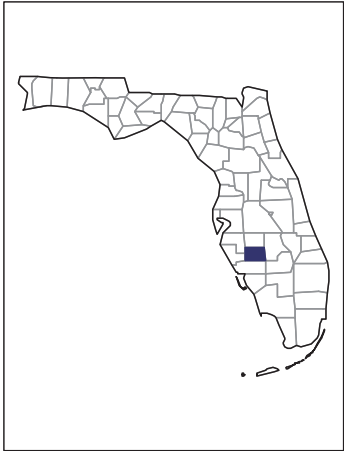


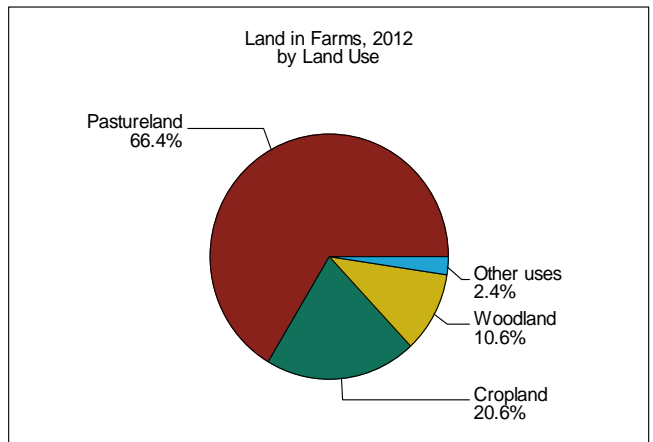
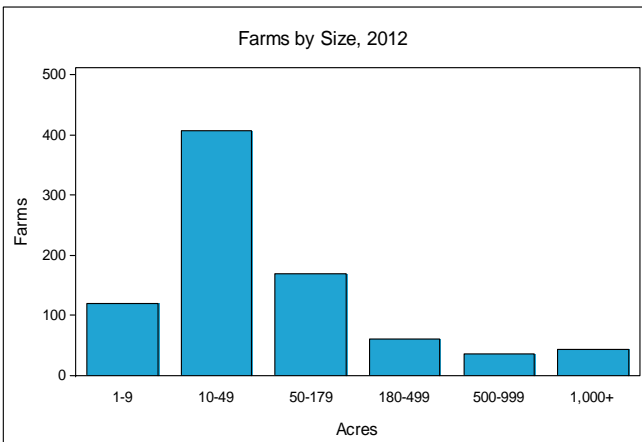
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### DeSoto County Florida

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	836	1,035	- 19
<b>Land in Farms</b>	302,869 acres	260,277 acres	+ 16
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	362 acres	251 acres	+ 44
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$198,271,000	\$219,928,000	- 10
Crop Sales \$162,968,000 (82 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$35,303,000 (18 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$237,166	\$212,491	+ 12
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$196,000	\$123,000	+ 59
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$17,810	\$11,223	+ 59





## DeSoto County – Florida

### Ranked items among the 67 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	198,271	13	67	543	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	162,968	10	67	342	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	35,303	15	67	1,162	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	4	50	53	2,872	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	5	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	17	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	5,415	25	64	346	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	146,896	3	65	32	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	10,260	29	64	256	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	34	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	393	40	66	2,534	3,049
Poultry and eggs	140	21	66	1,300	3,013
Cattle and calves	20,026	6	67	802	3,056
Milk from cows	12,782	10	33	436	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	64	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	20	40	64	2,447	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	326	23	66	849	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	40	55	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	1,956	8	67	122	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Oranges, all	47,191	3	56	4	174
Other oranges	23,999	3	53	6	162
Valencia oranges	23,192	4	49	4	126
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	5,201	26	67	2,188	3,057
Sod harvested	1,645	9	41	35	690
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	62,895	8	67	340	3,063
Colonies of bees	11,361	6	67	58	2,761
Layers	3,070	25	66	1,025	3,040
Quail	(D)	11	38	(D)	944
Pigeons or squab	1,500	1	23	19	842

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	258	Farming	405
\$1,000 to \$2,499	98	Other	431
\$2,500 to \$4,999	80	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	71	Male	664
\$10,000 to \$19,999	76	Female	172
\$20,000 to \$24,999	20	Average age of principal operator (years)	61.1
\$25,000 to \$39,999	40	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	18	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	55	Asian	9
\$100,000 to \$249,999	52	Black or African American	13
\$250,000 to \$499,999	22	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
\$500,000 or more	46	White	1,243
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	156,534	More than one race	5
Average per farm (\$)	187,242	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	89
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	49,599		
Average per farm (\$)	59,329		

