

2009 FIELD CROPS HIGHLIGHTS

VALUE

The 2009 value of production for hay, peanuts, cotton and cottonseed, corn, pecans, soybeans, sweet potatoes, and wheat totaled \$261 million a decrease of \$33.6 million or 11 percent from the revised 2008 value of production of \$294 million. Cotton and soybeans were the only field crops for which the value of production increased in 2009.

ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION

Acreage harvested for field crop production (excluding sugarcane) in 2009 was down 4 percent and totaled 571,000 acres. This was a decrease of 21,000 acres from the 592,000 acres harvested in 2008. Harvested acres of corn were up 2,000 acres, cotton up 13,000 acres, and soybeans were up 5,000 acres. Peanuts were down 35,000 acres and wheat was down 9,000 acres. Hay acreage was unchanged.

SUGARCANE

The value for the 2008 crop of sugarcane, for sugar and seed, was set at \$399 million, down 11 percent from \$448 million in 2007. Production was down 11 percent in 2008 at 13.3 million tons. Yield was down 3.0 tons at 33.1 tons to the acre.

CROP WEATHER

In **January**, the year began with warm, dry weather in most of Florida and abundant rains in the Panhandle. Mild conditions did not reduce aphid populations during the winter and raised concern for Barley Dwarf Mosaic Virus. In saturated parts of the Panhandle fungus was reported. In the tri-county area of Putnam, Flagler, and St. Johns counties potatoes were planted. Harvesting of sugarcane continued in the Everglades. In mid-January, sub-freezing temperatures and wind was felt throughout the State. Highlands County reported freeze damage to ornamentals.

Cold weather continued in **February** with occasional rains. In the central and Big Bend areas dry conditions delayed field work. Below freezing temperatures were felt intermittently through the month. Potatoes and sugarcane suffered freeze damage. Sugarcane growers quickly harvested freeze-damaged crops to minimize sucrose loss. In the Hastings area, potato planting was completed. In the southern region, potatoes were harvested. Growers in the Panhandle prepared fields for soybeans, cotton, and peanuts.

The weather for the month of **March** consisted of warmer temperatures and little rainfall. Pasco County reported wildfires. Farmers in the southern region reported problems with salt in irrigated fields due to drought. Farmers throughout the State prepared fields for peanuts, cotton, tobacco, corn, and soybeans. Corn was planted in the Panhandle and Central region. Hay was reported in short supply in many areas as supplemental feeding continued later than usual due to drought and cold. Sugarcane harvest neared completion. Potato harvest continued in the southern region. During the last week of March, Santa Rosa and Escambia counties experienced heavy rains and had a negative impact on winter wheat. Field work was delayed due to floods. Sweet potatoes were planted in Miami-Dade County.

In **April**, rains were mostly light in the State; however, the Panhandle received heavy rains, delaying field work and causing erosion. Field preparation for corn, soybeans, cotton, tobacco, and peanuts continued but flooding in the Panhandle required further attention to fields. Peanut planting began in the Panhandle. In Columbia County millet and sorghum were planted to alleviate forage shortages. Potato harvesting in the south was ending as potato harvesting was just beginning in the Hastings area. Union County producers harvested oats and rye for hay. Sugarcane harvesting was completed in the Everglades.

The long awaited rain came towards the end of **May**. Field work was delayed due to excessive rains. Cotton, peanut, and soybean planting was behind schedule. Harvesting of hay and corn for silage was delayed due to excess moisture. Rains delayed winter wheat harvesting in the Panhandle as well. Potato quality in the Hastings area was affected by the heavy rains. After potato harvesting, the Hastings area began preparing cover crops.

In **June**, the soil dried enough to allow planting to continue; however, heavy rains inhibited farmers from planting cotton and peanuts late in the season. By mid-June, wheat harvesting was completed. The quality of wheat declined during the extended rains and some of the crop was abandoned or used for feed instead of grain. A few peanut fields had seed rot and were replanted. During the second half of the month, non-irrigated peanut and corn fields suffered from hot, dry conditions. In Highlands County, sweet potatoes were growing and caladiums were harvested.

