

2012 FIELD CROPS HIGHLIGHTS

Value

The 2012 total value of production for corn, cotton, cottonseed, hay, peanuts, pecans, soybeans, and wheat totaled \$491 million, an increase of 24% from the previous year's total of \$396 million. The total value of peanut production increased 47 percent and was valued at \$236 million. The value of production of cotton (\$67.9 million) decreased 21 percent, while the value of production for cottonseed (\$12.2 million) increased 5 percent.

Acreage and Production

Acreage harvested in 2012 for corn, cotton, hay, peanuts, soybeans, and wheat totaled 702 thousand acres, up 19 percent from the 592 thousand acres harvested in 2011. Harvested acres for corn (40,000), hay (320,000), peanuts (200,000), soybeans (20,000), and wheat (15,000) increased; whereas, acreage for cotton (107,000) decreased. Production increased for corn (36%), cotton (9%), hay (18%), peanuts (42%), soybeans (81%), and wheat (71%).

Sugarcane

Florida producers harvested 410 thousand acres of sugarcane for sugar and seed in 2012, up 3 percent from the previous year. Production in 2012 was up 4 percent totaling 15,578 thousand tons. The value of production for the 2011 crop was \$673 million, up 37 percent from the previous year.

Crop Weather

In **January** 2012, moderate to severe drought conditions persisted throughout the State. Low temperatures across Florida dipped below freezing early in the month and again mid-month. Enjoyable daytime temperatures were in the 70s and 80s for most of the month. Sugarcane harvest was well underway.

In **February**, drought conditions worsened for most of the State, with significant portions of the Panhandle reporting extreme drought conditions. At the beginning of the month, lows ranged between the mid-20s to the 60s and highs were in the 70s and 80s. At month's end low temperatures were mostly in the mid-40s and highs reached the mid-to-high 80s. Harvesting of sugarcane continued throughout the month.

In **March**, producers welcomed rainfall across the Panhandle and northern Florida early in the month. Additional rainfall was recorded throughout the State, but at month's end, extreme drought conditions were prevalent in a band stretching from Jacksonville southwest through Gainesville and onto the Gulf Coast. The drought was also present in Sarasota and Manatee counties. Highs were in the 80s, lows ranged between the 40s and 60s. Producers began planting corn, peanuts, and potatoes.

In **April**, hot, dry conditions and minimal rainfall at the beginning of the month worsened the drought conditions across the State. Widespread rainfall during the middle of the month was reported. Low temperatures were in the 40s and the low 50s, with high in the 80s. Corn planting was completed during the month, while peanut planting was 21 percent complete at the end of the month.

In **May**, scattered showers across the State did little to alleviate the drought conditions for most of the month. Tropical Storm Beryl at the end of the month brought substantial rainfall to the State and greatly improved the moisture deficit. Highs were in the lower 90s while lows were in the upper 60s. Winter wheat was harvested and peanut planting was 91 percent complete at the end of the month.

In **June**, beneficial rains dramatically improved the drought conditions. Tropical Storm Debby brought widespread downpours and most stations recorded significant rainfall. At month's end only a portion of the Panhandle and Southwest Florida was categorized as abnormally dry. Daytime highs were mostly in the upper 80s and low 90s. Evening lows were in the 60s and 70s. Peanut planting was completed early in the month and was 45 percent pegged at month's end. Hay was harvested when weather permitted.

In **July**, drought conditions remained mostly unchanged, with a portion of the Panhandle and Southwest Florida categorized as being abnormally dry or in a moderate drought. Intermittent rain and hot temperatures prevailed. At the end of the month, corn harvest was underway. Hay harvest continued as well.

In **August**, ample rainfall across the State eliminated all drought conditions. Low temperatures were in the mid 60s, while the highs were in the upper 90s. At the end of the month, peanut harvest was just underway. Corn harvest was almost complete.

