FLORIDA AGRICULTURE FACTS

- Florida is 1st in the U.S. in the value of production of oranges, grapefruit and tropical foliage plants; 1st in production of sugarcane and sweet corn; 1st in snap beans, pickling, cucumbers, squash, watermelons, cut cultivated greens and fresh market tomatoes.
- Florida’s agricultural and natural resources industries manage about 2/3 of the state’s land area. This land is critical to our water supply, air quality, climate, wildlife habitat and outdoor recreation.
- Economic contributions: 13.8 percent of all jobs in the state in 2014. $155 billion in direct industry output; 2.2 million full- and part-time jobs; and $127.3 billion in value-added contribution to the state’s contribution to the Gross State Product in 2014.
- Florida has 47,740 farm operations; 9.5 million acres of farmland.
- Total value of production as of 2014 was $11 billion (direct output by crop, livestock, forestry, fisheries).
- Farmgate values of crops — $5.9 billion and 64,178 jobs as of 2014.

FOREST PRODUCTS
- We have 4.97 million acres of planted timberland; 77,621 forestry jobs; $6.59 billion in value-added contribution to GDP in 2014.
- Output contribution $16.08 billion in 2014.

CITRUS
- Commercial citrus groves: 459,100 acres
- Production in 2014-15 season was 5 million tons
- Total production value in 2014-15 was $1.34 billion
- Total citrus industry economic contribution = $10.68 billion and 62,000 jobs.

OTHER TOP CROPS
- Tomatoes: 33,000 acres; $437,000 million in total value in 2014
- Strawberries: 10,900 acres; $306.5 million total value in production in 2014
- Sugarcane: 392,000 acres; $505.4 million total value of production in 2013

CATTLE
- Nine of the top 25 beef cattle producers in the nation are in Florida.

INTERNATIONAL EXPORTS
- International exports of Florida’s agricultural products from Florida seaports and airports in 2014 were valued at $5.75 billion.

Information from the Florida Agriculture Facts publication produced in March 2016 and additional sources published 2016.