SANTA ROSA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS - 2003

	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION	TOTAL	UNIT	GROSS
CROP	PLANTED	PER ACRE	PRODUCTION	\$ VALUE	\$ VALUE
Soybeans	85	45 bu.	3,825 bu.	7.00	26,775
Peanuts	16,672	3,617 lbs.	30,151 tons	0.17	10,251,446
Cotton	22,426	906 lbs.	40,636 bales	0.68	13,816,210
Cottonseed		1,478 lbs.	16,575 tons	100.00	1,657,517
Corn	825	90 bu.	74,250 bu.	2.30	170,775
Wheat *	2,600	44 bu.	114,400 bu.	2.85	326,040
Oats	350	50 bu.	17,500 bu.	1.75	30,625
Sorghum	50	55 bu.	2,750 bu.	1.95	5,363
Hay-Silage	6,250		\$240 /acre		1,500,000
Improved Pasture	6,750		\$125 /acre		843,750
Native Pasture	10,500		\$25 /acre		262,500
Truck Crops	2,100		\$800 /acre		1,680,000
Watermelons	250		\$1,500 /acre		375,000
Pecans	350	450 lbs.	157,500 lbs.	0.80	126,000
Orna. Horticulture	**				15,000,000
CRP ***	4,740				370,789
				****	16,100,324
TOTAL	73,948				\$62,543,114

LIVESTOCK	APPROXIMATE PRODUCTION	PER UNIT \$ VALUE	GROSS \$ VALUE
Beef			
(Breeding Cattle)	500 head	659.59	329,795
(Steers/Heifers)	3,500 head	494.32	1,730,120
Hogs (Market)	225 head	70.00	15,750
Goats	4,000 head	53.00	212,000
Quail (Mature)	20,000	3.00	60,000
Pheasants	18,000	10.00	180,000
Aquaculture (Catfish)	7,500 lbs.	1.50	11,250
TOTAL			\$2,538,915

TOTAL CROPS & LIVESTOCK \$65,082,029

FORESTRY FACTS

Timberland Acres:	478,100	Direct Employees: 400	
Government Acres:	187,400	Value of Standing Timber (1996):	\$523,000,000
Forest Industry Acres	165,900	Forest Mfg & Forest Value Added:	\$34,400,000
Other Private Acres:	124,800		_

The above statistics are estimates based on FSA and Farm Market records compiled by County Agricultural Agencies (Cooperative Extension, FSA, NRCS, and Florida Division of Forestry).

- * Wheat harvested for grain which was double-cropped to either cotton or soybeans.
- ** Approximately 30 nurseries.
- *** Conservation Reserve Program
- **** Amount paid by FSA for disaster payments, conservation programs and for participation in voluntary farm programs in cotton, corn, grain sorghum, oats, and wheat.

Santa Rosa County AG Facts

- 1) Florida's leader in conservation tillage. Growers continued to expand the adoption of conservation tillage in 2003 to approximately 26,000 acres (18,000 ac. cotton and 8,000 ac. peanuts).
- 2) Florida's leader in cotton production. In 1993, we were the U.S. leader in dryland cotton production.
- 3) Florida's leader in peanut yields.
- 4) Leads the state in farmer participation in the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) with over 310 contracts.
- 5) Leads the state with the number of acres of Class I prime farmland.
- 6) The Santa Rosa County Farm Tour began in 1966 and is the longest running annual farm tour in the state.

Rainfall was abundant throughout the growing season. Approximately 45 inches was received from May through August. Waterlogged soil conditions during early season resulted in poor plant growth in some fields. Rain was limited from September through November. As a result, growers were able to harvest in a timely manner. Both yield and crop quality were above average.

2003 Precipitation in Inches (West Florida Research and Education Center, Jay Farm)

	<u>Jan.</u>	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	<u>July</u>	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	0.04	6.26	6.86	3.57	5.49	17.01	6.96	9.27	5.11	1.69	2.56	4.70
55-yr. Avg.	5.34	4.96	6.54	4.70	4.26	7.53	7.77	6.42	6.47	3.70	4.38	4.99
Total Rainfall												
<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	2001	2002	2003		<u>55-yr.</u>	Avg.	
87.17	65.42	70.19	77.29	53.07	52.13	55.02	69.03	69.51		67.07		
2003 Temperature °F												
Avg. Max.	57.7	64.7	72.0	78.4	85.5	87.0	89.5	90.4	87.1	80.7	74.9	60.2
Avg. Min.	33.0	41.6	51.7	54.0	65.9	70.4	70.8	71.7	65.7	56.1	48.9	35.3