



What's Growing in Southwest Florida?

Product	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Bell Pepper												
Blueberries												
Broccoli												
Cucumber												
Eggplant												
Grapefruit												
Oranges												
Peaches												
Potatoes												
Snap Beans												
Squash												
Strawberries												
Sweet Corn												
Tangerines												
Tomatoes												
Watermelon												



Economic Importance of Agriculture to Southwest Florida



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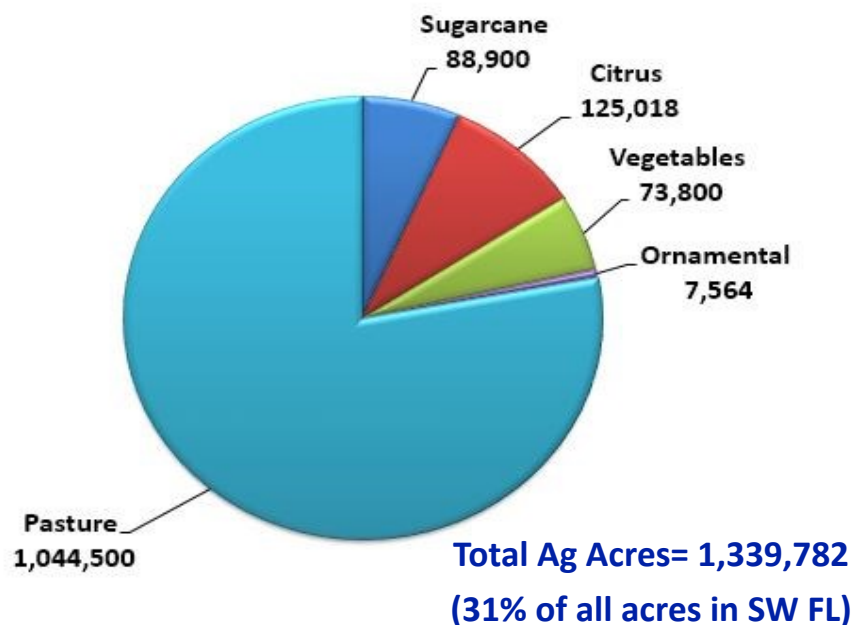
Issues Important to Southwest Florida Agriculture:

- Exotic pests & diseases (Citrus Greening)
- Farm worker health and access to labor
- Global competition and trade policies
- Water quality and management issues
- Food safety regulations

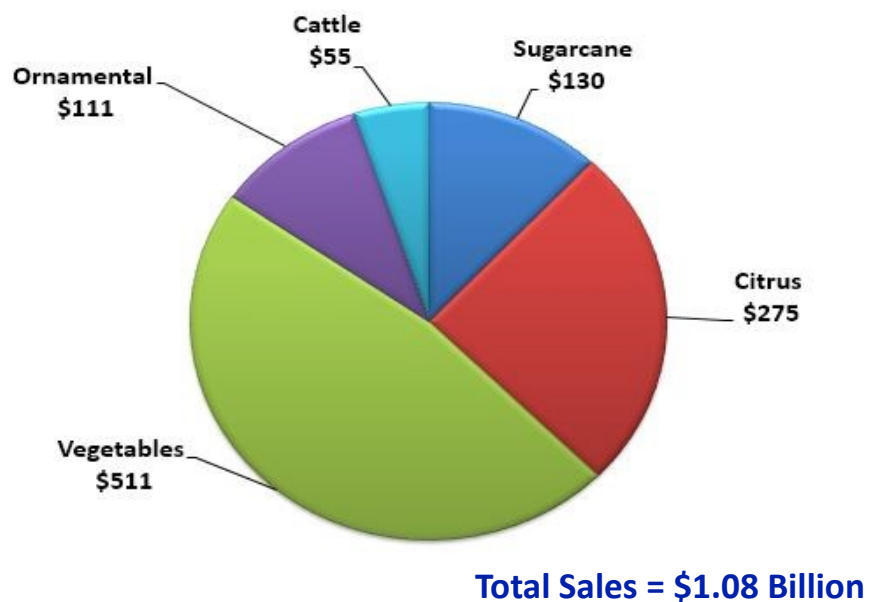
Southwest Florida— Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee

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Southwest Florida Agricultural Acreage*, 2017



Farm-Gate Sales*, 2017 (M\$)



*Source: 2017 USDA Census of Agriculture (Note: Forestry acreage and products NOT included)

SW FL Production Costs and Yields, 2021-22

	Annual Costs (including harvesting)	Yields (Units/Acre)
Oranges (processed) ¹	\$1,883/Acre	154 (90 lb-bx)
Tomatoes, round	\$16,863/Acre	1,700 (25 lb-ctn)
Bell Peppers	\$18,399/Acre	1,100 (28 lb-bu)
Iowa Field Corn	\$771/Acre	201 bu

SW FL Grower Prices, 2020-21

	Price	Price Range	Break-Even Price
Oranges (processed, delivered-in mid-price) Early-Midseason Valencia	Bx	\$13.08 ¹	@ 150 boxes/acre \$15.89 ²
	Bx	\$15.33 ¹	
Tomatoes	Ctn	\$18.99	\$7.00—\$18.99
Bell Peppers	Bu	\$18.43	\$14.17—\$18.43

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Summary of Economic Contributions of Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Food Industries in SW FL, 2018

County	Employment		Industry Output		Value Added	Labor Income	Other	Taxes
	Direct (Jobs)	Contrib. (Jobs)	Direct (M\$)	Contrib. (Jobs)	Contrib. (Jobs)	Contrib. (M\$)	Property (M\$)	(M\$)
Glades	1,695	2,235	217	317	164	98	54	6
Hendry	9,548	12,357	931	1,458	761	620	75	36
Charlotte	11,331	15,214	841	1,486	943	576	161	85
Collier	40,276	54,352	3,273	5,841	3,294	2,205	762	275
Lee	59,230	81,038	4,964	8,796	4,745	3,019	1,209	458

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Agricultural production is a business. Significant financial resources are required to grow crops. Land will remain in agriculture so long as growers receive a long-run return on investments.