

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 and ranches provide Florida with a large and stable economic base.

In 2012 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, cucumbers for pickles, squash, sweet corn, fresh market tomatoes, sugarcane for sugar and seed, and watermelons**.
- ✓ Second in value of production of **bell peppers, strawberries, and tangerines**.
- ✓ Third in value of production of **honey**.

In 2012, in terms of total value of production, Florida accounted for:

- 66 percent of the total U.S. value for **oranges** (\$1.5 billion)
- 65 percent of the total U.S. value for **grapefruit** (\$187 million)
- 52 percent of the total U.S. value for **snap beans** (\$167 million)
- 49 percent of the total U.S. value for **sugarcane for sugar and seed** (\$673 million) ¹
- 33 percent of the total U.S. value for **bell peppers** (\$207 million)
- 31 percent of the total U.S. value for **fresh market tomatoes** (\$268 million)
- 27 percent of the total U.S. value for **squash** (\$67 million)
- 27 percent of the total U.S. value for **cucumbers for fresh market** (\$67 million)
- 27 percent of the total U.S. value for **watermelons** (\$138 million)
- 22 percent of the total U.S. value for **sweet corn** (\$180 million)
- 16 percent of the total U.S. value for **tangerines** (\$55 million)

Florida citrus growers in 2011-2012 produced 146.7 million boxes of **oranges** (96 percent of which were used for **orange juice**) and 18.9 million boxes of **grapefruit** (57 percent of which were used for **grapefruit juice**). Fruit sales exceeded \$1.8 billion.

Florida growers harvested **vegetables for fresh market** from 186,700 acres in 2012. The value of vegetable crops exceeded \$1.1 billion. Florida ranks second to California in the total value of fresh market vegetable production.

Livestock and products in 2011 produced cash receipts of \$1.5 billion. **Poultry farms** generated \$363 million in sales, with \$179 million coming from **broilers** and \$181 million coming from **eggs**. On January 1, 2012 there were 1.66 million **head of cattle** on farms and ranches in Florida, including 900,000 head of **beef cows** and 123,000 head of **milk cows**. Florida ranked 14th in the number of **chickens** on farms in 2011. Florida's poultry farmers maintained an average of 9.0 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 \$1.8 billion in 2011.

¹ Data for 2011, the latest year available.

Florida Cash Receipts-2011

The Economic Research Service, (ERS), USDA, reports that receipts from Florida agricultural products in 2011 totaled to \$8.26 billion. This is an increase of 5.4 percent from 2010.

All crops accounted for nearly 82 percent of total cash receipts. As in previous years, the leading crop commodities were oranges (17.85 percent of all cash receipts), greenhouse/nursery (21.68 percent), tomatoes (6.83 percent), and sugarcane (6.16 percent). The leading livestock commodities were cattle and calves (5.90 percent of all cash receipts), dairy products (6.60 percent), and poultry and eggs (4.39 percent).

Cash Receipts, by Commodity Groups and Selected Commodities, Florida: 2011

[2011 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)	
	2011	Percent of total ¹		2011	Percent of total
Total Cash Receipts from Farm Marketings	8,262,486	100.00	Field Crops	264,008	3.20
All Crops	6,764,474	81.87	Corn.....	14,916	0.18
Citrus	1,728,252	20.91	Cotton.....	83,225	1.01
Grapefruit.....	178,162	2.16	Cotton lint, Upland.....	70,851	0.86
Oranges.....	1,475,104	17.85	Cottonseed	12,374	0.15
Tangelos.....	12,750	0.15	Hay.....	28,580	0.35
Tangerines.....	62,236	0.75	Peanuts.....	129,242	1.56
Other Fruits and Nuts	491,300	5.96	Soybeans.....	5,909	0.07
Avocados.....	22,002	0.27	Wheat.....	2,136	0.03
Pecans.....	6,230	0.08	All Other Crops	2,355,894	28.51
Blueberries.....	69,122	0.84	Cane for Sugar.....	508,995	6.16
Strawberries, Winter.....	366,300	4.43	Other seeds.....	4,000	0.05
Misc. fruits & nuts.....	27,090	0.33	Other field crops.....	23,335	0.28
Other berries.....	556	0.01	Greenhouse/Nursery.....	1,791,283	21.68
Vegetables and Melons	1,925,021	23.30	Christmas Trees.....	2,100	0.03
Cabbage.....	64,994	0.79	Other Greenhouse/Nursery.....	1,789,183	21.65
Cucumbers.....	89,616	1.08	Mushrooms.....	(NA)	(NA)
Green Peppers.....	247,720	3.00	All Livestock and Products	1,498,012	18.13
Potatoes, Spring.....	136,006	1.65	Cattle and Calves.....	487,618	5.90
Sweet Potatoes.....	7,487	0.09	Hogs.....	3,125	0.04
Snap Beans, Fresh.....	131,280	1.59	Dairy Products: Milk.....	545,383	6.60
Squash.....	94,875	1.15	Poultry and Eggs.....	362,802	4.39
Sweet Corn, Fresh.....	174,150	2.11	Broilers.....	178,571	2.16
Tomatoes.....	564,696	6.83	Farm Chickens.....	543	0.01
Watermelons.....	111,947	1.35	Chicken Eggs.....	180,584	2.19
Misc. vegetables.....	300,000	3.63	Other Poultry.....	2,758	0.03
			Honey.....	18,117	0.22
			Aquaculture.....	53,190	0.64
			Other livestock ¹	27,080	0.33

