

FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL OVERVIEW

Florida's 47,500 **commercial farms**, utilizing 9.25 million acres, continue to produce a wide variety of safe and dependable food products. From the **citrus groves** and the **nurseries** in central and southern Florida, to the **vegetables** in various regions around the State, to the **cattle and calves** throughout the State, these farms provide Florida with a large and stable economic base.

In 2011 Florida ranked:

- ✓ First in the U.S. in the value of production of **oranges and grapefruit**.
- ✓ First in value of production of **fresh market snap beans, cucumbers for fresh market, bell peppers, squash, sweet corn, fresh market tomatoes, and watermelons**.
- ✓ Second in value of production of **cucumbers for pickles, strawberries, tangerines and sugarcane for sugar and seed**.
- ✓ Fourth in value of production of **honey**.

In 2011, in terms of total value of production, Florida accounted for:

- 65** percent of the total U.S. value for **grapefruit** (\$181 million)
- 67** percent of the total U.S. value for **oranges** (\$1.3 billion)
- 43** percent of the total U.S. value for **sugarcane for sugar and seed** (\$493 million) ¹
- 36** percent of the total U.S. value for **bell peppers** (\$248 million)
- 44** percent of the total U.S. value for **fresh market tomatoes** (\$565 million)
- 43** percent of the total U.S. value for **snap beans** (\$131 million)
- 33** percent of the total U.S. value for **squash** (\$95 million)
- 23** percent of the total U.S. value for **sweet corn** (\$174 million)
- 28** percent of the total U.S. value for **cucumbers for fresh market** (\$52 million)
- 21** percent of the total U.S. value for **watermelons** (\$112 million)
- 21** percent of the total U.S. value for **tangerines** (\$65 million)

Florida citrus growers in 2010-2011 produced 140.3 million boxes of **oranges** (96 percent of which were used for **orange juice**) and 19.8 million boxes of **grapefruit** (58 percent of which were used for **grapefruit juice**). Fruit sales exceeded \$1.9 billion.

Florida growers harvested **vegetables for fresh market** from 185,000 acres in 2011. The value of vegetable crops exceeded \$1.5 billion. Florida ranks second to California in the total value of fresh market vegetable production.

Livestock and products in 2010 produced cash receipts of \$1.3 billion. **Poultry farms** generated \$306 million in sales, with \$151 million coming from **broilers** and \$151 million coming from **eggs**. On January 1, 2012 there were 1.71 million **head of cattle** on farms and ranches in Florida, including 940,000 head of **beef cows** and 120,000 head of **milk cows**. Florida ranked 13th in the number of **chickens** on farms in 2011. Florida's poultry farmers maintained an average of 9.6 million **layers** in 2011 (producing 2.7 billion **eggs**) and produced 61.8 million **broilers**.

The total cash receipts for **nursery and greenhouse** products in Florida were just over \$1.7 billion in 2010.

¹ Data for 2010, the latest year available.

Florida Cash Receipts

The Economic Research Service, (ERS), USDA, reports that receipts from Florida agricultural products in 2010 amounted to \$7.81 billion. This is an increase of \$ 6.40 million from 2009. Cash receipts from all crops were \$6.46 billion, an increase of \$3.97 million from 2009.

All crops accounted for 82.7 percent of total cash receipts. As in previous years, the leading crop commodities were oranges (16.0 percent of all cash receipts), greenhouse and nursery (22.4 percent), tomatoes (8.1 percent), and sugarcane (7.0 percent). The leading livestock commodities were cattle and calves (6.4 percent of all cash receipts), dairy products (5.6 percent), and poultry and eggs (3.9 percent).

Cash Receipts, by Commodity Groups and Selected Commodities, Florida: 2010

[2010 preliminary. Percents for individual commodities may not add to totals in some groups because of rounding.]

