

SANTA ROSA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS - 2005

CROP	ACREAGE PLANTED	PRODUCTION PER ACRE	TOTAL PRODUCTION	UNIT \$ VALUE	GROSS \$ VALUE
Soybeans	7	45 bu.	315 bu.	5.40	1,701
Peanuts	20,644	2,800 lbs.	28,902 tons	0.17	9,826,544
Cotton	19,265	976 lbs.	37,604 bales	0.55	10,341,184
Cottonseed		1,592 lbs.	15,339 tons	75.00	1,150,395
Corn	550	60 bu.	33,000 bu.	2.50	82,500
Wheat *	1,700	45 bu.	76,500 bu.	3.00	229,500
Oats	300	45 bu.	13,500 bu.	1.75	23,625
Sorghum	50	55 bu.	2,750 bu.	1.95	5,363
Hay-Silage	6,566		\$240 /acre		1,575,840
Improved Pasture	7,000		\$125 /acre		875,000
Native Pasture	10,000		\$25 /acre		250,000
Truck Crops	2,200		\$800 /acre		1,760,000
Watermelons	100		\$1,500 /acre		150,000
Pecans	229	0 lbs.	0 lbs.	0.00	0
Orna. Horticulture	**				15,000,000
CRP ***	4,264				366,000
				****	16,450,832
TOTAL	72,875 *****				\$58,088,483

LIVESTOCK	APPROXIMATE PRODUCTION	PER UNIT \$ VALUE	GROSS \$ VALUE
Beef			
(Breeding Cattle)	500 head	766.42	383,210
(Steers/Heifers)	3,500 head	579.25	2,027,375
Hogs (Market)	200 head	65.00	13,000
Goats	4,000 head	59.00	236,000
Aquaculture (Catfish)	4,000 lbs.	1.50	6,000
TOTAL			\$2,665,585

TOTAL CROPS & LIVESTOCK \$60,754,068

FORESTRY FACTS

Timberland Acres:	478,100	Direct Employees:	400
Government Acres:	187,400	Value of Standing Timber (Before Ivan):	\$550,000,000
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. (Note: Hurricane Ivan damaged a number of tree plantings that had to be clear-cut and taken out of the 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.
- ***** Approximately 4,400 acres of cropland were either left fallow or lost to development.

Santa Rosa County AG Facts

- 1) Florida's leader in conservation tillage. Growers continued to expand the adoption of conservation tillage in 2005 to approximately 31,500 acres (16,000 ac. cotton and 15,500 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 300 contracts.
- 5) Leads the state with the number of acres of Class I farmland.
- 6) The Santa Rosa County Farm Tour began in 1966 and is the longest running annual farm tour in the state. This is the 40th consecutive year.

Excess rainfall during late April and early May delayed cotton planting and stand establishment in most fields until after mid-May. Hurricane Dennis struck the county on July 10 resulting in extensive crop damage, which further delayed crop maturity. Adequate rainfall and good growing conditions followed until August 29 when winds from Hurricane Katrina caused additional crop damage. Adverse weather severely limited peanut production and potential record yields for cotton.

2005 Precipitation in Inches

(West Florida Research and Education Center, Jay Research Farm)

	<u>Jan.</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Apr.</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug.</u>	<u>Sept.</u>	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Dec.</u>
57-yr.	3.76	3.60	9.21	12.18	3.13	6.87	17.82	7.37	5.33	0.06	4.46	3.76
Avg.	5.28	4.98	6.49	4.81	4.19	7.58	7.97	6.47	6.57	3.62	4.47	4.97

Total Rainfall

	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>57-yr. Avg.</u>
	87.17	65.42	70.19	77.29	53.07	52.13	55.02	69.03	69.51	75.13	77.55	67.38

2005 Temperature °F

Max.	76.6	80.2	84.3	83.1	94.5	93.7	94.7	94.2	95.2	87.3	82.3	77.4
Min.	23.9	29.3	33.4	39.9	50.7	63.9	69.2	68.6	61.3	34.6	30.4	26.5