

2015 FIELD CROPS HIGHLIGHTS

Value

The 2015 total value of production for corn, cotton, cottonseed, hay, peanuts, pecans, soybeans and wheat totaled \$345 million, a decrease of 8% from the previous year's total of \$374 million. The total value of corn production increased 36 percent and was valued at \$26.8 million. The value of soybean production (\$9.42 million) decreased 33 percent. Peanut value of production (\$124 million) decreased 14 percent, and hay (\$130 million) increased by 3 percent.

Acreage and Production

Acreage harvested in 2015 for corn, cotton, hay, peanuts, soybeans and wheat totaled 649 thousand acres, down 4 percent from the 679 thousand harvested in 2014. Harvested acreage for corn (50,000), peanuts (180,000), and wheat (15,000) increased. Decreased acreage was estimated for cotton (83,000), hay (290,000), and soybeans (31,000). Production increased for corn (31%), cottonseed (3%), and wheat (65%). Production declined for cotton (-20%), hay (-2%), peanuts (-2%), and soybeans (-26%).

Sugarcane

Florida producers harvested 408 thousand acres of sugarcane for sugar and seed in 2014, down 2 percent from 2013. Production was up 9 percent in 2014 from 2013. The value of production for the 2013 crop was \$579 million, up 15 percent from the 2013 total of \$505 million.

Crop Weather

In **January** 2015, Florida had cool nights with warm days at the beginning of the month as seasonal field preparation was underway in the Panhandle. Rainfall was widespread in central Florida, but dry in the south, north, and Panhandle areas. Some late cotton fields were harvested and finished by mid-month in Gadsden County where field conditions allowed. Rains fell the last full week of January. Field work and soil preparation for spring planting activities resumed in Florida as sugarcane harvest continued with few delays.

In **February**, cool and moist weather conditions, from rainfall received the previous weeks, slowed field work in most areas. Producers used pumps to remove excess water from sugarcane fields. Soil moisture levels were high in most areas with standing water reported in some fields. A cold snap hit the State in late February as rain and cold weather slowed field work in the Panhandle. Sugarcane harvest slowed due to rainfall.

In **March**, cold weather conditions continued as water saturated soil and cold conditions were evident in the Panhandle. Sugarcane harvest activities continued on schedule. Dry conditions returned the first two full weeks of March as seasonal land preparation resumed in the Panhandle and north Florida. Field corn planting commenced in some localities. Dry conditions prevailed the third full week of March as soil preparation for cotton and peanuts occurred. Rains did slow sugarcane harvest in some areas.

In **April**, field corn planting was finished in Jackson County but continued in other counties. Rains delayed sugarcane harvest in some fields. Field corn planting was complete in some counties and finished in other counties. Peanut planting activities began the first full week of April. Heavy rainfall fell in the Panhandle measuring over 12 inches in some areas which halted field work. Rains caused standing water in low areas of fields and pastures. Wet conditions continued into the final full week of April. Hay was cut in some areas as field corn planting was complete in most areas by the end of the month.

In **May**, conditions were mostly hot and dry with peanut planting activities beginning where conditions allowed. Bad peanut seed forced some reseeding activities. Dry conditions delayed cotton planting activities due to lack of available soil moisture. Hay harvesting continued in most areas with few delays. Panhandle area wheat and oat harvest began in early May as cover crops were seeded after Irish potato fields were harvested. Peanuts emerged to full stands in most areas the final week of May as field corn harvest began in some areas. Heavy rains fell the last week of May, but dry conditions prevailed in extreme south Florida. Cotton fields were seeded under more favorable weather and growing conditions.

In **June**, heavy rains fell in central Florida while south Florida remained dry. Peanut and cotton planting was nearly complete by the first full week of June. Some washed out peanut fields required reseeding. Haying was done at night with hopes to be dry and rolled before the next day's afternoon rains. Spotty rains made hay harvest activities challenging. Field corn silage harvest was underway in some areas while corn for grain harvest began in other areas. Scattered showers improved the cotton crop conditions, but made the hay harvest process challenging. Growers pumped off excess water from sugarcane fields. Rains were frequent but scattered.

In **July**, the light and scattered rain shower patterns continued as late soybean fields were planted. Showers delayed hay harvest in some localities. Green peanuts were harvested the first full week of July. Peanuts responded well to frequent showers. Some peanut hay and perennial peanut fields were harvested. Hay harvest pace was brisk as growers took advantage of a window of clear weather.

In **August**, dry conditions plagued Florida's cotton/peanut belt and extreme southeast Florida due to weather patterns diverting rains to western portions of the Florida Peninsula. Frequent showers continued to plague hay harvest schedules. Field corn harvest work finished in some areas by the first full week of August. Heat caused wilt in some peanut and cotton fields. Recent rains boosted sugarcane field conditions. Excess rains delayed peanut harvest in some localities in the middle of the month.

