

SANTA ROSA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS - 2008

CROP	ACREAGE PLANTED	PRODUCTION PER ACRE	TOTAL PRODUCTION	UNIT \$ VALUE	GROSS \$ VALUE
Soybeans	2,255	44 bu.	99,220 bu.	8.25	818,565
Peanuts	20,940	3,822 lbs.	40,016 tons	0.25	20,008,170
Cotton	16,708	1,070 lbs.	36,023 bales	0.55	9,832,658
Cottonseed		1,327 lbs.	11,086 tons	200.00	2,217,152
Corn	600	105 bu.	63,000 bu.	4.25	267,750
Wheat *	1,450	50 bu.	72,500 bu.	5.25	380,625
Oats	200	50 bu.	10,000 bu.	3.00	30,000
Sorghum	50	55 bu.	2,750 bu.	3.75	10,313
Hay-Silage	6,834	4.0 tons	\$740 /acre		5,057,160
Improved Pasture	7,536		\$161 /acre		1,213,296
Native Pasture	10,000		\$38 /acre		380,000
Truck Crops	2,500		\$1,100 /acre		2,750,000
Watermelons	110		\$1,500 /acre		165,000
Pecans	229	600 lbs.	137,400 lbs.	0.85	116,790
Orna. Horticulture	**				12,000,000
CRP ***	5,047				176,645
				****	5,327,588
TOTAL	74,459 *****				\$60,751,711

LIVESTOCK	APPROXIMATE PRODUCTION	PER UNIT \$ VALUE	GROSS \$ VALUE
Beef			
(Breeding Cattle)	500 head	710.74	355,370
(Steers/Heifers)	3,500 head	536.48	1,877,680
Hogs (Market)	150 head	92.60	13,890
Goats	3,515 head	60.00	210,900
Aquaculture (Catfish)	2,500 lbs.	2.75	6,875
Quail	10,000 head	3.50	35,000
Equine	14,000 head		
TOTAL			\$2,499,715

TOTAL CROPS & LIVESTOCK \$63,251,426

FORESTRY FACTS

Timberland Acres:	474,426	Direct Employees:	400
(Public Land Acres:	225,343)		
(Forest Industry and Private Land:	249,083)	Forest Manufacturing Output	\$36,900,000

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.
- ***** Approximately 1,000 acres of cropland were either left fallow or converted to other use.

Santa Rosa County AG Facts

- 1) Florida's leader in the adoption of conservation tillage with approximately 35,000 acres for the major row crops of cotton, peanuts, and soybeans.
- 2) Florida's leader in cotton yields. In 1993, we were the U.S. leader in dryland cotton yield per acre and we broke our own record in 2006.
- 3) Second in the state in total peanut acreage and production. Usually rank first in average yields per acre and in crop quality. Because of the high quality, the majority of our peanuts are used for seed peanuts.
- 4) Leads the state with the number of acres of Class I farmland.
- 5) The Santa Rosa County Farm Tour began in 1966 and is the longest running annual farm tour of its kind in the state. This is the 43rd consecutive year.

2008 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>
	7.31	4.96	2.63	1.46	4.45	4.11	4.70	7.22	1.82	3.56	2.18	5.26
60-yr. Avg.	5.29	4.94	6.26	4.72	4.13	7.35	7.84	6.43	6.39	3.69	4.41	4.91

Total Rainfall

<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>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>60-yr. Avg.</u>
77.29	53.07	52.13	55.02	69.03	69.51	75.13	77.55	41.86	48.08	49.66	66.34

2008 Temperature °F

Max.	76.3	74.0	77.4	85.3	90.0	92.3	94.9	93.2	90.1	85.4	79.8	75.3
Min.	19.4	26.6	28.8	36.0	49.2	63.3	63.4	60.9	50.5	30.3	23.8	25.6