

Fast Facts: Florida Agriculture

Florida ranks:

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

**Statistics are from 2006, the latest available*

In 2007, in terms of total value of production, Florida accounted for:

- 73 percent of the total U.S. value for oranges (\$1.5 billion)
- 65 percent of the total U.S. value for grapefruit (\$184.6 million)
- 55 percent of the total U.S. value for snap beans (\$217 million)
- 53 percent of the total U.S. value for tangerines (\$75 million)
- 50 percent of the total U.S. value for sugarcane for sugar and seed (\$446 million)*
- 36 percent of the total U.S. value for fresh market tomatoes (\$464 million)
- 39 percent of the total U.S. value for bell peppers (\$183 million)
- 31 percent of the total U.S. value for cucumbers for fresh market (\$72 million)
- 32 percent of the total U.S. value for watermelons (\$152 million)

-- Florida growers harvested **172,300 acres** of vegetables for fresh market in 2007, with **sales exceeding \$1.3 billion**.

-- In the 2006-07 season, Florida strawberry growers harvested 8,300 acres for a total value of \$329 million.

-- Florida citrus growers in 2006-07 produced **129 million boxes** of oranges (95 percent of which were used for juice) and **27.2 million boxes** of grapefruit (60 percent of which were used for juice).

-- The 2006-07 value of production for the seven major vegetable crops (sweet corn, snap beans, tomatoes, cucumbers, bell peppers, squash and cabbage) along with potatoes, berries and watermelons, totaled **\$1.83 billion**, up 10 percent from the previous season. Acreage harvested for these crops totaled 210,400 acres.

Other key facts (all farms):

- Florida has 41,000 commercial farms covering 10.0 million acres
- There were 6,350 farms with sales exceeding \$100,000
- Average farm size was 244 acres

Source:

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