In **September**, Tropical Storm Erika delayed peanut and hay harvest in some areas. Dry conditions were favorable for peanut harvest the first two weeks of September. Sugarcane harvest began the final week of September in some areas. Frequent wet weather conditions caused some missed hay cuttings. Cotton harvest began the final week of September.

In **October**, wet conditions caused poor quality and low yield in some peanut fields. Standing water delayed cotton harvest in low fields. Wet conditions continued to hamper hay harvest. Some sugarcane fields were planted while others were harvested. Peanut harvest pace was ahead of the previous season and the five-year average. Small grain seeding was underway where conditions allowed. Heavy rains fell in the Panhandle while the remainder of Florida was dry. Wet conditions adversely affected cotton lint quality.

In **November**, rains stopped row crop harvest activities in the Panhandle. Warm weather caused new cotton leaves to sprout forcing additional defoliation sprays. Sugarcane harvest continued. Drier conditions prevailed the second week of November, but low fields were still too wet for harvest equipment. Soybean harvest was underway in most areas the second week. Returning showers delayed harvest because of ponding and standing water. Drier conditions returned the final week of November allowing harvest to continue.

In **December**, dry weather patterns continued and harvest continued. Some cotton fields were defoliated again due to new sprouts due to warm conditions. Peanuts harvest wound down by the first week of December with only a few unharvested fields too wet for digging. The same situation for cotton as low fields were too wet for the harvest equipment. Sugarcane harvest continued with few delays. A cold front brought rainfall which prompted water levels in sugarcane fields to be managed with lateral canals and raised beds. Cooler weather benefited sugarcane as sucrose levels rose as harvest continued.

Field Crops Acreage, Yield, Production, and Value by Crop Years – Florida: 2006-2015

[All 2015 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						
2006.....	60	30	82	2,460	2.80	6,888
2007.....	70	35	90	3,150	4.00	12,600
2008.....	70	35	110	3,850	4.50	17,325
2009.....	70	37	97	3,589	4.00	14,356
2010.....	60	25	109	2,725	4.70	12,808
2011.....	70	33	104	3,432	6.65	22,823
2012.....	75	40	115	4,600	7.50	34,500
2013.....	115	78	133	10,374	4.51	46,787
2014.....	75	40	135	5,400	3.65	19,710
2015.....	80	50	141	7,050	3.80	26,790
Cotton, Upland ²						
2006.....	103	101	789	166.0	0.462	36,812
2007.....	85	81	687	116.0	0.580	32,294
2008.....	67	65	916	124.0	0.504	29,998
2009.....	82	78	723	117.5	0.673	37,957
2010.....	92	89	766	142.0	0.779	53,097
2011.....	122	118	744	183.0	0.978	85,908
2012.....	108	107	897	200.0	0.763	73,248
2013.....	131	127	661	175.0	0.820	68,880
2014.....	107	105	878	192.0	0.667	61,471
2015.....	85	83	885	153.0	0.600	43,200
Cottonseed						
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)	61.0	211.00	12,871
2013.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	38.0	197.00	7,486
2014.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	40.0	170.00	6,800
2015.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	41.0	208.00	9,152

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Field Crops Acreage, Yield, Production, and Value by Crop Years – Florida: 2006-2015 (continued)

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Crop and year	Area		Yield	Production	Season average price	Value of production
	Planted	Harvested				
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(tons)	(1,000 tons)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
Hay, All ³						
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	2.50	800	167.00	133,600
2013.....	(X)	300	2.20	660	167.00	110,220
2014.....	(X)	320	2.60	832	152.00	126,464
2015.....	(X)	290	2.80	812	160.00	129,920
Peanuts ⁴						
			(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)		
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	195	3,900	760,500	0.281	213,701
2013.....	140	131	3,950	517,450	0.242	125,223
2014.....	175	167	4,000	668,000	0.215	143,620
2015.....	190	180	3,650	657,000	0.188	123,516
Soybeans ⁴						
			(bushels)	(1,000 bushels)		
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
2013.....	32	30	41	1,230	11.80	14,514
2014.....	39	37	43	1,591	8.90	14,160
2015.....	33	31	38	1,178	8.00	9,424

