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# Florida Panhandle Farm Facts

from the 2012 Census of Agriculture

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Every five years the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agriculture Statistics Service (NASS) sends out in-depth surveys to farmers with many questions about their specific farming operation. While most farmers will admit that filling out surveys is not their favorite activity, the summarized information provides very useful data to help the Agriculture Industry tell their story.

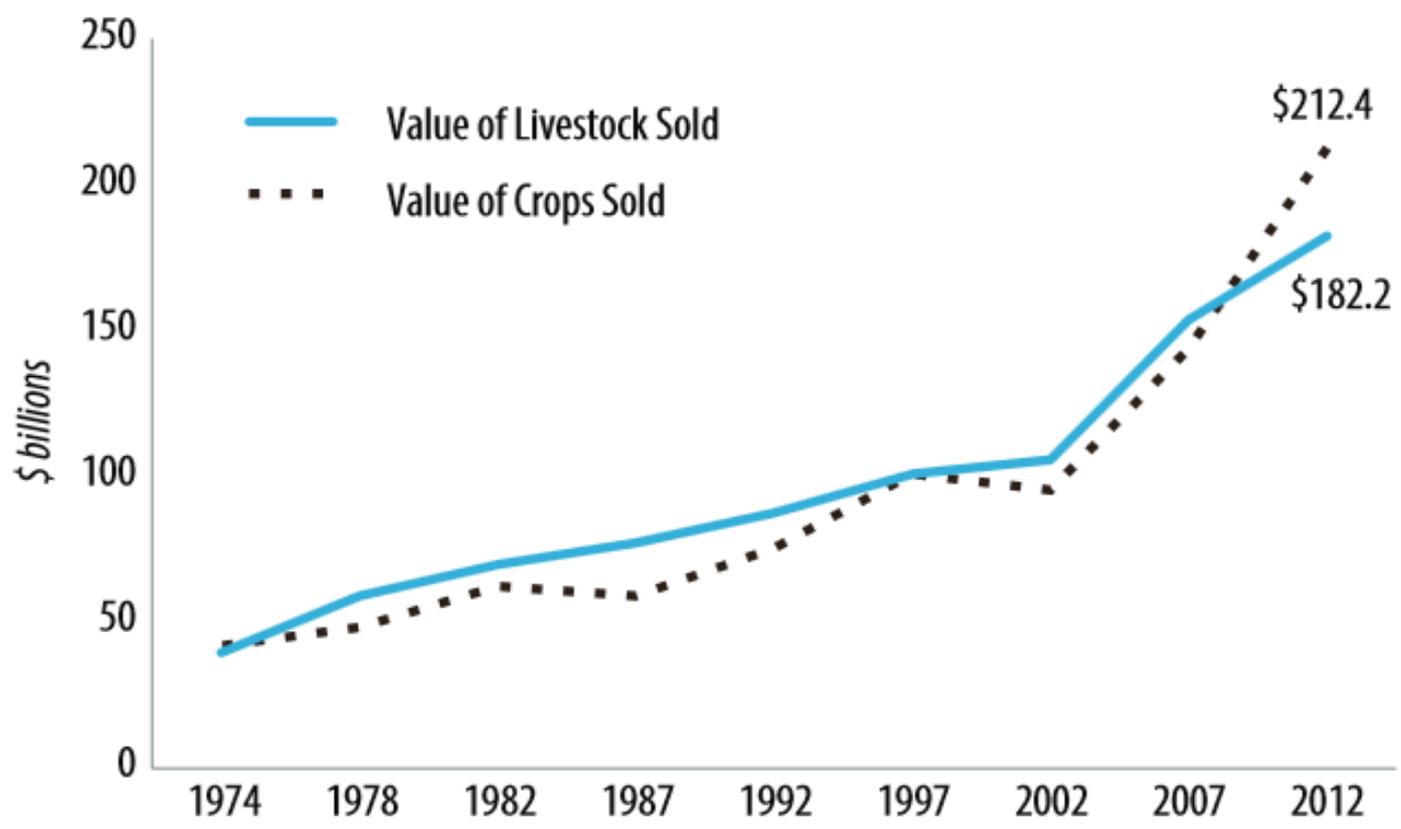
In the US, more than three million farmers tended 914 million acres, and sold \$394 billion worth agricultural products in 2012.

47,740 Florida farms managed 9,548,342 acres, that generated \$7.7 billion dollars in farm gate sales, in 2012. Obviously, agriculture is huge part of Florida's economy. Florida's 74,539 farmers also employed 107,192 full and part-time farm workers.

Florida was one of states that actually saw an increase in the number of farms and acreage dedicated to agriculture. Since the 2007 Ag Census, 277 additional farms were added, and an additional 316 thousand acres were utilized for agriculture.