July was hot and humid with rain concentrated in the central and southern regions. In the Panhandle towards the beginning of the month, some cotton, peanut, and soybean fields were stressed from drought. Corn growers in Washington and Holmes

counties were concerned about pollination of the crop on warm days. Some soybean fields were replanted because of infestation of grasshoppers. Second cuttings of hay were baled and cotton was reported in fair to good condition. As rains continued, fungicide treatments were applied to numerous peanut fields and disease was slightly higher than usual. Conditions for sugarcane growth were reported as favorable.

August began with rainfall covering most areas of the Sunshine State. Corn for grain harvest was beginning as silage cutting was ending. Showers continued mid-month benefiting row crops. Peanut pegging approached 100 percent. Armyworm infestations were problematic in pastures in parts of the State. Tropical storms brought heavy rains to the Panhandle. Peanut harvest was underway in early-planted fields. White mold and leaf spot were reported in some peanut fields. Some overly saturated hay fields were left uncut as quality decreased.

As tropical weather conditions continued in **September**, harvesting of field crops was underway. Peanut growers were able to dig early-planted crops. Harvesting of corn for grain was nearing completion. Sugarcane was reported in good condition. Some fields were replanted due to unusual freezes earlier in the year. Cotton bolls opened but picking did not begin.

In the middle of **October**, heavy rains in the Panhandle delayed peanut and cotton harvest. Precipitation also delayed planting of some winter grains. Later in the month, rains and nighttime temperatures decreased. Peanut growers continued harvesting but some reported that cool temperatures slowed growth of remaining crops. Some cotton growers began harvesting their fields. Sugarcane harvest began at the end of the month.

In **November**, growers harvested peanuts, cotton, and soybeans in fields that were not overly saturated. Crop conditions in wet fields declined. Operators expected low yields and some fields were abandoned. Some growers continued to bale final cuttings of hay. Planting of winter forage was behind schedule because of high soil moisture. Soybean harvesting was completed by the end of the month. Tropical Storm Ida, in mid-month, caused further delays in harvesting of field crops. The quality of cotton lint and seed continued to decline as exposure to moisture persisted. Sugarcane harvest was active in the Everglades.

As the year came to an end, **December** consisted of abundant rains in the Panhandle. Rains further delayed field work and fall and winter plantings remained behind schedule. Hard freezes slowed forage growth. Significant amounts of lint were reported on the ground and there was not a sufficient amount of cotton picking equipment to meet demand due to delayed harvest. Soybeans were similarly affected but to a lesser extent. In the Everglades, sugarcane harvest was active except in areas that received heavy showers. Winter forage crops benefitted from the moisture but some small grains were not planted for the same reason. Corn harvest was completed. Caladiums were dug in Highlands County.

FLORIDA FIELD CROPS

Acres, yield, production, and value, crop years 2000 through 2009 ^{1/}

Crop and year	Area		Yield	Production	Season average price	Value of production
	Planted	Harvested				
	1,000 acres				Dollars	1,000 dollars
Corn ^{2/}			<i>Bushels</i>	<i>1,000 bushels</i>		
2000	85	25	75	1,875	2.24	4,200
2001	65	26	87	2,262	2.25	5,090
2002	75	37	96	3,552	2.60	9,235
2003	75	39	82	3,198	2.55	8,155
2004	70	32	90	2,880	2.30	6,624
2005	65	28	94	2,632	2.00	5,264
2006	60	30	82	2,460	2.80	6,888
2007	70	35	90	3,150	4.00	12,600
2008	70	35	105	3,675	4.50	16,538
2009	70	37	100	3,700	4.00	14,800
Cotton ^{3/}			<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 bales</i>		
2000	130.0	106.0	480	106.0	0.565	28,747
2001	125.0	124.0	612	158.0	0.295	22,373
2002	120.0	105.0	439	96.0	0.440	20,275
2003	94.0	92.0	610	117.0	0.655	36,785
2004	89.0	87.0	601	109.0	0.464	24,276
2005	86.0	85.0	762	135.0	0.480	31,104
2006	103.0	101.0	789	166.0	0.462	36,812
2007	85.0	81.0	687	116.0	0.580	32,294
2008	67.0	65.0	916	124.0	0.504	29,998
2009	82.0	78.0	723	117.5	^{4/} 0.663	^{4/} 33,415
Cottonseed				<i>1,000 tons</i>		
2000	--	--	--	38.0	100.00	3,800
2001	--	--	--	53.0	71.50	3,790
2002	--	--	--	29.0	81.50	2,364
2003	--	--	--	37.0	99.00	3,663
2004	--	--	--	35.0	86.00	3,010
2005	--	--	--	41.1	75.00	3,083
2006	--	--	--	49.3	92.50	4,560
2007	--	--	--	32.9	161.00	5,297
2008	--	--	--	32.6	207.00	6,748
2009	--	--	--	34.5	135.00	4,185