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Crop and year	Area		Yield	Production	Season average price	Value of production
	Planted	Harvested				
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(tons)	(1,000 tons)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
Sugarcane For Sugar and Seed						
2006.....	(X)	400	35.9	14,346	(NA)	446,161
2007.....	(X)	393	36.1	14,177	(NA)	447,993
2008.....	(X)	401	33.1	13,255	(NA)	398,975
2009.....	(X)	387	36.0	13,939	(NA)	550,591
2010.....	(X)	392	33.1	12,972	(NA)	492,936
2011.....	(X)	397	37.6	14,930	(NA)	673,343
2012.....	(X)	413	36.9	15,220	(NA)	677,290
2013.....	(X)	416	34.6	14,400	(NA)	505,440
2014.....	(X)	408	38.6	15,738	(NA)	579,158
2015.....	(X)	424	39.9	17,664	(NA)	(NA)
Sugarcane For Sugar						
2006.....	(X)	382	35.8	13,676	31.10	425,324
2007.....	(X)	375	36.0	13,500	31.60	426,600
2008.....	(X)	384	32.9	12,634	30.10	380,283
2009.....	(X)	370	35.9	13,283	39.50	524,679
2010.....	(X)	374	32.7	12,230	38.00	464,740
2011.....	(X)	380	37.5	14,250	45.10	642,675
2012.....	(X)	396	36.6	14,494	44.50	644,983
2013.....	(X)	400	34.3	13,720	35.10	481,572
2014.....	(X)	392	38.4	15,053	36.80	553,950
2015.....	(X)	409	41.5	16,974	(NA)	(NA)
			(bushels)	(1,000 bushels)		
Wheat, Winter						
2006.....	8	5	42	210	3.15	662
2007.....	13	9	55	495	4.00	1,980
2008.....	25	23	54	1,242	5.50	6,831
2009.....	17	14	44	616	4.30	2,649
2010.....	12	7	41	287	5.00	1,435
2011.....	12	8	46	368	6.60	2,429
2012.....	20	15	42	630	6.30	3,969
2013.....	25	19	59	1,121	5.75	6,446
2014.....	15	10	39	390	5.10	1,989
2015.....	25	15	43	645	4.15	2,677

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 2013 crop will be available February 2015.

Pecan Production and Price by Variety – Florida: 2006-2015

Crop 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)
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
2013.....	700	(D)	(D)	1.720	(D)	(D)
2014.....	100	(D)	(D)	1.750	(D)	(D)
2015.....	190	(D)	(D)	2.170	(D)	(D)

D Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ Budded, grafted, or topworked varieties.

Pecan Value of Utilized Production by Variety – Florida: 2006-2015

Crop Year	Improved varieties ¹	Native and seedling	All pecans
	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
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
2013.....	1,204	(D)	(D)
2014.....	175	(D)	(D)
2015.....	412	(D)	(D)

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¹ Budded, grafted, or topworked varieties.

Peanuts Acreage, Yield, and Production by District and County – Florida: 2014 and 2015

District and county	Planted for all purposes		Harvested for dry peanuts		Yield per acre		Production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)
District 10								
Calhoun.....	(D)	4,100	(D)	3,900	(D)	3,231	(D)	12,600
Escambia	7,200	9,600	6,900	9,200	4,145	3,853	28,600	35,450
Holmes	4,900	6,100	4,700	5,200	3,085	3,173	14,500	16,500
Jackson.....	37,000	41,500	35,300	39,900	3,561	3,160	125,700	126,100
Okaloosa.....	2,300	(D)	2,200	(D)	2,955	(D)	6,500	(D)
Santa Rosa.....	23,000	26,000	22,000	25,300	4,986	3,498	109,700	88,500
Walton.....	(D)	5,300	(D)	5,100	(D)	3,627	(D)	18,500
Washington	4,300	(D)	4,100	(D)	4,366	(D)	17,900	(D)
Other, District 10...	10,600	10,400	10,000	9,800	3,620	3,709	36,200	36,350
Total	89,300	103,000	85,200	98,400	3,980	3,394	339,100	334,000
District 30								
Lafayette	4,200	4,600	4,000	4,500	4,650	4,356	18,600	19,600
Suwannee	10,900	10,500	10,400	8,400	4,760	4,940	49,500	41,500
Other, District 30...	27,400	28,400	26,100	27,300	3,808	3,722	99,400	101,600
Total	42,500	43,500	40,500	40,200	4,136	4,047	167,500	162,700
Other, Counties	43,200	43,500	41,300	41,400	3,908	3,872	161,400	160,300
State Total.....	175,000	190,000	167,000	180,000	4,000	3,650	668,000	657,000

D Not published due to insufficient data or to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Cotton Acreage, Yield, and Production, by District and County – Florida: 2014 and 2015

District and county	Planted		Harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014 ⁽¹⁾	2015 ⁽¹⁾
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(bales)	(bales)
District 10								
Calhoun	(D)	7,500	(D)	7,400	(D)	908	(D)	14,000
Escambia	11,800	10,100	11,800	10,000	1,123	1,003	27,600	20,900
Holmes	4,600	3,500	4,300	3,000	726	704	6,500	4,400
Jackson	38,700	32,400	38,200	31,600	808	852	64,300	56,100
Santa Rosa.....	16,200	16,100	16,200	15,900	1,058	842	35,700	27,900
Washington	4,100	3,600	4,100	3,500	667	789	5,700	5,750
Other, District 10.....	18,500	7,700	18,000	7,600	885	1,083	33,200	17,150
Total	93,900	80,900	92,600	79,000	897	888	173,000	146,200
Other districts total.....	13,100	4,100	12,400	4,000	735	816	19,000	6,800
State Total.....	107,000	85,000	105,000	83,000	878	885	192,000	153,000

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¹ 480-lb net weight bale.