In **September**, areas of south Florida picked up five inches of rain from Tropical Storm Isaac as it passed just south of Key West early in the month. Rainfall from Tropical Storm Isaac helped refill Lake Okeechobee to rise three-quarters of a foot in two days. Florida had no abnormally dry areas according to the U.S. Drought Monitor throughout the month. Minimum temperatures ranged from the 50s to the 70s, while the maximum temperatures were in the upper 80s to the 90s. Peanut harvest was well underway, with some growers in reported superior yields. Sugarcane planting began in south Florida.

In **October**, Florida had no abnormally dry areas according to the U.S. Drought Monitor throughout the month. Scattered rainfall aided producers as they worked to harvest their fall crops. Low temperatures ranged from the 50s to the 70s, while high temperatures were in the 80s to low 90s. Peanut harvest was nearing completion at the end of the month, while cotton harvest continued.

In **November**, rainfall was light and scattered across the State. Cooler weather and dry conditions were the norm. Portions of the Panhandle were abnormally dry at month's end. Some freezing temperatures were reported in Northern Florida late in the month. The cotton harvest was nearing completion.

In **December**, the State was abnormally dry in the Panhandle and in South Florida. Field crop harvesting was complete in the Panhandle, while sugarcane harvest continued in South Florida.

Florida Field Crops: Acreage, Yield, Production, and Value, Crop Years 2003 through 2012

[All 2012 estimates are preliminary.]

Crop and year	Area		Yield	Production	Season average price	Value of production
	Planted	Harvested				
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
Corn ¹						
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
2010.....	60	25	105	2,625	4.70	12,338
2011.....	70	33	100	3,300	6.65	21,945
2012.....	75	40	112	4,480	7.90	35,392
Cotton, Upland ²						
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	0.673	37,957
2010.....	92.0	89.0	766	142.0	0.779	53,097
2011.....	122.0	118.0	744	183.0	0.978	85,908
2012.....	108.0	107.0	897	200.0	0.707	67,872
Cottonseed						
2003.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	37.0	99.00	3,663
2004.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	35.0	86.00	3,010
2005.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	41.1	75.00	3,083
2006.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	49.3	92.50	4,560
2007.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	32.9	161.00	5,297
2008.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	32.6	207.00	6,748
2009.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	34.5	135.00	4,658
2010.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	40.0	130.00	5,200
2011.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	53.0	218.00	11,554
2012.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	58.0	210.0	12,180

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	Planted	Harvested				
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(tons)	(1,000 tons)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
Hay, All ³						
2003.....	(X)	255	2.50	638	90.00	57,420
2004.....	(X)	260	2.50	650	93.00	60,450
2005.....	(X)	290	2.45	711	98.50	70,034
2006.....	(X)	300	2.30	690	101.00	69,690
2007.....	(X)	320	3.00	960	116.00	111,360
2008.....	(X)	300	3.00	900	136.00	122,400
2009.....	(X)	300	2.70	810	140.00	113,400
2010.....	(X)	320	2.40	768	141.00	108,288
2011.....	(X)	260	2.40	624	164.00	102,336
2012.....	(X)	320	2.30	736	167.00	122,912
Peanuts ⁴						
			(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)		
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	0.202	67,872
2010.....	145	135	3,500	472,500	0.213	100,643
2011.....	170	157	3,500	549,500	0.292	160,454
2012.....	210	200	3,900	780,000	0.302	235,560
Soybeans ⁴						
			(bushels)	(1,000 bushels)		
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
2010.....	25	23	30	690	11.00	7,590
2011.....	18	16	27	432	11.00	4,752
2012.....	21	20	39	780	14.00	10,920