^{1/} All 2009 estimates are preliminary.

^{2/} Planted for all purposes; harvested for grain.

^{3/} Production in 480 pound net weight bales.

^{4/} Preliminary.

FLORIDA FIELD CROPS

Acreage, yield, production, and value, crop years 2000 through 2009 ^{1/}

Crop and year	Area		Yield	Production	Season average price	Value of production
	Planted	Harvested				
	<i>1,000 acres</i>				<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
Hay, All			<i>Tons</i>	<i>1,000 tons</i>		
2000	--	270	2.50	675	82.00	55,350
2001	--	270	2.80	756	96.00	72,576
2002	--	280	2.80	784	97.00	76,048
2003	--	255	2.50	638	90.00	57,420
2004	--	260	2.50	650	93.00	60,450
2005	--	290	2.45	711	98.50	70,034
2006	--	300	2.30	690	101.00	69,690
2007	--	320	3.00	960	116.00	111,360
2008	--	300	3.00	900	136.00	122,400
2009	--	300	2.70	810	137.00	110,970
Peanuts ^{2/}			<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>		
2000	94	86	2,485	213,710	0.300	64,113
2001	90	82	3,050	250,100	0.215	53,772
2002	96	86	2,300	197,800	0.178	35,208
2003	125	115	3,000	345,000	0.185	63,825
2004	145	130	2,800	364,000	0.181	65,884
2005	160	152	2,700	410,400	0.167	68,537
2006	130	120	2,500	300,000	0.173	51,900
2007	130	119	2,700	321,300	0.186	59,762
2008	150	140	3,200	448,000	0.221	99,008
2009	115	105	3,200	336,000	0.207	69,552
Soybeans ^{2/}			<i>Bushels</i>	<i>1,000 bushels</i>		
2000	20	15	19	285	4.45	1,268
2001	10	9	29	261	4.20	1,096
2002	10	9	33	297	5.35	1,589
2003	13	12	30	360	6.90	2,484
2004	19	17	34	578	5.60	3,237
2005	9	8	32	256	5.40	1,382
2006	7	5	27	135	6.25	844
2007	14	12	24	288	8.90	2,563
2008	32	29	38	1,102	8.50	9,367
2009	37	34	38	1,292	9.50	12,274

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^{2/} Planted for all purposes; harvested for dry nuts or beans.