Commodity	Cash receipts (1,000 dollars)		Commodity	Cash receipts (1,000 dollars)	
	2010	Percent of total ¹		2010	Percent of total
Total Cash Receipts from Farm Marketings	7,805,388	100.00	Field Crops	783,876	10.04
All Crops	6,456,728	82.72	Corn.....	11,133	0.14
Citrus	1,527,243	19.57	Cotton	49,478	0.63
Grapefruit	204,829	2.62	Cotton lint, Upland.....	43,515	0.56
Oranges	1,248,875	16.00	Cottonseed	5,963	0.08
Tangelos	8,267	0.11	Hay	31,104	0.40
Tangerines	65,272	0.84	Peanuts.....	89,606	1.15
Other Fruits and Nuts	456,305	5.85	Soybeans.....	6,953	0.09
Avocados	16,882	0.22	Sugarcane	542,951	6.96
Pecans	2,610	0.03	Wheat	1,220	0.02
Blueberries	47,272	0.61	Other.....	51,134	0.66
Strawberries	362,032	4.64	Greenhouse and Nursery	1,745,219	22.36
Other	27,509	0.35	Christmas Trees.....	2,100	0.03
Vegetables and Melons	1,944,085	24.91	Other Greenhouse/Nursery	1,743,119	22.23
Cabbage	70,131	0.90	All Livestock and Products	1,348,660	17.28
Cucumbers.....	88,543	1.13	Cattle and Calves.....	502,456	6.44
Green Peppers.....	295,555	3.79	Hogs	2,793	0.04
Potatoes.....	128,509	1.65	Dairy Products: Milk	439,047	5.62
Sweet Potatoes	10,303	0.13	Poultry and Eggs.....	305,677	3.92
Snap Beans, Fresh.....	135,047	1.73	Broilers.....	151,493	1.94
Squash	56,784	0.73	Farm Chickens	382	0.00
Sweet Corn	189,197	2.42	Chicken Eggs.....	150,746	1.93
Tomatoes	630,750	8.08	Other Poultry.....	(NA)	0.00
Watermelons	112,545	1.44	Honey	21,666	0.28
Other	226,721	2.90	Aquaculture	(NA)	0.00
			Catfish.....	(NA)	0.00
			Other Aquaculture	48,190	0.62
			Other Livestock	77,021	0.99

NA Not Available

¹ Temples are included in orange total.

Florida Cash Receipts: By Commodity Group and Year

Year	Crops	Livestock	Total cash receipts
	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
1971.....	1,042,078	416,029	1,478,107
1972.....	1,219,359	468,397	1,687,756
1973.....	1,442,362	605,103	2,047,465
1974.....	1,601,213	544,200	2,145,413
1975.....	1,879,670	623,905	2,503,575
1976.....	1,901,292	672,709	2,574,001
1977.....	2,018,719	742,598	2,761,317
1978.....	2,579,409	849,213	3,428,622
1979.....	2,845,812	1,001,876	3,487,688
1980.....	3,103,833	978,525	4,082,358
1981.....	3,231,728	1,026,286	4,258,014
1982.....	3,326,155	1,020,062	4,346,217
1983.....	3,546,915	1,081,535	4,628,450
1984.....	3,638,231	1,098,092	4,736,323
1985.....	3,762,770	1,030,336	4,793,106
1986.....	3,747,156	1,030,336	4,777,492
1987.....	4,207,362	1,100,854	5,308,216
1988.....	4,688,987	1,146,040	5,835,027
1989.....	5,021,374	1,218,705	6,240,079
1990.....	4,438,082	1,258,961	5,697,043
1991.....	4,972,810	1,171,626	6,144,436
1992.....	4,956,706	1,263,874	6,220,580
1993.....	4,824,757	1,310,232	6,134,989
1994.....	4,815,127	1,296,603	6,111,730
1995.....	4,841,471	1,238,378	6,079,849
1996.....	5,100,235	1,312,154	6,412,389
1997.....	5,238,267	1,385,551	6,623,818
1998.....	5,689,172	1,390,238	7,079,410
1999.....	5,311,395	1,347,573	6,658,968
2000.....	5,470,458	1,315,908	6,786,366
2001.....	5,236,151	1,389,601	6,625,752
2002.....	5,157,002	1,239,055	6,396,057
2003.....	5,374,178	1,240,273	6,614,451
2004.....	5,315,049	1,469,412	6,784,461
2005.....	6,028,520	1,420,758	7,449,278
2006.....	5,994,267	1,321,940	7,316,207
2007.....	6,662,821	1,381,508	8,044,329
2008.....	6,417,420	1,387,783	7,805,203
2009.....	6,059,733	1,105,015	7,164,748
2010.....	6,456,728	1,348,660	7,805,388