NA Not Available

¹ Beginning in 2011, sheep and lambs are included in Other Livestock.

Florida Cash Receipts: By Commodity Group and Year

Year	Crops	Livestock	Total cash receipts
	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
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.....	6,034,577	1,105,333	7,139,910
2010.....	6,497,036	1,345,010	7,842,046
2011.....	6,764,474	1,498,012	8,262,486

United States Total Cash Receipts: Leading States, 2011

Rank	State	Cash receipts (1,000 dollars)	Percent of United States
1	California	43,544,001	11.6
2	Iowa.....	29,892,095	8.0
3	Texas.....	22,681,267	6.1
4	Nebraska	21,814,979	5.8
5	Illinois	19,820,267	5.3
6	Minnesota.....	18,536,398	5.0
7	Kansas	15,858,516	4.2
8	Indiana.....	11,836,487	3.2
9	Wisconsin	11,740,787	3.1
10	North Carolina.....	10,543,175	2.8
17	Florida	8,262,486	2.2
	United States	374,251,708	100.0

United States Vegetable Cash Receipts: Leading States, 2011

Rank	State	Cash receipts (1,000 dollars)	Percent of United States
1	California	7,413,496	35.3
2	Florida	1,925,021	9.2
3	Washington.....	1,320,887	6.3
4	Arizona	1,314,381	6.3
5	Idaho	1,077,529	5.1
6	Georgia.....	640,298	3.1
7	Michigan	632,481	3.0
8	New York.....	550,960	2.6
9	Wisconsin	546,387	2.6
10	North Carolina.....	502,386	2.4
	United States	20,976,551	100.0

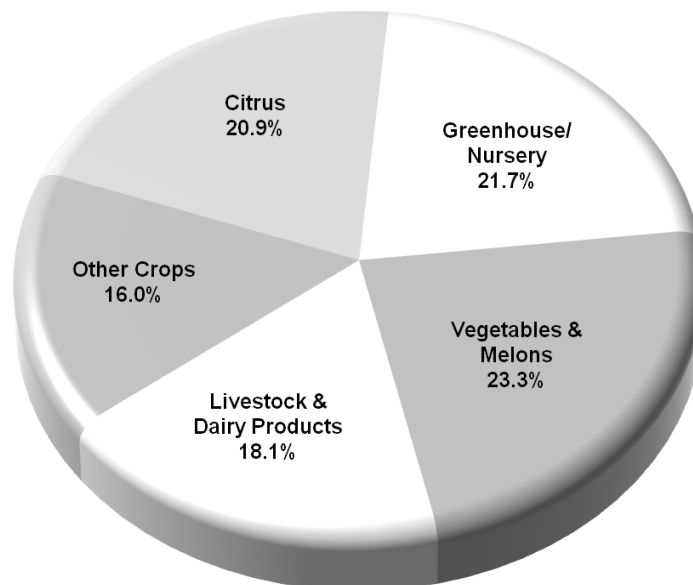
United States Crop Cash Receipts: Leading States, 2011

Rank	State	Cash receipts (1,000 dollars)	Percent of United States
1	California	31,186,007	15.0
2	Iowa.....	17,542,185	8.4
3	Illinois	17,220,167	8.3
4	Nebraska	11,754,013	5.6
5	Minnesota.....	11,535,369	5.5
6	Indiana.....	8,544,706	4.1
7	Kansas	6,944,590	3.3
8	Texas	6,863,609	3.3
9	Florida	6,764,474	3.2
10	Ohio.....	6,528,269	3.1
	United States	208,253,802	100.0

