

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FL

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

	1997	1992	1987
Farms			
Number	855	924	975
Acreage	604,703	637,934	659,438
Average size (acres)	707	690	676
Median size (acres)	10	N	N
Estimated market value average per farm			
Land/buildings (dollars)	2,397,652	2,417,525	2,202,349
Machinery/equip (dollars)	83,936	152,819	116,662
Cropland (acres)			
Total	529,138	578,699	573,037
Harvested	462,690	510,263	506,710
Irrigated	417,368	422,966	422,619
Agricultural products sold - market value			
(\$1,000)	872,877	891,196	855,172
(dollars avg. per farm)	1,020,908	964,497	877,100
Agricultural sales - Net cash return per farm			
(dollars average)	354,702	208,626	302,831
Livestock inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	3,771	7,267	19,469
Beef cows	2,751	D	D
Milk cows	10	D	D
Hogs and pigs	250	251	341
Sheep and lambs	145	206	89
Layers 13 wks or older	1,651	1,175	1,122
Broilers and chicken (sold)	0	D	D
Harvested commodities (acres)			
Com, grain or seed	D	2,729	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	344,899	351,440	362,260
Peanuts for nuts	N	N	N
Hay-alfalfa	100	618	834
Vegetables			
Number of farms	70	90	115
Acreage	58,002	84,624	92,163

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Orchards			
Number of farms	68	95	138
Acreage	13,392	19,749	17,902

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