

# A Foundation of St. Johns County's Economy and Land Base: Agriculture and Natural Resources



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## Contributions to the Local Economy

# Pay To The Order Of...

**2006**

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The St. Johns County Economy

\$ 400,000,000+

Over 400 Million-----

Dollars

Memo

Contributions to Local Economy

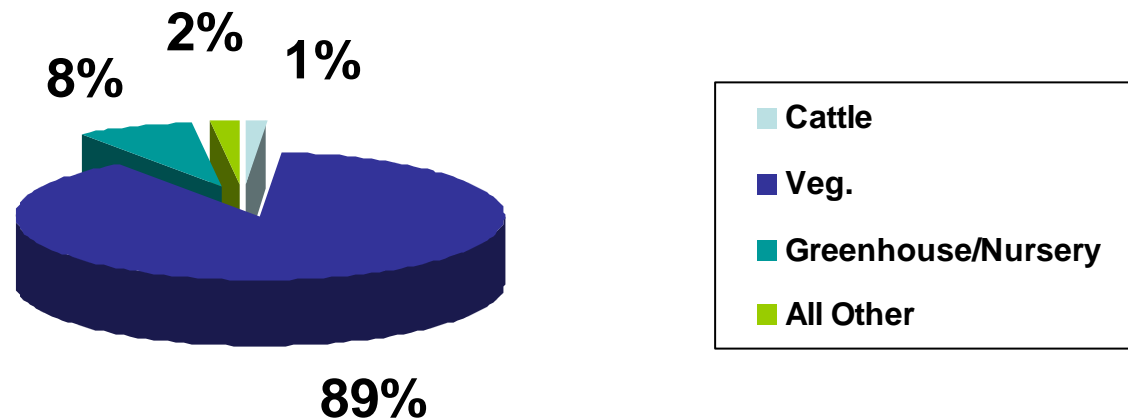
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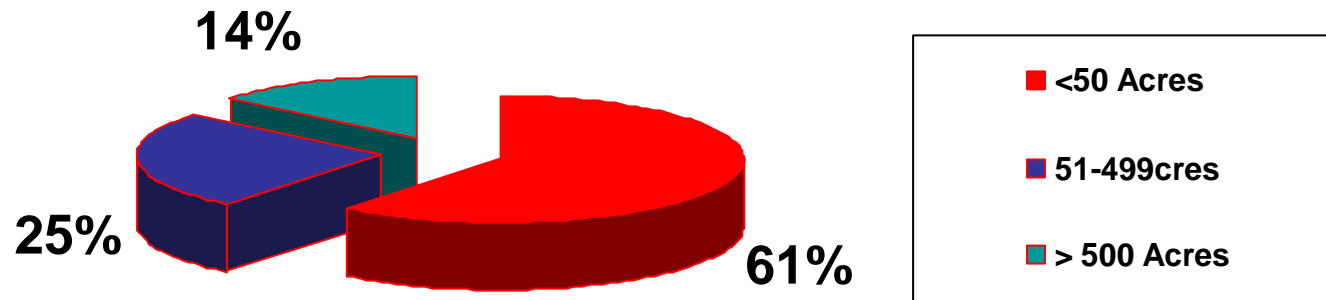
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# St. Johns County Farms by Sales Production Classification 2007 Census



2002 Census of Agriculture

# St. Johns County Farms by Farm Size 2007 (194 Total)



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**You Won't Grow The County  
Economy Or Individual Wealth By**

