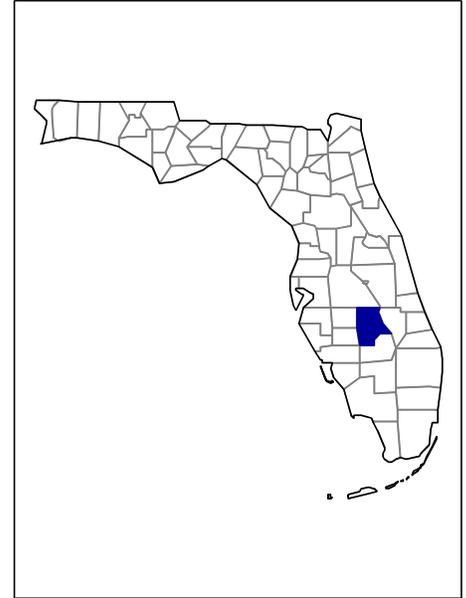


# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Highlands, Florida



### Number of farms

1,035 farms in 2002, 1,020 farms in 1997, up 1 percent.

### Land in farms

576,900 acres in 2002, 490,462 acres in 1997, up 18 percent.

### Average size of farm

557 acres in 2002, 481 acres in 1997, up 16 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$236,005,000 in 2002, \$203,643,000 in 1997, up 16 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$204,808,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$31,197,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

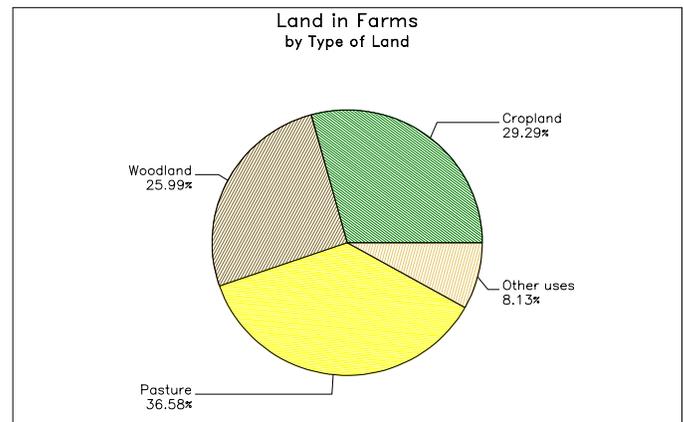
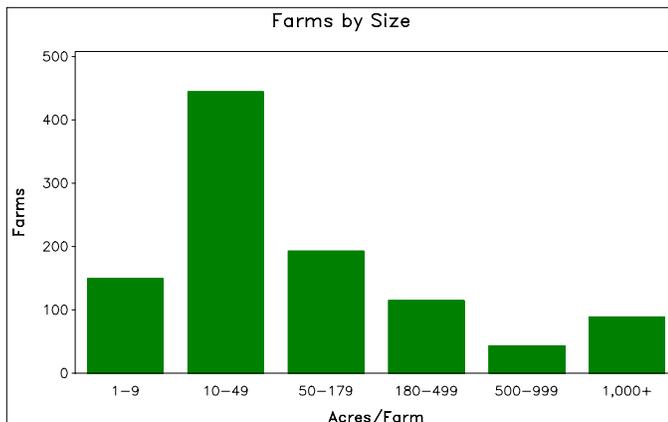
\$228,024 in 2002, \$199,650 in 1997, up 14 percent.

### Government Payments

\$135,000 in 2002, \$132,000 in 1997, up 2 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$11,230 in 2002, \$4,129 in 1997, up 172 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 67 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	236,005	9	67	114	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	204,808	9	66	45	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	31,197	13	67	901	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	49	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	14	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	12	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	154,975	3	65	22	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	48,847	9	65	58	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	36	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	61	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	20,880	2	66	490	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	9,620	11	52	386	2,493
Hogs and pigs	103	9	61	1,446	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	7	42	65	2,491	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	95	43	64	1,816	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	290	26	65	446	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	100,806	3	66	130	3,059
Colonies of bees	2,938	22	64	202	2,392
Hogs and pigs	1,904	4	62	1,148	2,926
Horses and ponies	1,235	23	65	1,006	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,166	27	65	1,272	2,983
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Oranges	78,452	3	44	4	123
Sod harvested	7,182	3	45	5	740
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	5,364	21	65	2,264	3,059
Grapefruit	2,796	6	40	8	88
Bulbs, corms, rhizomes, and tubers	1,445	1	20	2	493

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	227	Farming	590
\$1,000 to \$2,499	123	Other	445
\$2,500 to \$4,999	59		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	69	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	123	Male	879
\$20,000 to \$24,999	23	Female	156
\$25,000 to \$39,999	90		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	38	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	91		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	94	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	37	White	1,387
\$500,000 or more	61	Black or African American	29
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	191,890	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	185,760	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	15
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	47,131	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	45,625	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	60

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.