

HARDEE COUNTY, FL

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

	1997	1992	1987
Farms			
Number	1,045	1,169	1,130
Acreage	345,643	327,611	303,892
Average size (acres)	331	280	269
Median size (acres)	45	N	N
Estimated market value average per farm			
Land/buildings (dollars)	859,608	569,627	493,415
Machinery/equip (dollars)	31,835	35,448	28,025
Cropland (acres)			
Total	105,878	99,729	103,265
Harvested	67,465	61,233	55,836
Irrigated	54,026	53,777	43,878
Agricultural products sold - market value			
(\$1,000)	154,837	127,720	92,873
(dollars avg. per farm)	148,170	109,255	82,188
Agricultural sales - Net cash return per farm			
(dollars average)	29,317	23,322	18,554
Livestock inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	92,706	83,513	73,726
Beef cows	51,582	47,055	39,964
Milk cows	8,790	8,154	7,158
Hogs and pigs	302	243	286
Sheep and lambs	0	10	D
Layers 13 wks or older	D	D	D
Broilers and chicken (sold)	0	0	0
Harvested commodities (acres)			
Com, grain or seed	0	D	D
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	D	0	0
Peanuts for nuts	N	N	N
Hay-alfalfa	6,161	6,279	6,554
Vegetables			
Number of farms	24	33	39
Acreage	2,043	2,769	3,724

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Orchards			
Number of farms	686	786	749
Acreage	58,900	51,295	44,495

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