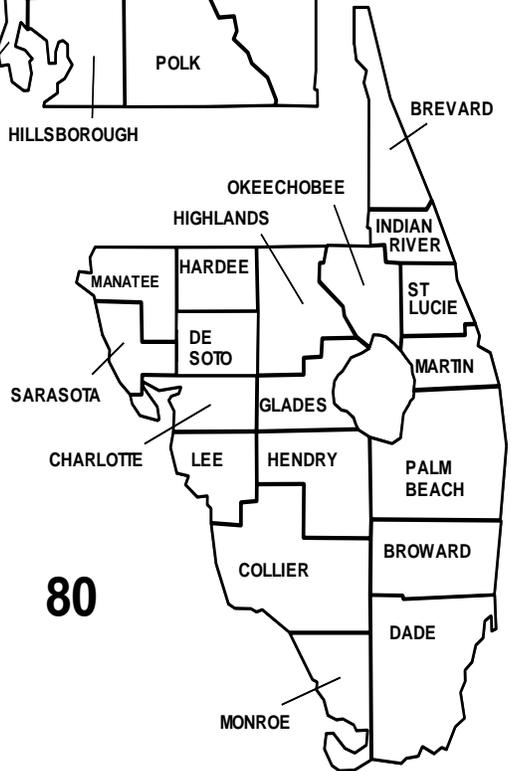
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