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	Planted	Harvested				
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(tons)	(1,000 tons)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
Sugarcane For Sugar and Seed						
2003.....	(X)	438	39.3	17,231	31.55	549,669
2004.....	(X)	406	35.2	14,281	30.30	432,714
2005.....	(X)	401	31.8	12,746	28.00	356,888
2006.....	(X)	400	35.9	14,346	31.10	446,161
2007.....	(X)	393	36.1	14,177	31.60	447,993
2008.....	(X)	401	33.1	13,255	30.10	398,975
2009.....	(X)	387	36.0	13,939	39.50	550,591
2010.....	(X)	392	33.1	12,972	38.00	492,936
2011.....	(X)	397	37.6	14,930	(NA)	673,343
2012.....	(X)	410	38.0	15,578	⁽¹⁾	⁽¹⁾
Sugarcane For Sugar						
2003.....	(X)	419.0	39.3	16,467	31.90	525,297
2004.....	(X)	385.0	34.9	13,437	30.30	407,141
2005.....	(X)	376.0	31.4	11,806	28.00	330,568
2006.....	(X)	382.0	35.8	13,676	31.10	425,324
2007.....	(X)	375.0	36.0	13,500	31.60	426,600
2008.....	(X)	384.0	32.9	12,634	30.10	380,283
2009.....	(X)	370.0	35.9	13,283	39.50	524,679
2010.....	(X)	374.0	32.7	12,230	38.00	464,740
2011.....	(X)	380.0	37.5	14,250	45.10	642,675
2012.....	(X)	396.0	36.6	14,494	(NA)	(NA)
			(bushels)	(1,000 bushels)		
Wheat, Winter						
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
2010.....	12	7	40	280	5.00	1,400
2011.....	12	8	45	360	6.60	2,376
2012.....	20	15	41	615	6.30	3,875

NA Not available.

X Not applicable.

¹ Planted for all purposes; harvested for grain.

² Production in 480-pound net weight bales.

³ Baled hay.

⁴ Planted for all purposes; harvested for dry nuts or beans.

⁵ Estimates of season average price and value of production for the 2012 crop will be available February 2014.

Florida Pecans: Production, Price, and Value by Variety, Crop Years 2003 through 2012

Year	Utilized production			Price per pound		
	Improved varieties ¹	Native and seedling	All pecans	Improved varieties	Native and seedling	All pecans
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
2003.....	500	1,600	2,100	1.000	.600	.695
2004.....	400	100	500	1.500	.950	1.390
2005.....	300	700	1,000	1.400	.850	1.020
2006.....	200	300	500	1.800	1.500	1.620
2007.....	1,700	200	1,900	1.000	.700	.968
2008.....	1,400	300	1,700	2.000	1.100	1.840
2009.....	1,500	1,600	3,100	1.200	1.100	1.150
2010.....	1,200	300	1,500	1.900	1.100	1.740
2011.....	1,400	2,600	4,000	1.850	1.400	1.560
2012.....	1,100	900	2,000	1.100	0.750	0.943

¹Budded, grafted, or topworked varieties.

Florida Pecans: Value of Utilized Production by Variety, Crop Years 2003 through 2012

Year	Improved varieties ¹	Native and seedling	All pecans
	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
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.....	1,800	1,760	3,560
2010.....	2,280	330	2,610
2011.....	2,590	3,640	6,230
2012.....	1,210	675	1,885

¹Budded, grafted, or topworked varieties.

Florida Peanuts: Acreage, Yield and Production, by District and County, 2011 and 2012

District and county	Planted for all purposes		Harvested for dry peanuts		Yield per acre		Production	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)
District 10								
Calhoun.....	3,900	4,700	3,600	4,400	3,500	2,909	12,600	12,800
Escambia	6,600	8,400	6,100	8,100	4,180	4,383	25,500	35,500
Holmes	7,100	8,400	6,400	7,800	2,891	3,577	18,500	27,900
Jackson.....	32,300	36,300	29,500	34,900	3,356	3,725	99,000	130,000
Okaloosa.....	2,000	3,400	1,800	3,200	3,333	4,625	6,000	14,800
Santa Rosa.....	16,000	25,300	14,900	24,200	3,893	4,479	58,000	108,400
Walton.....	5,500	4,400	5,100	4,200	3,333	4,000	17,000	16,800
Washington	4,400	4,300	4,100	4,100	3,902	4,244	16,000	17,400
Other, District 10...	3,500	5,300	3,200	5,100	2,938	3,216	9,400	16,400
Total	81,300	100,500	74,700	96,000	3,507	3,958	262,000	380,000
District 30								
Columbia	6,500	8,500	5,900	8,100	3,254	2,901	19,200	23,500
Hamilton.....	6,700	(¹)	6,200	(¹)	3,952	(¹)	24,500	(¹)
Madison.....	(¹)	10,400	(¹)	9,900	(¹)	3,838	(¹)	38,000
Suwannee	14,100	17,000	13,000	16,200	3,846	4,136	50,000	67,000
Other, District 30...	13,500	14,900	12,600	13,800	3,913	4,094	49,300	56,500
Total	40,800	50,800	37,700	48,000	3,793	3,854	143,000	185,000
Other, State.....	47,900	58,700	44,600	56,000	3,240	3,839	144,500	215,000
State Total.....	170,000	210,000	157,000	200,000	3,500	3,900	549,500	780,000