United States Total Cash Receipts: Leading States, 2010

Rank	State	Cash receipts (1,000 dollars)	Percent of United States
1	California	37,520,956	11.9
2	Iowa	23,246,412	7.4
3	Texas	19,926,641	6.3
4	Nebraska	17,282,579	5.5
5	Minnesota	15,137,888	4.8
6	Illinois	14,856,796	4.7
7	Kansas	13,957,913	4.4
8	North Carolina.....	9,659,415	3.1
9	Indiana.....	9,589,339	3.1
10	Wisconsin	8,967,543	2.9
13	Florida	7,805,388	2.5
	United States	314,352,697	100.0

United States Vegetable Cash Receipts: Leading States, 2010

Rank	State	Cash receipts (1,000 dollars)	Percent of United States
1	California	7,069,750	35.5
2	Florida	1,944,085	9.8
3	Washington.....	1,207,175	6.1
4	Arizona	1,031,820	5.2
5	Idaho	862,348	4.3
6	Georgia.....	603,197	3.0
7	Michigan	584,605	2.9
8	Texas.....	572,343	2.9
9	North Dakota	566,068	2.8
10	New York.....	543,636	2.7
	United States	19,906,373	100.0

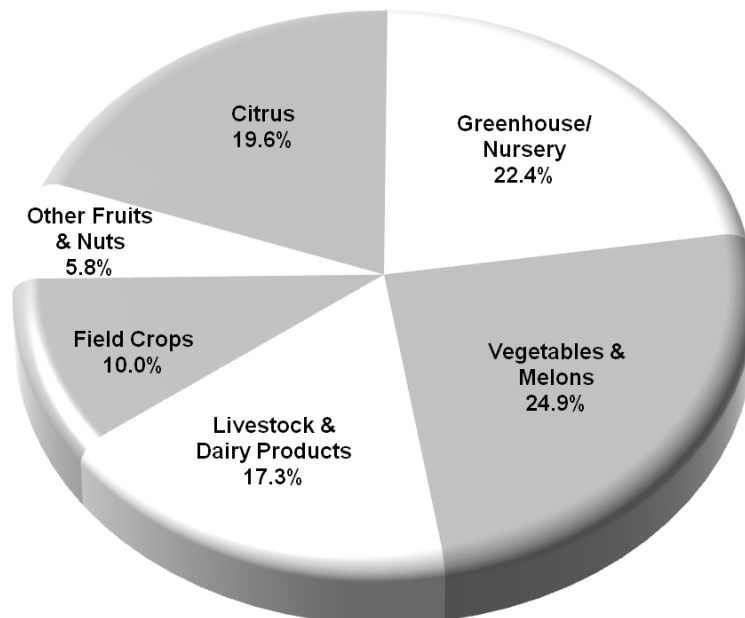
United States Crop Cash Receipts: Leading States, 2010

Rank	State	Cash receipts (1,000 dollars)	Percent of United States
1	California	27,675,242	16.0
2	Iowa.....	13,109,159	7.6
3	Illinois	12,588,779	7.3
4	Minnesota.....	8,956,885	5.2
5	Nebraska	8,829,460	5.1
6	Texas	8,167,845	4.7
7	Indiana.....	6,727,800	3.9
8	Florida	6,456,728	3.7
9	Kansas	6,413,155	3.7
10	North Dakota	5,656,367	3.3
	United States	172,908,618	100.0