Fig. 1

### Value of U.S. Crop and Livestock Sales, 1974 - 2012



Source: USDA NASS, 2012 Census of Agriculture.

For the first time since 1974, crop products had a greater market value than livestock products. The \$394 billion farm gate sales represented a 33% increase from 2007.

Table 3

**Income and Expenses, All U.S. Farms, 2007 and 2012**

	<b>2007</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>% change</b>
	(\$ billions)		
Agriculture sales	297.2	394.6	32.8*
Government payments	8.0	8.1	0.9
Farm-related income	10.5	18.5	76.6*
Production expenses	241.1	328.9	36.4*
Net cash farm income	74.6	92.3	23.7*

*Source: USDA NASS, 2012 Census of Agriculture.*

Unfortunately, operating expenses also increased by 36%. Even so, US farmers saw a 24% increase in net farm income, because they found alternative sources of income to help boost their profitability.

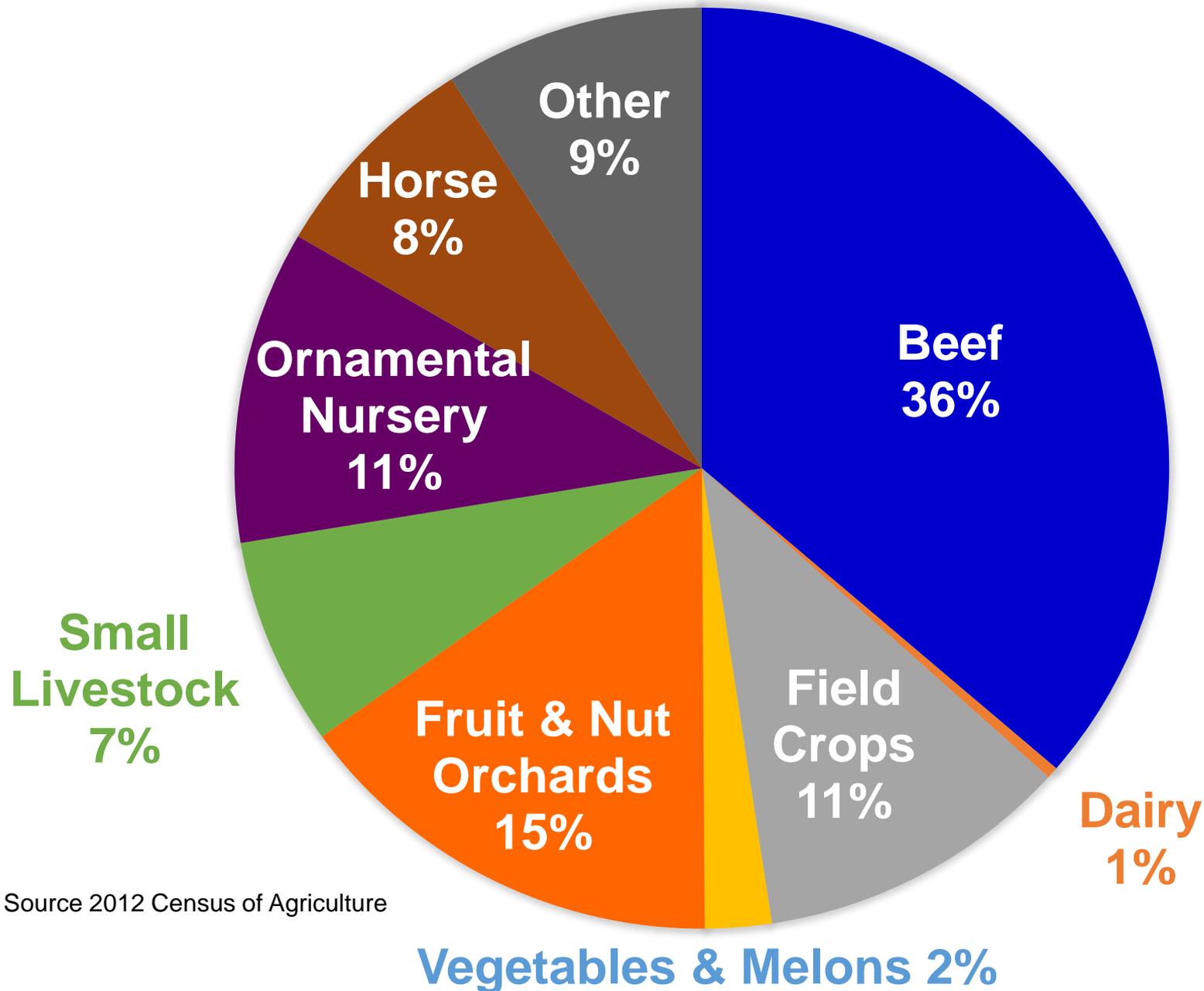
Table 4

**Agricultural Production Expenses, 2007 and 2012**

	<b>2007</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>%</b>
	(\$ billions)		<b>change</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>241.1</b>	<b>328.9</b>	<b>36.4*</b>
Feed	49.1	75.7	54.2*
Livestock and poultry purchases	38.0	41.6	9.4
Fertilizer	18.1	28.5	57.6*
Hired labor	21.9	27.0	23.4*
Cash rent	13.3	21.0	58.2*
Seeds	11.7	19.5	66.0*
Supplies and repairs	15.9	18.9	18.7*
Gasoline, fuels, and oils	12.9	16.6	28.4*
Chemicals	10.1	16.5	63.4*
Other	50.1	63.7	27.1*

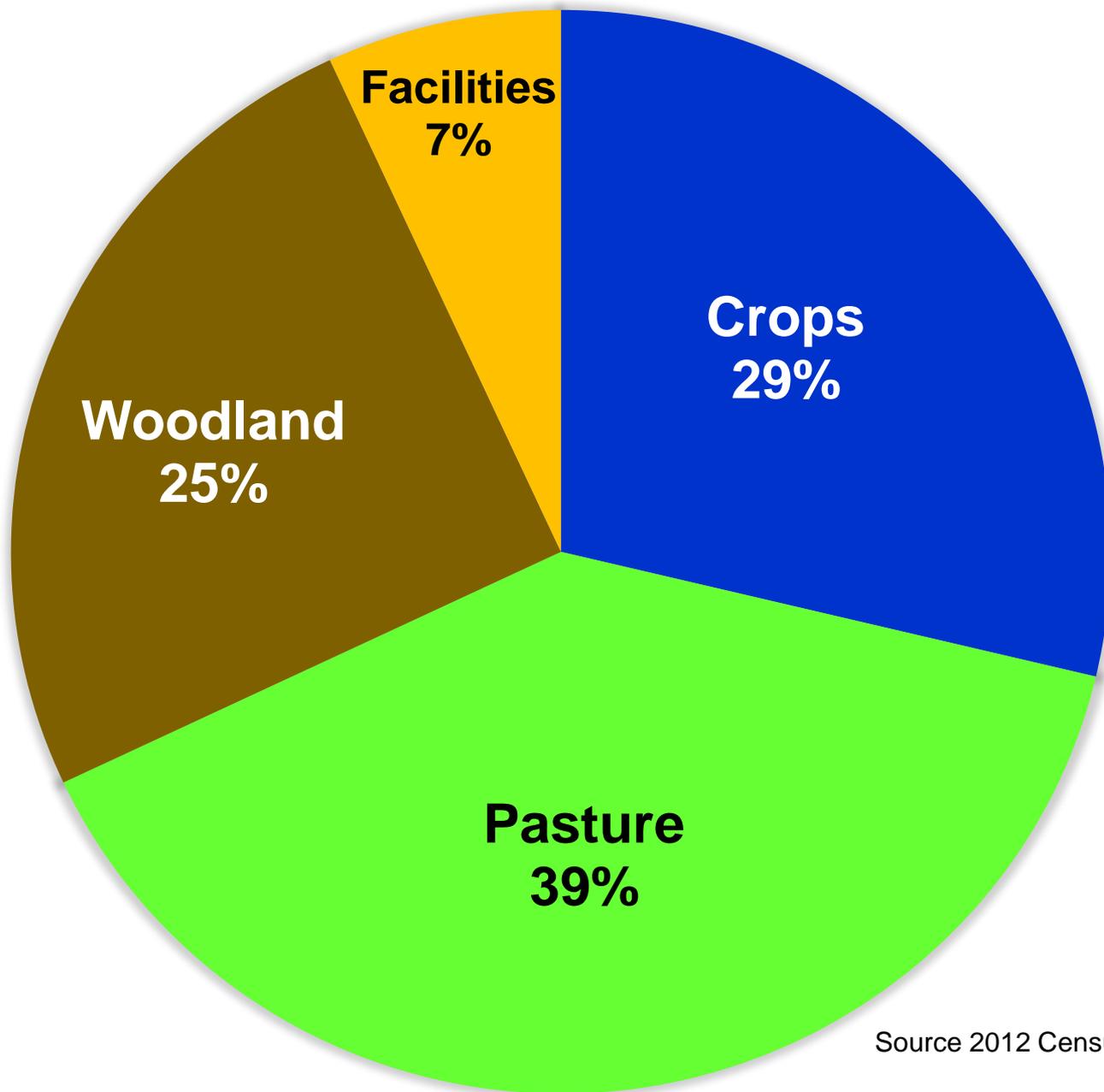
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# TYPES OF FARMS IN FLORIDA IN 2012



