

ALACHUA COUNTY, FL

Information based on Congressional Districts of the 106th U.S. Congress, 1997

	1997	1992	1987
Farms			
Number	1,086	1,089	1,161
Acreage	198,193	191,140	192,255
Average size (acres)	182	176	166
Median size (acres)	38	N	N
Estimated market value average per farm			
Land/buildings (dollars)	360,956	275,767	284,184
Machinery/equip (dollars)	22,172	21,255	23,160
Cropland (acres)			
Total	75,368	79,607	83,340
Harvested	31,132	29,566	33,057
Irrigated	7,942	7,371	9,068
Agricultural products sold - market value			
(\$1,000)	50,256	39,680	31,998
(dollars avg. per farm)	46,276	36,437	27,561
Agricultural sales - Net cash return per farm			
(dollars average)	10,268	5,695	4,558
Livestock inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	49,567	40,230	43,268
Beef cows	27,324	22,186	22,787
Milk cows	3,341	2,957	4,105
Hogs and pigs	1,292	4,927	4,742
Sheep and lambs	716	1,162	624
Layers 13 wks or older	D	D	3,574
Broilers and chicken (sold)	D	D	D
Harvested commodities (acres)			
Com, grain or seed	2,997	3,514	5,279
Com, silage or green chop	N	N	N
Sorghum, grain or seed	N	N	N
Wheat	N	N	N
Barley	N	N	N
Oats	N	N	N
Rice	N	N	N
Sunflower seed	N	N	N
Cotton	N	N	N
Tobacco	N	N	N
Soybeans	410	D	4,285
Dry edible beans, excl lima	N	N	N
Potatoes, excl sweet potatoes	N	N	N
Sugar beets for sugar	N	N	N
Sugarcane for sugar	D	0	0
Peanuts for nuts	N	N	N
Hay-alfalfa	10,963	10,819	10,589
Vegetables			
Number of farms	88	116	109
Acreage	5,749	7,058	5,510

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Orchards			
Number of farms	157	154	142
Acreage	2,050	1,627	1,411

Abbreviations/footnotes:

N represents zero.

0 represents an insignificant amount.

D-W withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.

Source: USDA, NASS, 1997 Census of Agriculture