Florida Leading Cash Receipts: By Commodity, 2010

Commodity	Florida receipts (1,000 dollars)	U.S. receipts (1,000 dollars)	Florida percent of U.S. (percent)	Florida national ranking
Greenhouse/Nursery.....	1,745,219	15,584,823	11.2	2
Oranges.....	1,248,875	1,963,327	63.6	1
Tomatoes (Fresh Market).....	630,750	2,319,557	27.2	2
Sugarcane.....	542,951	998,178	54.4	1
Cattle/Calves.....	502,456	51,531,014	1.0	23
Dairy Products.....	439,047	31,361,181	1.4	17
Strawberries.....	362,032	2,245,736	16.1	2
Peppers, Bell.....	295,555	637,113	46.4	1
Grapefruit.....	204,829	279,140	73.4	1
Sweet Corn.....	189,197	991,742	19.1	1
Broilers.....	151,493	23,696,132	0.6	20
Eggs.....	150,746	6,472,778	2.3	16
Snap Beans (Fresh Market).....	135,047	447,100	30.6	1
Potatoes.....	128,509	3,052,680	4.2	11
Watermelons.....	112,545	492,035	22.9	1
Peanuts.....	89,606	877,750	10.2	3
Cucumbers (Fresh & Processing).....	88,543	379,197	23.4	1
Cabbage (Fresh Market).....	70,131	379,059	18.5	2
Tangerines.....	65,272	219,486	29.7	2
Squash.....	56,784	203,592	27.9	1
Cotton.....	49,478	6,266,559	0.8	15
Blueberries.....	47,272	646,582	7.3	7
Hay.....	31,104	5,402,024	0.6	35

FLORIDA AGRICULTURE CASH RECEIPTS, 2010



Farms and Land in Farms

Florida had 47,500 commercial farms in 2011, using a total of 9,250,000 acres. There were 5,500 farms with sales exceeding \$100,000. The average farm size was 195 acres. Florida ranks 19th among all States in number of farms and tied at 30th in land in farms.

Florida Farms and Acreage: By Year and by Economic Sales Class

Year	Number of farms				Total acres				Average farm size
	Total	\$1,000 - \$9,999	\$10,000 - \$99,999	\$100,000 & over	Total	\$1,000 - \$9,999	\$10,000 - \$99,999	\$100,000 & over	
					(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(acres)
2002	44,000	27,600	11,000	5,400	10,300	1,700	2,350	6,250	234.1
2003	44,000	27,600	11,000	5,400	10,040	1,600	2,300	6,140	228.0
2004	43,200	27,000	10,700	5,500	9,830	1,600	2,100	6,130	228.0
2005	42,000	26,000	10,600	5,400	9,570	1,500	2,000	6,070	228.0
2006	41,000	24,700	10,600	5,700	9,460	1,400	2,000	6,060	231.0
2007	47,500	29,500	12,700	5,300	9,300	1,400	2,000	5,900	196.0
2008	47,500	29,500	12,700	5,300	9,250	1,400	1,950	5,900	195.0
2009	47,500	29,500	12,700	5,300	9,250	1,400	1,950	5,900	195.0
2010	47,500	29,500	12,600	5,400	9,250	1,400	1,900	5,950	195.0
2011	47,500	29,600	12,400	5,500	9,250	1,400	1,800	6,050	195.0

Leading States: Number of farms - 2011

State	Number of farms	Total acres in farms	Average size of farm
		(1,000 acres)	(acres)
Texas	245,000	130,000	531
Missouri.....	106,500	28,900	271
Iowa.....	92,300	30,700	333
Oklahoma.....	85,500	34,700	406
Kentucky.....	85,300	14,000	164
California	81,500	25,400	312
Minnesota.....	79,800	26,850	336
Tennessee.....	77,300	10,800	140
Wisconsin.....	77,000	15,000	195
Illinois	74,600	26,600	357

Florida Number of All Hired Farm Workers and Hours Worked

[Exclude agricultural service workers]