Source 2012 Census of Agriculture

# LAND USE ON FLORIDA FARMS IN 2012



Source 2012 Census of Agriculture



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# Panhandle County Farm Facts from the 2012 Ag Census

Category	Escambia	Santa Rosa	Okaloosa	Walton	Holmes	Washington	Bay	Jackson	Calhoun	Gulf	Liberty	Franklin	Gadsden	Leon	Wakulla	Jefferson	16 County Total
# Farms	729	666	477	670	801	406	115	1,160	218	34	80	20	402	284	171	617	6,850
Acreage	74,584	97,636	61,484	147,937	105,535	58,278	10,490	262,312	42,850	4,595	14,182	1,793	50,805	81,311	30,906	129,520	1,174,218
Value of Ag Products Sold \$M	\$ 42.6	\$ 62.8	\$ 10.3	\$ 28.6	\$ 28.9	\$ 13.5	\$ 2.7	\$ 92.7	\$ 19.9	\$ 0.9	\$ 1.5	\$ 0.6	\$ 54.4	\$ 3.8	\$ 2.3	\$ 48.3	\$ 414
Full & Part-time Farm Workers	420	568	205	221	373	164	123	1,051	183	24	58	3	1,209	301	105	581	5,589
# of Tractors	939	956	695	1,007	1,156	600	179	1,776	357	61	87	16	620	377	208	809	9,843





## 2012 Panhandle Livestock Summary

Category	Escambia	Santa Rosa	Okaloosa	Walton	Holmes	Washington	Bay	Jackson	Calhoun	Gulf	Liberty	Franklin	Gadsden	Leon	Wakulla	Jefferson	16 County Total
Pasture Acres	11,877	10,549	16,644	32,558	36,705	14,234	3,038	70,172	12,484	891	3,834	298	11,809	15,280	20,372	34,235	294,980
Hay & Silage	3,923	3,258	5,600	7,750	8,669	5,811	777	19,279	2,654	200	721	650	2,950	2,625	711	3,465	69,043
Cattle Ranches	201	125	141	228	345	131	34	448	55	10	29	1	123	77	60	183	2,191
Dairy Farms	7	3	3	1	9	4	---	7	---	---	---	---	---	1	4	10	49
Cows	2,918	2,847	3,925	7,057	10,091	5,542	471	25,327	2,739	---	777	---	2,525	993	582	10,941	76,735
Bee Hives	193	150	71	337	17	265	327	850	---	---	7,200	---	136	308	1,525	426	11,805
Hogs	94	18	122	188	213	66	---	235	173	---	---	---	128	---	116	366	1,719
Sheep	837	27	122	94	546	69	41	313	104	---	---	---	53	100	54	243	2,603
Goats	949	648	574	728	510	269	213	768	421	---	97	---	430	475	265	758	7,105
Horses	825	1,465	912	1,322	1,491	587	331	1,927	191	---	117	---	556	892	277	1,173	12,066
Laying Hens	2,261	2,901	1,532	22,415	2,222	745	2,108	4,578	643	---	139	---	960	789	671	1,299	43,263
Broiler Chickens	1,000	214	---	349,327	354,729	372	---	900	---	---	280	---	---	476	---	194	707,492

## 2012 Horticulture Summary

Category	Escambia	Santa Rosa	Okaloosa	Walton	Holmes	Washington	Bay	Jackson	Calhoun	Gulf	Liberty	Franklin	Gadsden	Leon	Wakulla	Jefferson	16 County Total
Vegetable & Melon Farms	26	23	28	32	24	15	6	62	9	1	---	---	25	19	17	40	327
Vegetable & Melon Acreage	342	138	76	89	125	53	4	3,122	202	---	---	---	869	42	51	208	5,321
Watermelon Acres	60	45	11	9	47	3	---	867	188	---	---	---	---	---	9	112	1,351
Fruit & Nut Orchards	104	76	44	76	41	29	7	100	24	3	---	2	60	39	22	138	765
Orchard Acres	858	438	472	1,413	260	157	27	785	170	---	---	---	417	192	54	1,445	6,688
Berry Farms	41	10	29	30	7	23	5	17	4	---	2	---	22	3	14	31	238
Berry Acres	116	21	132	83	14	70	---	---	5	---	---	---	31	3	33	49	557
Greenhouse & Nursery Farms	30	35	8	13	17	16	13	15	14	---	---	---	30	28	12	33	264

# Florida Panhandle Counties