FLORIDA FIELD CROPS

Acreage, yield, production, and value, crop years 2000 through 2009 ^{1/}

Crop and year	Area		Yield	Production	Season average price	Value of production
	Planted	Harvested				
	<i>1,000 acres</i>				<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
Sugarcane For Sugar and Seed			<i>Tons</i>	<i>1,000 tons</i>		
2000	--	454	37.5	17,041	28.60	487,373
2001	--	465	35.1	16,338	31.70	517,915
2002	--	461	38.3	17,653	31.70	559,600
2003	--	438	39.3	17,231	31.55	549,669
2004	--	406	35.2	14,281	30.30	432,714
2005	--	401	31.8	12,746	28.00	356,888
2006	--	400	35.9	14,346	31.10	446,161
2007	--	393	36.1	14,177	31.60	447,993
2008	--	401	33.1	13,255	30.10	398,975
2009	--	387	36.0	13,939	^{2/}	^{2/}
Sugarcane For Sugar			<i>Tons</i>	<i>1,000 tons</i>		
2000	--	436	37.5	16,350	28.60	467,610
2001	--	445	35.1	15,620	31.70	495,154
2002	--	442	38.3	16,929	31.70	536,649
2003	--	419	39.3	16,467	31.90	525,297
2004	--	385	34.9	13,437	30.30	407,141
2005	--	376	31.4	11,806	28.00	330,568
2006	--	382	35.8	13,676	31.10	425,324
2007	--	375	36.0	13,500	31.60	426,600
2008	--	384	32.9	12,634	30.10	380,283
2009	--	370	35.9	13,283	^{2/}	^{2/}
Sweet potatoes			<i>Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>		
2009	3.3	3.2	110	352	30.00	9,900

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^{2/} Estimates of season average price and value of production for the 2009 crop will be available February 2011.

FLORIDA FIELD CROPS

Acres, yield, production, and value, crop years 2000 through 2009 ^{1/}

Crop and year	Area		Yield	Production	Season average price	Value of production
	Planted	Harvested				
	<i>1,000 acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>	<i>1,000 bushels</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
Wheat						
2000	13	9	49	441	2.25	992
2001	10	9	41	369	2.25	830
2002	19	7	35	245	2.40	588
2003	20	12	41	492	3.00	1,476
2004	18	15	45	675	3.45	2,329
2005	18	8	45	360	3.10	1,116
2006	8	5	42	210	3.15	662
2007	13	9	55	495	4.00	1,980
2008	25	23	55	1,265	5.50	6,958
2009	17	14	43	602	4.30	2,589

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FLORIDA PECANS

Production, price and value, crop years 2000 through 2009

Crop and year	Utilized production			Season average price		
	Varieties		Total	Varieties		Total
	Improved	Native and seedling		Improved	Native and seedling	
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>			<i>Cents</i>		
2000	1,200	2,100	3,300	105.0	60.0	76.4
2001	1,200	2,100	3,300	51.0	42.0	45.3
2002	500	900	1,400	87.0	50.0	63.2
2003	500	1,600	2,100	100.0	60.0	69.5
2004	400	100	500	150.0	95.0	139.0
2005	300	700	1,000	140.0	85.0	102.0
2006	200	300	500	180.0	150.0	162.0
2007	1,700	200	1,900	100.0	70.0	96.8
2008	1,400	300	1,700	200.0	110.0	184.0
2009	1,700	400	2,100	132.0	120.0	130.0

FLORIDA PECANS

Value of utilized production, crop years 2000 through 2009

Crop year	Varieties		Total
	Improved	Native and seedling	
	<i>1,000 dollars</i>		
2000	1,260	1,260	2,520
2001	612	882	1,494
2002	435	450	885
2003	500	960	1,460
2004	600	95	695
2005	420	595	1,015
2006	360	450	810
2007	1,700	140	1,840
2008	2,800	330	3,130
2009	2,244	484	2,728