Date	Hired			
	Number of workers	Expected to be employed		Number of hours worked per week
		150 days or more	149 days or less	
2012				
April 8-14, 2012	55,000	41,000	14,000	36.5
January 8-14, 2012	50,000	41,000	9,000	38.5
2011				
October 9-15, 2011	41,000	34,000	7,000	37.3
July 10-16, 2011	40,000	37,000	3,000	40.3
April 10-16, 2011	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
January 9-15, 2011	45,000	38,000	7,000	36.9
2010				
October 10-16, 2010	43,000	37,000	6,000	39.0
July 11-17, 2010	35,000	28,000	7,000	37.7
April 11-17, 2010	50,000	41,000	9,000	37.2
January 10-16, 2010	48,000	43,000	5,000	37.1

¹ The April 2011 Farm Labor Survey was not conducted.

Florida Wage Rates by Type of Worker

[Exclude agricultural service workers]

Date	Type of worker			Wage rates for all hired workers
	Field	Livestock	Field and livestock combined	
	(dollars per hour)	(dollars per hour)	(dollars per hour)	
2012				
April 8-14, 2012	10.60	10.35	10.58	11.56
January 8-14, 2012	10.35	10.65	10.37	11.43
2011				
October 9-15, 2011	9.25	10.20	9.35	10.56
July 10-16, 2011	9.90	10.20	9.95	12.15
April 10-16, 2011	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
January 9-15, 2011	9.45	10.05	9.55	10.70
2010				
October 10-16, 2010	9.79	9.05	9.65	11.00
July 11-17, 2010	9.40	9.40	9.40	10.68
April 11-17, 2010	9.10	10.00	9.25	10.22
January 10-16, 2010	9.60	10.35	9.70	10.84

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Florida – Value Added to the U.S. Economy by the Agricultural Sector via the Production of Goods and Services, 2008-2010

Item ¹	2008	2009	2010
	(thousand dollars)	(thousand dollars)	(thousand dollars)
Value of crop production	6,438,282	6,055,421	6,457,384
Value of livestock production	1,380,353	1,120,264	1,282,453
Revenues from services and forestry	515,375	482,722	572,004
Value of agricultural sector production	8,334,010	7,658,407	8,311,841
less: Purchased inputs	4,586,648	3,886,783	3,876,253
Farm origin	1,009,886	897,533	998,943
Manufactured inputs	1,197,131	1,234,142	1,078,257
Other purchased inputs	2,379,631	1,755,108	1,799,053
plus: Net government transactions	-59,345	-163,855	-176,425
+ Direct Government payments	159,396	76,699	93,030
- Motor vehicle registration and licensing fees	8,741	10,554	9,455
- Property taxes	210,000	230,000	260,000
Gross value added	3,688,017	3,607,769	4,259,164
less: Capital consumption	437,694	458,056	467,618
Net value added	3,250,323	3,149,713	3,791,546
Less: Payments to stakeholders	1,829,779	1,795,813	1,826,253
Employee compensation (total hired labor)	1,385,085	1,341,892	1,379,714
Net rent received by Non-operator landlords	21,696	35,704	44,822
Real estate and Non-real estate interest	422,998	418,217	401,717
Net Farm Income	1,420,544	1,353,900	1,965,293

¹ Value of agricultural sector production is the gross value of the commodities and services produced within a year. Net value-added is the sector's contribution to the National economy and is the sum of the income from production earned by all factors-of-production, regardless of ownership. Net farm income is the farm operators' share of income from the sector's production activities. The concept presented is consistent with that employed by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

Leading States in Net Farm Income, 2010

State	Net farm income
	(million dollars)
1. California	10,710.9
2. Texas	5,579.2
3. Iowa	5,082.1
4. Minnesota	4,601.0
5. Nebraska	3,951.4
6. Illinois	3,359.3
7. North Carolina	3,337.0
8. Kansas	2,943.7
9. North Dakota	2,602.5
10. South Dakota	2,581.0
11. Indiana	2,387.2
12. Missouri	2,200.8
13. Ohio	2,158.6
14. Georgia	2,141.0
15. Wisconsin	2,066.6
16. Florida	1,965.3