Florida Leading Cash Receipts: By Commodity, 2011

Commodity	Florida receipts	U.S. receipts	Florida percent of U.S.	Florida national ranking
	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(percent)	
Greenhouse/Nursery.....	1,791,283	15,598,464	11.5	2
Oranges.....	1,475,104	2,109,914	69.9	1
Tomatoes.....	564,696	2,232,158	25.3	2
Dairy Products.....	545,383	39,532,545	1.4	16
Sugarcane.....	508,995	1,155,472	44.1	1
Cattle/Calves.....	487,618	62,925,466	0.8	25
Strawberries.....	366,300	366,300	15.3	2
Peppers, Bell.....	247,720	684,941	36.2	2
Eggs.....	180,584	7,316,743	2.5	14
Broilers.....	178,571	23,172,674	0.8	15
Grapefruit.....	178,162	269,055	66.2	1
Sweet Corn, Fresh.....	174,150	747,026	23.3	1
Potatoes.....	136,006	3,758,528	3.6	11
Snap Beans (Fresh Market).....	133,530	465,396	28.7	1
Peanuts.....	129,242	1,012,785	12.8	2
Watermelons.....	111,947	543,824	20.6	1
Squash.....	94,875	283,244	33.5	1
Cucumbers (Fresh & Processing).....	89,616	363,064	24.7	1
Cotton.....	83,225	8,339,439	1.0	14
Blueberries.....	69,122	863,885	8.0	7
Cabbage (Fresh Market).....	64,994	369,043	17.6	2
Tangerines.....	62,236	249,532	24.9	2
Hay.....	28,580	6,656,155	0.4	35

FLORIDA AGRICULTURE CASH RECEIPTS, 2011 Total= \$8,262,486,000



Farms and Land in Farms

Florida had 47,500 commercial farms in 2012, 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 18th among all States in number of farms and 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
2012	47,500	29,600	12,400	5,500	9,250	1,400	1,900	6,050	195.0

Leading States: Number of farms - 2012

State	Number of farms	Total acres in farms	Average size of farm
		(1,000 acres)	(acres)
Texas	244,700	128,000	523
Missouri.....	106,000	29,000	274
Iowa.....	92,200	30,700	333
Oklahoma.....	85,500	34,800	407
Kentucky.....	85,500	14,000	164
California	80,500	25,400	316
Minnesota.....	79,400	26,800	338
Wisconsin	76,800	15,000	195
Tennessee.....	76,000	10,800	142
Illinois	74,300	26,600	358
United States.....	2,170,000	914,000	421

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	
2013				
April 7-13, 2013	48,000	37,000	11,000	40.5
January 6-12, 2013.....	43,000	37,000	6,000	40.3
2012				
October 7-13, 2012.....	47,000	39,000	8,000	37.6
July 8-14, 2012.....	39,000	35,000	4,000	39.0
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

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)	(dollars per hour)
2013				
April 7-13, 2013	10.05	10.70	10.12	11.00
January 6-12, 2013.....	9.75	10.85	9.88	10.88
2012				
October 7-13, 2012.....	9.25	9.90	9.32	10.24
July 8-14, 2012.....	9.28	9.50	9.30	10.47
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

¹ The April 2011 Farm Labor Survey was not conducted.

Florida – Value Added to the U.S. Economy by the Agricultural Sector via the Production of Goods and Services, 2009-2011

Item ¹	2009	2010	2011
	(thousand dollars)	(thousand dollars)	(thousand dollars)
Value of crop production	6,035,881	6,483,554	6,762,557
Value of livestock production	1,120,582	1,278,803	1,567,384
Revenues from services and forestry	482,722	572,170	619,108
Value of agricultural sector production	7,639,185	8,334,527	8,949,049
less: Purchased inputs	3,890,444	3,842,261	4,421,100
Farm origin	897,533	983,037	1,098,580
Manufactured inputs	1,234,142	1,048,731	1,232,428
Other purchased inputs	1,758,769	1,810,493	2,090,092
plus: Net government transactions	-163,855	-186,457	-135,278
+ Direct Government payments	76,699	92,998	175,103
- Motor vehicle registration and licensing fees	10,554	9,455	10,381
- Property taxes	230,000	270,000	300,000
Gross value added	3,584,886	4,305,809	4,392,671
less: Capital consumption	458,056	468,268	489,444
Net value added	3,126,830	3,873,541	3,903,227
Less: Payments to stakeholders	1,791,162	1,781,865	1,642,345
Employee compensation (total hired labor)	1,341,892	1,340,223	1,158,462
Net rent received by Non-operator landlords	35,955	37,549	87,359
Real estate and Non-real estate interest	413,315	404,093	396,524
Net Farm Income	1,335,668	2,055,676	2,260,882