FLORIDA CORN

Acreage, yield and production, by district and county, 2008 and 2009

District and county	Planted for all purposes		Harvested for grain		Yield per acre		Production	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>Acres</i>				<i>Bushels</i>			
District 10								
Escambia	6,400	5200	3,300	2700	124.0	121.0	199,900	326,200
Gadsden	1,200	1,100	600	700	87.0	93.0	98,100	65,100
Holmes	1,200	1,800	800	800	95.0	80.0	104,000	64,000
Jackson	6,700	6,500	3,500	3,200	146.0	147.0	625,400	471,200
Jefferson		3,000		1,500		93.0		139,500
Okaloosa	600	600	300	200	94.0	87.0	26,400	17,400
Santa Rosa		600		300		87.0		26,000
Walton	1,300	1,000	600	500	99.0	85.0	63,000	42,500
Washington	1,500	1,700	800	800	102.0	86.0	75,000	68,600
Other ^{1/}	8,000	4,900	4,000	3,300	109.0	114.0	330,100	376,200
Total	26,900	26,400	13,900	14,000	119.0	114.0	1,548,700	1,596,700
District 30								
Columbia	1,900		1,400		77.0		108,100	
Madison	6,200		3,000		99.0			
Suwannee	6,900		3,300		154.0		298,200	
Other counties	7,700		3,700		125.0		507,000	
Total	22,700		11,400		121.0		462,300	
Other, State ^{2/}	20,400	43,600	9,700	23,000	66.0	91.0	644,100	2,103,300
State Total	70,000	70,000	35,000	37,000	105.0	100.0	3,675,000	3,700,000

^{1/} Includes all other counties in District 10 not listed separately.

^{2/} Includes Districts 30, 50, and 80, unless listed separately.

FLORIDA PEANUTS

Acres, yield and production, by district and county, 2008 and 2009

District and county	Planted for all purposes		Harvested for dry peanuts		Yield per acre		Production	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>Acres</i>				<i>Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 pounds</i>	
District 10								
Escambia	8,000	4,800	7,600	4,600	3,600	3,210	27,375	14,770
Holmes	5,100	3,700	4,800	3,500	2,875	2,800	13,800	9,800
Jackson	38,700	33,700	36,300	31,900	3,065	3,015	111,200	96,180
Jefferson	^{1/}	1,900	^{1/}	1,800	^{1/}	3,130	^{1/}	5,630
Okaloosa	3,800	^{1/}	3,600	^{1/}	3,950	^{1/}	14,220	^{1/}
Santa Rosa	21,000	12,800	19,600	12,100	4,065	3,455	79,677	41,810
Walton	3,200	3,600	3,000	3,400	3,000	2,880	9,000	9,800
Washington	3,300	2,500	3,100	2,400	3,700	3,290	11,470	7,900
Other, District 10	8,100	6,700	7,600	6,300	2,625	3,155	19,948	19,880
Total	91,200	69,700	85,600	66,000	3,350	3,120	286,690	205,770
District 30								
Columbia	3,800	^{2/}	3,600	^{2/}	2,470	^{2/}	8,900	^{2/}
Madison	8,600	^{2/}	8,100	^{2/}	2,445	^{2/}	19,800	^{2/}
Suwannee	9,800	^{2/}	9,200	^{2/}	3,785	^{2/}	34,800	^{2/}
Other, District 30	7,100	^{2/}	6,800	^{2/}	2,820	^{2/}	19,190	^{2/}
Total	29,300	^{2/}	27,700	^{2/}	2,985	^{2/}	82,690	^{2/}
District 50								
Levy	^{2/}	12,000	^{2/}	10,400	^{2/}	3,200	^{2/}	33,280
Other, District 50	^{2/}	10,600	^{2/}	8,600	^{2/}	3,150	^{2/}	27,070
Total	^{2/}	22,600	^{2/}	19,000	^{2/}	3,175	^{2/}	60,350
Other, State	29,500	22,700	26,700	20,000	2,945	3,495	78,620	69,880
State Total	150,000	115,000	140,000	105,000	3,200	3,200	448,000	336,000

^{1/} Included in Other, District 10.

^{2/} Included in Other, State.

FLORIDA COTTON

Acreage, yield and production, by district and county, 2008 and 2009

District and county	Planted		Harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>Acres</i>				<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Bales</i>	
District 10								
Calhoun	6,300	7,200	6,000	6,800	792	685	9,900	9,700
Escambia	5,700	8,300	5,500	7,100	986	595	11,300	8,800
Holmes	1,500	^{2/}	1,400	^{2/}	686	^{2/}	2,000	^{2/}
Jackson	24,900	27,700	24,300	26,800	887	776	44,900	43,300
Okaloosa	2,500	3,100	2,400	3,000	1,100	896	5,500	5,600
Santa Rosa	17,000	24,300	17,000	23,700	1,033	717	36,600	35,400
Walton	2,400	^{2/}	2,200	^{2/}	916	^{2/}	4,200	^{2/}
Other, State ^{1/}	6,700	11,400	6,200	10,600	743	666	9,600	14,700
State Total	67,000	82,000	65,000	78,000	916	723	124,000	117,500

^{1/}. Includes District 30, in addition to Holmes and Walton in 2009.