¹ Included in Other, District 30.

Florida Cotton: Acreage, Yield and Production, by District and County, 2011 and 2012

District and county	Planted		Harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(bales)	(bales)
District 10								
Calhoun.....	9,600	9,100	9,500	9,000	884	869	17,500	16,300
Escambia.....	11,800	9,700	11,600	9,700	886	1,099	21,400	22,200
Holmes.....	5,200	5,800	4,650	5,700	557	901	5,400	10,700
Jackson.....	45,700	45,200	43,300	44,600	732	860	66,000	79,900
Santa Rosa.....	24,700	16,000	24,600	15,800	626	969	32,100	31,900
Walton.....	5,200	5,700	5,000	5,700	749	943	7,800	11,200
Washington.....	3,700	5,200	3,650	5,200	842	849	6,400	9,200
Other, District 10.....	8,100	5,300	7,900	5,300	814	888	13,400	9,800
Total.....	114,000	102,000	110,200	101,000	740	909	170,000	191,200
Other State.....	8,000	6,000	7,800	6,000	800	704	13,000	8,800
State Total.....	122,000	108,000	118,000	107,000	744	897	183,000	200,000

Florida Sugarcane for Sugar: Acreage, Yield and Production, by County, 2010 and 2011

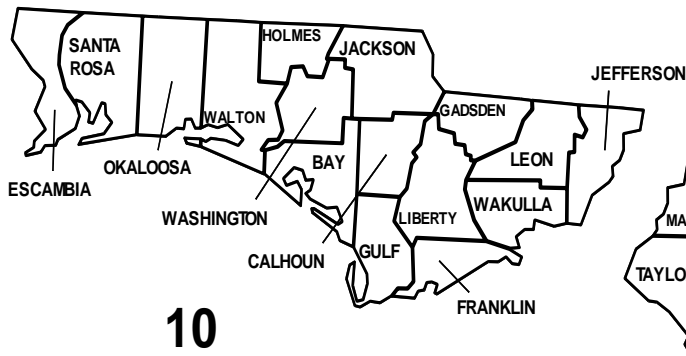
County	Harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011 ¹
	(acres)	(acres)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)
Glades.....	22,000	24,000	28.2	38.3	620,000	920,000
Hendry.....	49,000	52,000	28.2	37.5	1,380,000	1,950,000
Martin.....	8,000	5,400	46.3	40.7	370,000	220,000
Palm Beach.....	295,000	298,000	33.4	37.8	9,860,000	11,250,000
Other, State.....	--	600	--	40.0	--	24,000
State Total.....	374,000	380,000	32.7	37.8	12,230,000	14,364,000

¹ 2011 County estimates have not been revised at publication date.

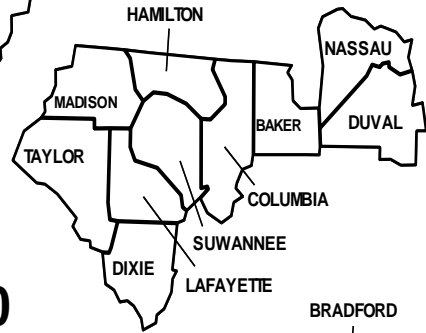
Planting and Harvesting Seasons of Selected Florida Field Crops

