

Selected Statistics for Jefferson County from the Census of Agriculture

	2002 *	1997	1992	1987	1982	1978	1974	1969	1964
Number of Farms	418	342	297	296	314	308	283	363	531
Farms with Sales of \$20,000 or more	72	74	85	82	104	95	72	55	35
Farms with Sales of Less than \$20,000	346	268	212	214	210	214	211	308	496
Operators with Principal Farm Employment	147	126	119	113	119	138	180	(na)	(na)
Operators with Principal Non-Farm Employment	271	216	178	183	195	170	98	(na)	(na)
Black Farm Operators	37	33	26	21	47	44	60	102	257
Female Farm Operators	89	36	28	26	23	25	(na)	(na)	(na)
Average Age of Farm Operator	57	57	57	52	51	51	56	56	54
Land in Farms	132,727	126,590	118,352	130,376	137,431	155,833	142,747	162,298	169,645
Average Farm Size	318	370	398	440	438	506	504	447	319
Jefferson County Farms Producing:									
Corn	26	45	45	54	101	138	162	206	365
Tobacco	2	3	5	9	15	19	36	73	115
Soybeans	5	10	5	13	48	38	17	3	2
Peanuts	11	17	11	14	15	23	25	30	56
Cotton	5	5	1	4	(na)	(na)	1	15	139
Hay & Forage	43	76	63	52	56	50	26	35	(na)
Vegetables	29	23	24	30	30	43	21	34	59
Watermelon	11	14	15	17	26	21	(na)	(na)	(na)
Orchards (including Pecans)	81	81	95	77	74	70	53	78	156
Nursery Products	33	37	33	28	27	25	(na)	(na)	(na)
Cattle & Calves	110	148	133	153	177	149	160	189	265
Dairy Products	4	5	4	8	7	9	(na)	(na)	(na)
Swine	21	20	22	27	70	84	88	121	297
Total Cropland Acres	29,884	33,477	37,031	45,665	55,712	50,326	46,117	62,217	76,976
Value of Crops Sold (\$1,000)	\$9,317	\$13,970	\$10,202	\$7,539	\$11,219	\$7,118	\$6,389	\$2,244	\$2,668
Value of Nursery Products Sold (\$1,000)	\$5,086	\$8,644	\$5,840	\$3,296	\$5,004	\$3,221	\$2,264	\$417	\$498

Irrigated Acres	4,081	1,432	4,257	6,573	4,821	639	1,431	509	307
Total Pasture Acres (incl woodland pastured)	31,352	38,628	35,808	50,186	37,366	41,375	45,102	43,422	12,180
Total Woodland Acres (less pastured)	64,238	46,589	50,579	58,887	55,345	64,619	66,952	72,314	74,610
Value Livestock/Livestock Pdts Sold (\$1,000)	\$11,837	\$4,080	\$10,844	\$9,197	\$10,493	\$10,000	\$4,535	\$2,736	\$1,757
Cattle Inventory	12,525	11,320	18,750	16,835	23,322	24,760	17,839	15,004	13,294
Hog and Pig Inventory	431	574	2,011	3,976	4,568	6,083	3,291	4,675	5,860
Value of Land and Buildings per Farm	\$584,211	\$498,805	\$575,501	\$433,835	\$427,564	\$456,118	\$194,099	\$77,335	\$34,949
Value of Machinery and Equipment per Farm	\$44,245	\$24,207	\$26,932	\$23,459	\$27,312	\$22,855	\$16,937	\$7,459	(na)
Value of Hired Farm Labor (\$1,000)	\$3,695	\$3,110	\$3,222	\$3,692	\$2,911	\$2,305	\$1,603	\$976	\$881
Value of Purchased Livestock Feed (\$1,000)	\$3,939	\$1,022	\$3,863	\$2,765	\$3,795	\$2,936	\$1,996	\$653	\$360
Value of Fertilizer Purchased (\$1,000)	\$1,298	\$1,384	\$1,351	\$1,760	\$1,810	\$1,249	\$1,220	\$675	\$552
Value of Energy Consumed (\$1,000) **	\$1,823	\$710	\$975	\$1,242	\$1,203	\$803	(na)	(na)	(na)
Value of Interest Expenses (\$1,000)	\$2,681	\$997	\$821	\$1,387	\$2,143	(na)	(na)	(na)	(na)

	2002	1997	1992	1987
Net Cash Returns from Sales (per farm)	-\$701	\$7,005	\$9,523	-\$1,912
Government Payments Received (\$1,000)	\$606	\$351	\$467	\$825
Total Farm Expenses (\$1,000)	\$26,189	\$12,637	\$18,451	\$17,598
Ag Chemicals Purchased (\$1,000)	\$895	\$693	\$1,063	\$661
Property Taxes Paid (\$1,000)	\$1,136	\$808	\$501	\$426
Acres in CRP or Wetland Reserve Programs	7,603	5,910	4,098	1,899

Agriculture has traditionally been the leading income source, contributing 17.9% of the county's income (Florida average = 1.8%). Approximately 35% of the county workforce is employed in agriculture, timber and pulpwood industries. Traditional row crops of corn, soybeans, tobacco, and small grains have declined, beginning in the decade of the 80s. Peanuts, tobacco and cotton are grown in minor acreages, with cotton increasing in the mid 90s.. \$6-7 million in income is derived annually from dairy, forest products, nursery production and beef. An additional \$10-12 million is derived from all other

agricultural production: row crops, pecans, watermelons, other fresh market vegetables, swine, other livestock products, etc. Additional employment and incomes are contributed by over a dozen "plantations" of 5-15,000 acres each which are multiple-land-use holdings providing farm land, recreational use, forests and water recharge.

Jefferson County Farms, Ranches, Dairies and Nurseries Produce:

Corn	Soybeans	Peanuts
Cotton	Wheat	Tobacco
Ornamentals	Pecans	Watermelons
Sorghum	Hay & Pasture	Vegetables
Pine Seedlings	Pulpwood	Saw Timber
Fruit Trees	Dairy Products	Beef (cattle & calves)
Swine	Horses	Deer & Venison
Small Grains	Catfish	Grapes & juice
Goats & Sheep	Persimmons	Foliage plants
Sport Hunting	Sod	Flowering plants
Sugar Cane & Syrup	Yogurt	Christmas trees
	Ostrich & Emus	

Tung, Shade Tobacco and Naval Stores were once Important Farm Commodities in Jefferson County