

Florida Agriculture Fast Facts

In 2009, Florida ranked:

- 1st in the U.S. in the value of production of oranges, grapefruit and sugarcane for sugar and seed*
- 1st in value of production of snap beans, fresh market tomatoes, fresh cucumbers, squash, watermelons and sweet corn.*
- 2nd in value of production of tangerines, strawberries, bell peppers and cucumbers for pickles.*

**Statistics are from 2008, the latest available*

In 2009, in terms of total value of production, Florida accounted for:

- 63 percent of the total U.S. value for oranges (\$1.4 billion)
- 55 percent of the total U.S. value for grapefruit (\$153 million)
- 43 percent of the total U.S. value for snap beans (\$113 million)
- 16 percent of the total U.S. value for tangerines (\$171 million)
- 49 percent of the total U.S. value for sugarcane for sugar and seed (\$399 million)*
- 40 percent of the total U.S. value for fresh market tomatoes (\$520 million)
- 36 percent of the total U.S. value for bell peppers (\$199 million)
- 36 percent of the total U.S. value for cucumbers for fresh market (\$79 million)
- 29 percent of the total U.S. value for watermelons (\$136 million)
- 27 percent of the total U.S. value for sweet corn (\$227 million)

-- Florida growers harvested **183,100 acres** of vegetables for fresh market in 2009, with **sales exceeding \$1.3 billion**.

-- Florida citrus growers in 2008-09 produced **162.4 million boxes** of oranges (96 percent of which were used for juice) and **21.7 million boxes** of grapefruit (57 percent of which were used for juice).

-- Florida has 47,500 commercial farms covering 9.25 million acres

Source: Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services