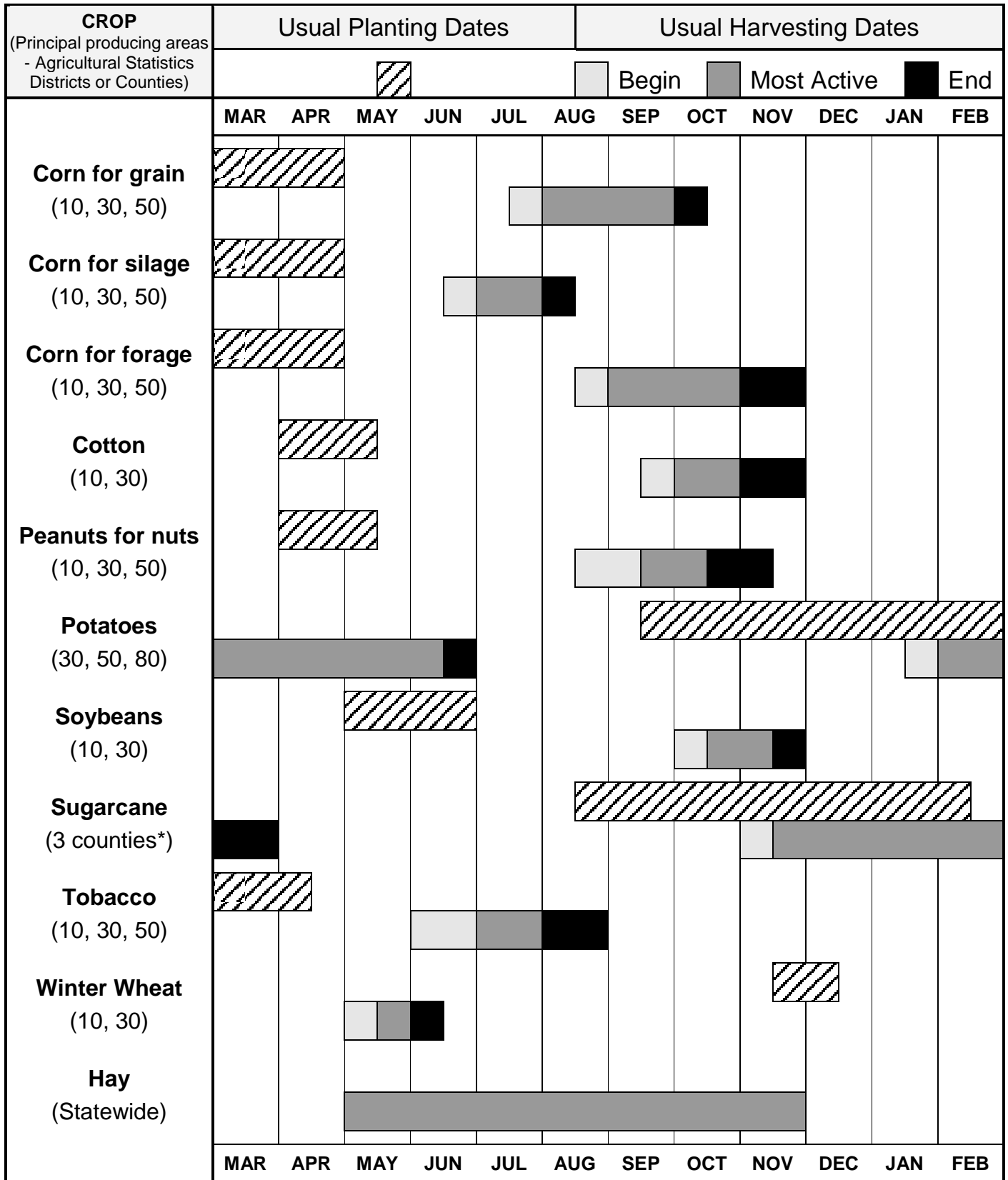
^{2/}. Included in Other, State.