Crop (Principal producing areas - Agricultural Statistics Districts or Counties)	Usual Planting Dates						Usual Harvesting Dates					
							Begin	Most Active		End		
	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Corn for grain (10, 30, 50).....	Diagonal lines	Diagonal lines					Light gray	Dark gray	Black			
Corn for silage (10, 30, 50).....	Diagonal lines	Diagonal lines		Light gray	Dark gray	Black						
Corn for forage (10, 30, 50).....	Diagonal lines	Diagonal lines					Light gray	Dark gray	Black			
Cotton (10, 30).....		Diagonal lines	Diagonal lines				Light gray	Dark gray	Black			
Peanuts for nuts (10, 30, 50).....		Diagonal lines	Diagonal lines				Light gray	Dark gray	Black			
Potatoes (30, 50, 80).....	Dark gray	Dark gray	Dark gray	Dark gray	Black			Diagonal lines	Diagonal lines	Diagonal lines	Diagonal lines	Dark gray
Soybeans (10, 30).....			Diagonal lines	Diagonal lines				Light gray	Dark gray	Black		
Sugarcane (3 counties*).....	Black						Diagonal lines	Diagonal lines	Diagonal lines	Diagonal lines	Diagonal lines	Dark gray
Tobacco (10, 30, 50).....	Diagonal lines	Diagonal lines		Light gray	Dark gray	Black						
Winter Wheat (10, 30).....			Light gray	Dark gray	Black				Diagonal lines	Diagonal lines		
Hay (Statewide).....			Dark gray	Dark gray	Dark gray	Dark gray	Dark gray	Dark gray	Dark gray	Dark gray		
	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb

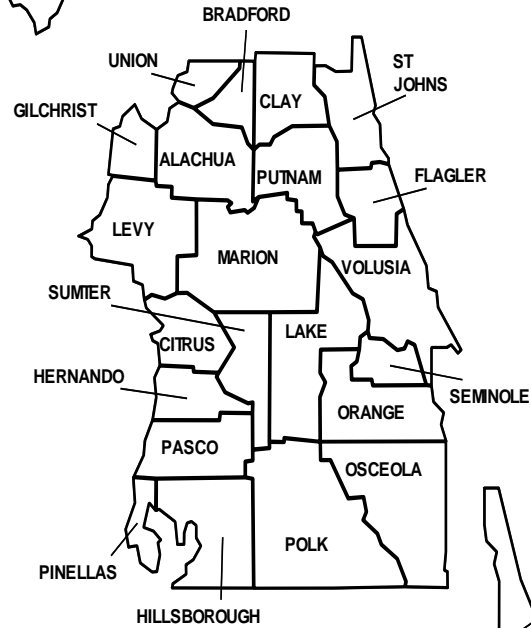
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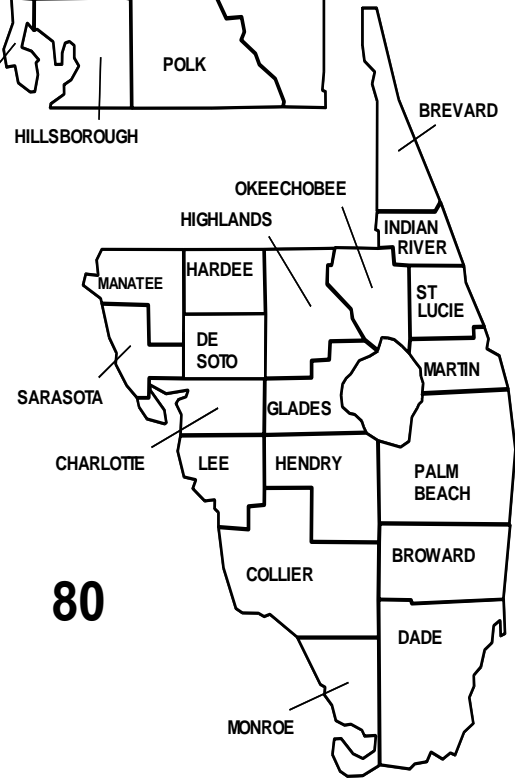
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