**"Takin-in Each Others Laundry"**

- ✓ Growth Is Faster When New  
Money Is Infused**

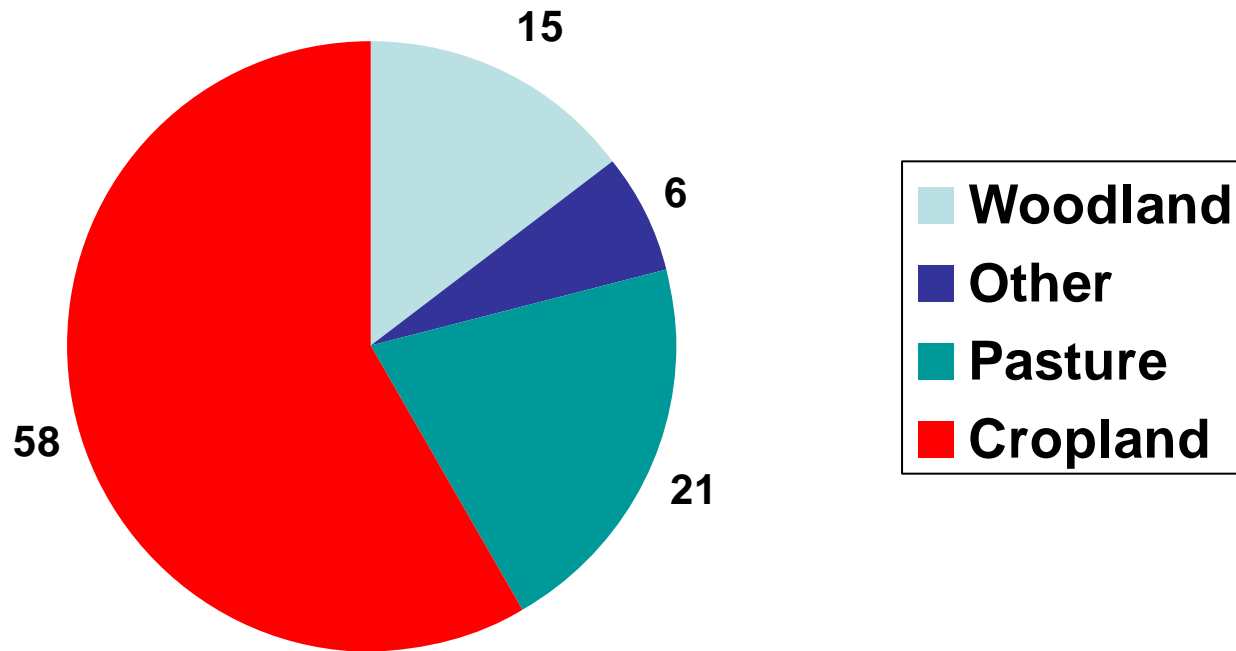
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Providing the Land Base for Future Economic and Community Growth



# St. Johns County Farms 2007 Land Use (Percent)



**33,546 Total Acres**

2007 Census

# Land in Farms (2007 Census)

County	2007	1997	% Change
St. Johns	33,546	49,631	(-33)
Putnam	74,482	85,794	(-13)
Flagler	58,396	87,737	(-34)
Total	166,424	223,162	(-26)

# Harvested Cropland

## 2007 Census

County	2007	1997	% Change
St. Johns	18,485	20,319	(-9)
Putnam	7,996	9,556	(-17)
Flagler	8,095	8,871	(-9)
Total	34,576	38,746	(-11)

# The Census Undercounts Land in Agriculture and Natural Resources

- ❖ St. Johns County Property Appraisers Office Tax Roll For Classified Agriculture Use Indicates
  - ❖ 1,526 Parcels
  - ❖ 185,801 Acres
  - ❖ About 31% of County Land Area Is In Agricultural or Natural Resource Use

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## Environmental and Other Benefits

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**Open Space**



**Water Recharge and Retention**



**Wildlife Habitat and Food**



**Locally Produced Fresh Food**



# Agriculture and Natural Resource Industries: Two Important Questions...

How and What Would the County Replace Agriculture and Natural Resource Industries With if They Decline

What Other Industry Group Would Provide The Benefits of:

- ❖ Size and Scope of Contributions to the Local Economy
- ❖ Economic Diversity, Entrepreneurship and Employment
- ❖ Providing the Land Base for Future Community Growth
- ❖ Environmental and Other Benefits