

# FLORIDA AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCE FACTS

- **Florida is 1<sup>st</sup> in the U.S.** in the value of production of cucumbers, grapefruit, squash, sugarcane, fresh market tomatoes, radishes, guavas, mangoes, passion fruit, watermelon and kumquats. Florida is also 1<sup>st</sup> in the U.S. in the value of production of several non-food products, including indoor foliage plants, cut flowers and cut florist greens, potted flowering plants, aquatic plants, and ornamental fish.
- Agricultural land (cropland and rangeland) and forest land make up nearly **2/3 of the state's land area**. This land is critical to our water supply, air quality, climate, wildlife habitat and outdoor recreation.
- Florida has **47,590 farm operations; 9.7 million acres of farmland**.
- Total direct output (sales revenues) of crop, livestock, forestry, and fisheries production was **\$10.2 billion** as of 2018 and these sectors directly supported **137,790 fulltime and part-time jobs**.
- Florida's agriculture, natural resource, and food industries supported **2.4 million fulltime and part-time jobs** throughout Florida's economy (14.2% of all jobs in the state), contributing **\$149.6 billion** to gross state product in 2018.

## Forest Products

- Florida has over **17 million acres of forestland** (nearly 1/2 the state's land area) including **4.63 million acres of planted timberland**.
- About **16 million tons of softwood and hardwood pulpwood and sawtimber**, valued at around **\$315 million**, is harvested annually from Florida forests.
- In 2016, Florida had **78 primary wood-using mills** and **363 secondary wood and paper product** manufacturers.
- Florida's forestry and forest product industries supported **124,104 fulltime and part-time jobs** throughout Florida's economy, contributing **\$10.96 billion** to gross state product in 2016.

## Citrus

- Florida had over **387,000 acres** of commercial citrus groves producing nearly **77 million boxes** of citrus fruit in 2019.
- Total production value was **\$1.09 billion** in 2018-19.
- Florida's citrus industry supported **37,431 fulltime and part-time** jobs throughout Florida's economy, contributing **\$2.73 billion** to gross state product during the 2018-19 season.

## Horticulture, Nursery & Landscaping

- Florida is the **2<sup>nd</sup> largest producer** of nursery and greenhouse crops in the U.S.
- Florida's environmental horticulture industry supported **247,113 fulltime and part-time jobs**, contributing **\$15.05 billion** to gross state product in 2018.

## Cattle

- over **5.4 million acres** of improved pasture, rangeland, and woodland are used for beef and dairy cattle production, representing **15.6%** of the state's land area.
- Florida has **1.63 million cattle and calves**, including **886,000 beef cows** and **124,000 dairy cows** as of 2018.
- Florida cattle and allied industry sectors supported **118,191 fulltime and part-time jobs**, contributing **\$7.65 billion** to gross state product in 2017.

## Other Top Crops

- Tomatoes: **27,000 acres; \$344 million** in total value in 2018
- Strawberries: **9,426 acres; \$292 million total value** in 2018
- Sugarcane: **412,300 acres; \$537 million total value** in 2018

## Commercial Fishing

- Key species targeted by commercial fishers in Florida include **shrimp, spiny lobster, stone and blue crabs**, and **reef fish** (snapper, grouper, amberjack, tilefish, etc.).
- Dockside value of Florida's commercial fishing landings was **\$221 million** in 2019.
- The commercial fishing industry supported **6,749 fulltime and part-time jobs** throughout the state, contributing **\$365 million** in gross state product in 2018.