Cash Rents: Pasture Land, Cropland-Florida 2010-2011

District and county	Pasture land		Non-irrigated cropland		Irrigated cropland	
	2010 (acres)	2011 (acres)	2010 (acres)	2011 (acres)	2010 (pounds)	2011 (pounds)
District 10						
Calhoun.....	17.00	(D)	(D)	50.00	(D)	(D)
Escambia.....	(D)	18.50	68.00	72.00	(D)	(D)
Gadsden.....	20.00	22.00	42.50	36.00	(D)	(D)
Holmes.....	25.00	23.50	37.00	35.50	(D)	(D)
Jackson.....	23.00	25.00	(D)	40.50	(D)	(D)
Jefferson.....	25.00	29.50	46.00	36.50	(D)	(D)
Leon.....	(D)	23.00	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Okaloosa.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	66.50	(D)	(D)
Santa Rosa.....	(D)	37.00	51.00	61.50	(D)	(D)
Walton.....	20.00	23.00	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington.....	27.00	(D)	37.50	40.00	(D)	(D)
Other, District 10.....	26.00	19.50	44.50	41.50	(D)	130.00
Total.....	22.50	25.00	48.50	50.00	(D)	130.00
District 30						
Columbia.....	18.00	22.00	39.50	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hamilton.....	21.00	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Lafayette.....	(D)	(D)	32.00	(D)	(D)	(D)
Madison.....	17.50	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Suwannee.....	16.50	(D)	43.50	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other, District 30.....	11.50	14.50	38.50	(D)	(D)	100.00
Total.....	14.50	15.00	39.50	(D)	(D)	100.00
District 50						
Alachua.....	23.00	22.00	34.00	33.00	121.00	102.00
Gilchrist.....	32.00	33.50	45.50	(D)	108.00	106.00
Hernando.....	8.70	12.00	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hillsborough.....	11.50	11.50	34.00	26.50	450.00	365.00
Lake.....	15.00	15.50	(D)	34.50	(D)	125.00
Levy.....	26.50	19.00	(D)	41.50	(D)	99.00
Marion.....	18.00	18.00	40.00	38.00	(D)	100.00
Orange.....	(D)	10.50	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Osceola.....	(D)	18.50	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pasco.....	17.00	14.50	34.50	(D)	(D)	(D)
Polk.....	11.00	10.00	(D)	25.00	(D)	(D)
Putnam.....	13.00	15.00	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
St. Johns.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	167.00	160.00
Sumter.....	12.00	(D)	33.50	(D)	175.00	(D)
Union.....	25.00	(D)	(D)	38.00	(D)	(D)
Volusia.....	15.50	(D)	(D)	(D)	180.00	(D)
Other, District 50.....	15.00	13.00	35.50	43.50	249.00	152.00
Total.....	14.50	13.50	36.00	38.00	192.00	146.00

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Cash Rents: Pasture Land, Cropland-Florida 2010-2011

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District and county	Pasture land		Non-irrigated cropland		Irrigated cropland	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)
District 80						
Brevard	8.10	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Collier.....	(D)	11.00	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
DeSoto	14.50	16.50	(D)	(D)	230.00	(D)
Hardee	13.00	12.50	(D)	(D)	150.00	144.00
Hendry	12.50	(D)	(D)	(D)	197.00	229.00
Highlands	14.00	19.50	66.00	(D)	207.00	200.00
Lee.....	14.00	11.00	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Manatee	13.00	14.50	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Martin.....	9.40	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Miami-Dade.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	374.00	410.00
Okeechobee.....	14.50	14.50	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Palm Beach.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	298.00	323.00
Sarasota.....	9.40	9.30	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
St. Lucie	11.00	10.50	(D)	(D)	(D)	260.00
Other, District 80	11.00	11.00	34.50	(D)	215.00	273.00
Total	13.00	13.00	39.50	(D)	263.00	312.00