FLORIDA SUGARCANE FOR SUGAR

Acreage, yield and production, by county, 2007 and 2008

District and county	Harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>Acres</i>				<i>Tons</i>	
Glades	37,000	38,000	40.5	36.0	1,500,000	1,368,000
Hendry	34,000	35,000	39.8	36.0	1,352,000	1,260,000
Palm Beach	304,000	311,000	35.2	32.2	10,700,000	10,006,000
State Total	375,000	384,000	36.1	32.9	13,552,000	12,634,000

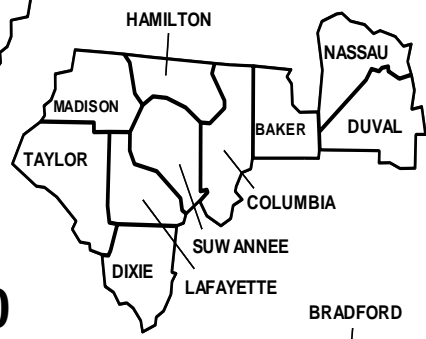
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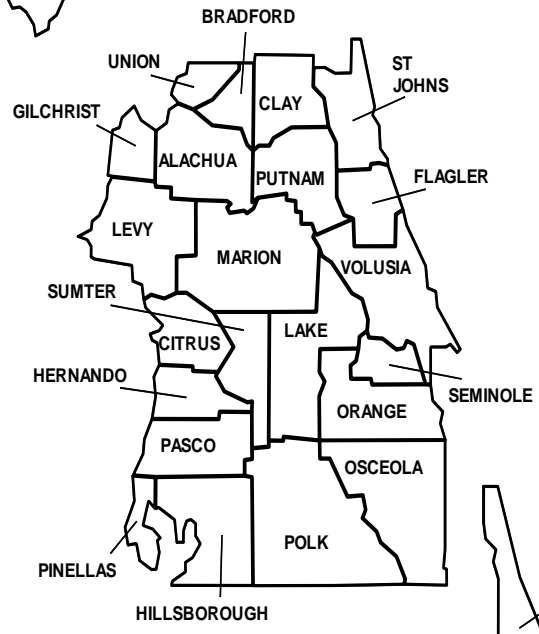
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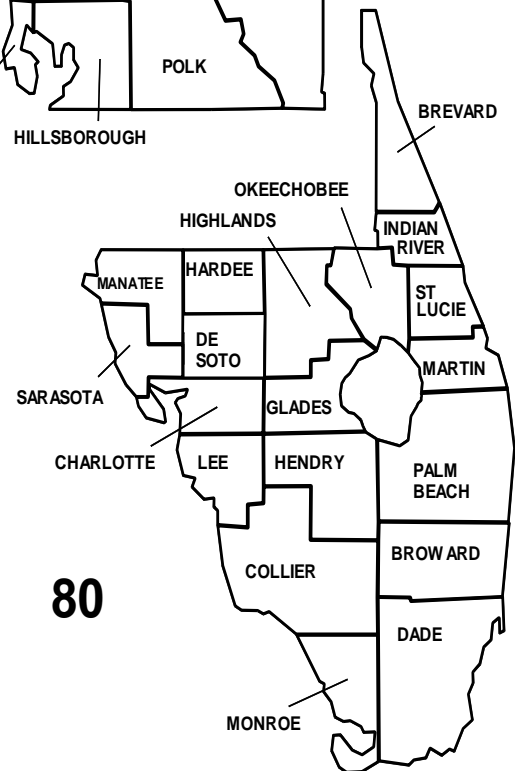
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