

DE SOTO COUNTY, FL

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

	1997	1992	1987
<b>Farms</b>			
Number	715	804	654
Acreage	322,402	334,623	351,402
Average size (acres)	451	416	537
Median size (acres)	40	N	N
<b>Estimated market value average per farm</b>			
Land/buildings (dollars)	1,133,735	848,575	721,087
Machinery/equip (dollars)	58,513	42,272	26,134
<b>Cropland (acres)</b>			
Total	126,633	89,670	86,702
Harvested	89,405	62,250	47,958
Irrigated	72,939	58,806	48,078
<b>Agricultural products sold - market value</b>			
(\$1,000)	180,983	128,656	72,586
(dollars avg. per farm)	253,123	160,020	110,988
<b>Agricultural sales - Net cash return per farm</b>			
(dollars average)	52,345	44,942	26,625
<b>Livestock inventory (number)</b>			
Cattle and calves	76,226	66,115	83,420
Beef cows	D	D	D
Milk cows	D	D	D
Hogs and pigs	497	482	265
Sheep and lambs	39	39	D
Layers 13 wks or older	D	D	D
Broilers and chicken (sold)	0	0	0
<b>Harvested commodities (acres)</b>			
Com, grain or seed	D	0	0
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	0	0	0
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	0	0	0
Peanuts for nuts	N	N	N
Hay-alfalfa	4,409	2,464	2,765
<b>Vegetables</b>			
Number of farms	18	26	22
Acreage	2,147	3,549	3,195

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Orchards			
Number of farms	407	488	324
Acreage	81,785	55,466	40,164

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