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, 2011

State	Net farm income
	(million dollars)
1. California	16,304.9
2. Iowa	10,813.2
3. Nebraska.....	7,456.7
4. Illinois	6,099.7
5. Minnesota	5,784.6
6. Texas	5,343.9
7. Kansas	5,191.2
8. South Dakota	4,619.9
9. Ohio	3,886.4
10. Indiana	3,803.9
11. Wisconsin	3,802.7
12. Michigan.....	3,347.9
13. Missouri	3,333.2
14. North Carolina	3,006.9
15. Washington	2,985.4
16. Georgia	2,463.2
17. Idaho	2,260.9
18. Florida	2,260.9

Cash Rents: Pasture Land, Cropland-Florida 2011-2012

District and county	Pasture land		Non-irrigated cropland		Irrigated cropland	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	(dollars per acre)	(dollars per acre)	(dollars per acre)	(dollars per acre)	(dollars per acre)	(dollars per acre)
District 10						
Calhoun.....	(D)	25.00	50.00	(D)	(D)	(D)
Escambia	18.50	(D)	72.00	76.50	(D)	(D)
Gadsden	22.00	(D)	36.00	(D)	(D)	(D)
Holmes.....	23.50	25.00	35.50	38.00	(D)	(D)
Jackson.....	25.00	(D)	40.50	56.00	(D)	(D)
Jefferson	29.50	(D)	36.50	35.00	(D)	(D)
Leon.....	23.00	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Okaloosa.....	(D)	21.00	66.50	(D)	(D)	(D)
Santa Rosa	37.00	(D)	61.50	73.00	(D)	(D)
Walton.....	23.00	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington	(D)	26.00	40.00	44.50	(D)	(D)
Other, District 10	19.50	25.50	41.50	51.00	130.00	152.00
Total	25.00	25.50	50.00	59.00	130.00	152.00
District 30						
Columbia.....	22.00	(D)	(D)	44.50	(D)	(D)
Dixie	(D)	13.50	(D)	53.00	(D)	(D)
Hamilton.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	35.50	(D)	(D)
Lafayette	(D)	(D)	(D)	43.50	(D)	(D)
Suwannee	(D)	(D)	(D)	30.50	(D)	100.00
Other, District 30	14.50	15.00	(D)	55.50	100.00	93.50
Total	15.00	15.00	(D)	39.50	100.00	96.00
District 50						
Alachua.....	22.00	20.50	33.00	34.50	102.00	104.00
Flagler.....	(D)	3.80	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Gilchrist.....	33.50	32.00	(D)	52.00	106.00	122.00
Hernando	12.00	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hillsborough	11.50	10.50	26.50	21.00	365.00	300.00
Lake	15.50	16.50	34.50	19.00	125.00	(D)
Levy	19.00	22.00	41.50	43.00	99.00	155.00
Marion.....	18.00	12.50	38.00	(D)	100.00	(D)
Orange.....	10.50	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Osceola.....	18.50	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pasco.....	14.50	10.50	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Polk.....	10.00	10.00	25.00	21.00	(D)	(D)
Putnam.....	15.00	8.10	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
St. Johns.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	160.00	176.00
Sumter	(D)	13.50	(D)	24.00	(D)	(D)
Union	(D)	(D)	38.00	(D)	(D)	(D)
Volusia.....	(D)	7.00	(D)	23.50	(D)	(D)
Other, District 50	13.00	7.90	43.50	39.00	152.00	162.00
Total	13.50	10.50	38.00	38.00	146.00	160.00

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Cash Rents: Pasture Land, Cropland-Florida 2011-2012

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District and county	Pasture land		Non-irrigated cropland		Irrigated cropland	
	2011 (dollars per acre)	2012 (dollars per acre)	2011 (dollars per acre)	2012 (dollars per acre)	2011 (dollars per acre)	2012 (dollars per acre)
District 80						
Brevard	(D)	10.50	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Collier.....	11.00	6.70	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
DeSoto.....	16.50	21.00	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hardee	12.50	(D)	(D)	28.50	144.00	250.00
Hendry	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	229.00	(D)
Highlands	19.50	13.50	(D)	39.00	200.00	(D)
Indian River	(D)	12.00	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Lee.....	11.00	8.30	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Manatee	14.50	11.50	(D)	38.00	(D)	250.00
Martin.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Miami-Dade.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	410.00	(D)
Okeechobee.....	14.50	17.00	(D)	(D)	(D)	203.00
Palm Beach.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	36.00	323.00	(D)
Sarasota.....	9.30	9.00	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
St. Lucie	10.50	11.50	(D)	(D)	260.00	(D)
Other, District 80	11.00	11.50	(D)	25.50	273.00	415.00
Total	13.00	13.00	(D)	27.00	312.00	398.00
State Total.....	13.50	12.50	41.00	46.00	205.00	240.00

D Withheld to avoid disclosing data of individual operations.