Sugarcane for Sugar Acreage, Yield, and Production by County – Florida: 2013 and 2014

County	Harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	(acres)	(acres)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)
Glades.....	24,100	23,000	35.3	38.4	851,000	883,000
Hendry.....	66,000	63,000	31.2	38.1	2,058,000	2,399,000
Palm Beach.....	298,500	292,000	34.8	38.4	10,398,000	11,209,000
Other.....	11,400	14,000	36.2	40.1	413,000	562,000
State Total.....	400,000	392,000	34.3	38.4	13,720,000	15,053,000

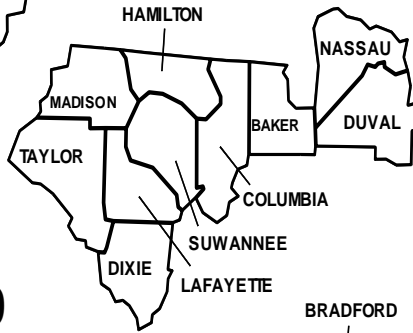
Planting and Harvesting Seasons of Selected Florida Field Crops

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).....												
Corn for silage												
(10, 30, 50).....												
Corn for forage												
(10, 30, 50).....												
Cotton												
(10, 30).....												
Peanuts for nuts												
(10, 30, 50).....												
Potatoes												
(30, 50, 80).....												
Soybeans												
(10, 30).....												
Sugarcane												
(3 counties*)												
Tobacco												
(10, 30, 50).....												
Winter Wheat												
(10, 30).....												
Hay												
(Statewide)												
	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb

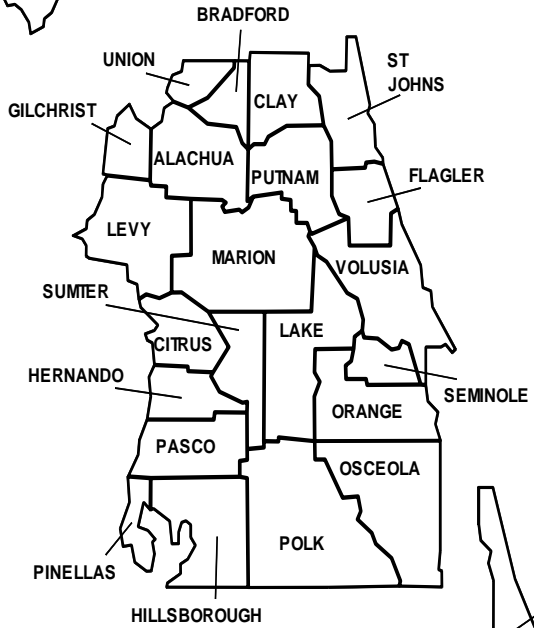
* Palm Beach, Hendry, and Glades



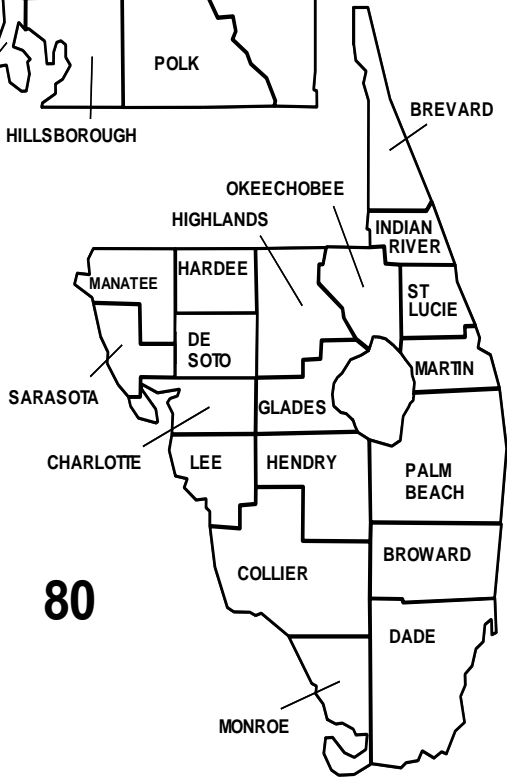
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