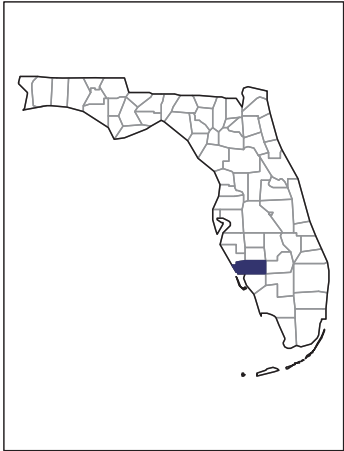
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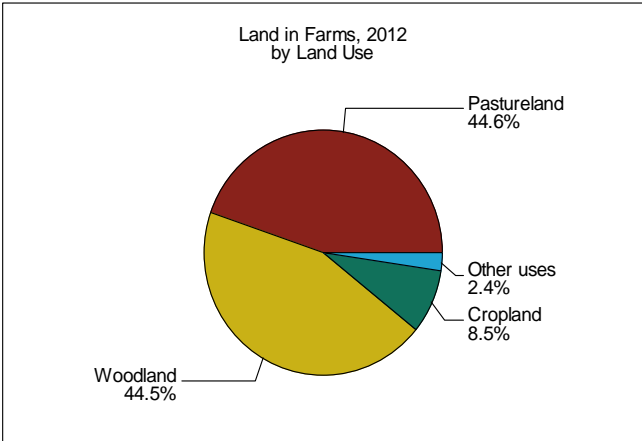
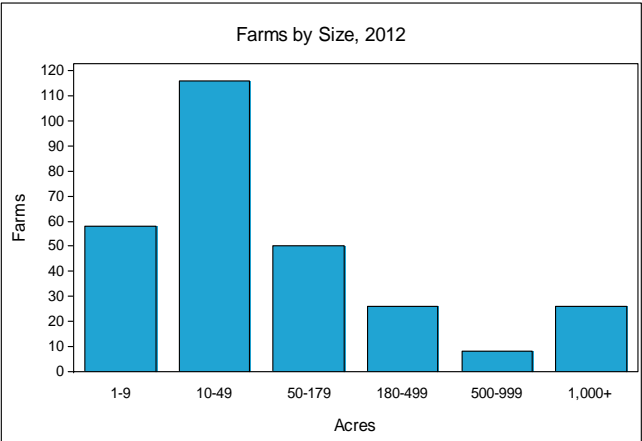
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Charlotte County Florida

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	284	242	+ 17
<b>Land in Farms</b>	217,222 acres	166,045 acres	+ 31
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	765 acres	686 acres	+ 12
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$103,401,000	\$65,563,000	+ 58
Crop Sales \$94,889,000 (92 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$8,512,000 (8 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$364,087	\$270,921	+ 34
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$92,000	\$306,000	- 70
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$18,348	\$50,963	- 64





## Charlotte County – Florida

### Ranked items among the 67 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	103,401	24	67	1,134	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	94,889	18	67	681	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	8,512	39	67	2,204	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	-	-	53	-	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	5	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	17	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	6	64	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	26,453	15	65	88	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	64	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	34	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	48	66	(D)	3,049
Poultry and eggs	6	59	66	2,535	3,013
Cattle and calves	8,083	25	67	1,464	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	33	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	1	62	64	2,676	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	12	51	64	2,622	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	3,011
Aquaculture	13	45	55	912	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	67	(D)	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Oranges, all	9,454	11	56	14	174
Valencia oranges	6,086	11	49	14	126
Vegetables harvested, all	3,442	14	64	221	2,801
Other oranges	3,368	17	53	21	162
Watermelons	1,932	1	60	8	1,945
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	24,844	24	67	1,135	3,063
Colonies of bees	(D)	1	67	(D)	2,761
Layers	446	60	66	2,431	3,040
Horses and ponies	380	55	67	2,322	3,072
Goats, all	363	45	65	1,601	2,996

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	87	Farming	145
\$1,000 to \$2,499	26	Other	139
\$2,500 to \$4,999	31	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	32	Male	235
\$10,000 to \$19,999	23	Female	49
\$20,000 to \$24,999	10	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.1
\$25,000 to \$39,999	26	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4	American Indian or Alaska Native	10
\$50,000 to \$99,999	8	Asian	3
\$100,000 to \$249,999	13	Black or African American	1
\$250,000 to \$499,999	5	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	19	White	426
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	68,449	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	241,018	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	44
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	40,019		
Average per farm (\$)	140,911		

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