DeSoto County
Florida

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	761	-9
Land in farms (acres)	334,799	+11
Average size of farm (acres)	440	+21
Total	($)	
Market value of products sold	168,291,000	-15
Government payments	1,066,000	+444
Farm-related income	5,415,000	-29
Total farm production expenses	156,057,000	(Z)
Net cash farm income	18,715,000	-62
Per farm average	($)	
Market value of products sold	221,145	-7
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	10,447	-41
Farm-related income	31,482	-63
Total farm production expenses	205,068	+10
Net cash farm income	24,593	-59

2 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	72
Livestock, poultry, and products	28

Land in Farms by Use (%) [a]

Cropland	22
Pastureland	63
Woodland	11
Other	4

Acres irrigated: 57,653

17% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	1
Reduced till	(Z)
Intensive till	3
Cover crop	1

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
Less than $2,500	284	37
$2,500 to $4,999	59	8
$5,000 to $9,999	97	13
$10,000 to $24,999	87	11
$25,000 to $49,999	50	7
$50,000 to $99,999	66	9
$100,000 or more	118	16

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
1 to 9 acres	116	15
10 to 49 acres	321	42
50 to 179 acres	161	21
180 to 499 acres	77	10
500 to 999 acres	30	4
1,000 + acres	56	7

2017 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE *County Profile*

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales ($1,000)	Rank in State [b]	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. [b]	Counties Producing Item
Total	**168,291**	**15**	**67**	**657**	**3,077**
Crops	**121,297**	**14**	**67**	**426**	**3,073**
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	(D)	45	57	(D)	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	5	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	13	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	6,776	30	65	271	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	96,112	4	65	43	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	17,662	22	65	150	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	34	36	637	1,384
Other crops and hay	(D)	39	65	2,139	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	**46,994**	**12**	**67**	**996**	**3,073**
Poultry and eggs	33	45	64	1,402	3,007
Cattle and calves	31,596	3	65	491	3,055
Milk from cows	12,661	11	38	404	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	32	61	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	34	47	63	1,960	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	281	28	66	763	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	47	55	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	2,368	6	67	79	2,878

Total Producers [c]   1,266

Sex
Male   813
Female   453

Age
<35   105
35 – 64   708
65 and older   453

Race
American Indian/Alaska Native   6
Asian   3
Black or African American   15
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander   10
White   1,214
More than one race   18

Other characteristics
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin   89
With military service   134
New and beginning farmers   379

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **73**

Farm organically **(Z)**

Sell directly to consumers **5**

Hire farm labor **28**

Are family farms **92**

Top Crops in Acres [d]

Oranges, all	50,525
Forage (hay/haylage), all	9,286
Sod harvested	3,315
Vegetables harvested, all	1,646
Watermelons	1,092

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	242
Cattle and calves	94,893
Goats	396
Hogs and pigs	130
Horses and ponies	713
Layers	2,118
Pullets	77
Sheep and lambs	48
Turkeys	14

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

[a] May not add to 100% due to rounding. [b] Among counties whose rank can be displayed. [c] Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm. [d] Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. [e] Position below the line does not indicate rank. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.