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Florida Production Budgets and Agribusiness Analysis[1]

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This document presents access information and a listing of production budgets for livestock and the following crops: citrus, field, forage, fruit and nuts, tropical fruits and vegetables, and vegetables. Also, included is a web link to a business analysis of ornamental plant nurseries for various areas of Florida (a shortened version of the business analysis can be found on the EDIS website). These reports are produced and maintained by the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS), Food and Resource Economics Department (FRED), and are available through the department website (http://www.fred.ifas.ufl.edu) under the link entitled Extension Programs. In total, 118 current production reports are available, many with historical archives.

The budgets presented in this report are intended to reflect the cost of production incurred when production practices that are considered typical for any given crop in a given area are followed. What constitutes a typical production practice for each crop was defined by a consensus of opinion between UF/IFAS personnel and various producers in each production area. It should be emphasized that cost estimates resulting from this process should not be considered as representing the average cost of production in a statistical sense nor should they be considered as necessarily relating to recommended production practices. The intent of these cost budgets is to establish a benchmark within the range of actual costs that could be expected to produce the crop. An interactive tool to prepare personalized production budgets in a generalized format similar to those listed can be found at the Food and Resource Economics Department website under Extension Programs, Florida Commodity Budgets, Tropical Fruits and Vegetables (Interactive Tools).

The business analysis of ornamental nurseries presents information on sales, production, costs, assets and liabilities, and efficiency indicators for wholesale ornamental plant nurseries in Florida. Nursery products represented among the sampled firms include container- and field-grown woody ornamentals, tropical foliage, flowering plants, and cut foliage. The information presented was made possible by the owners and managers of cooperating wholesale ornamental plant nursery firms that made their records available on a confidential basis for analysis. Additional assistance was provided by University of Florida Extension ornamental horticultural agents. It should be noted that these data are not budgets in the usual sense of a listing of per acre quantities and costs, but rather are whole firm averages for operating expenses. There is a new

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interactive system for financial benchmark analysis at the Food and Resource Economics Department website under Extension Programs, Horticultural Business Mangement.

Table 1 contains information for each production area and crop listed below, along with hyperlinks to the data and the appropriate contact person(s).

- Citrus
- Field Crops
- Forage Crops
- Fruit and Nuts
- Livestock
- Ornamental Nurseries
- Tropical Fruit and Vegetables
- Vegetables

Table 1. All available commodity budgets.

ALL AVAILABLE COMMODITY BUDGETS

CITRUS

Central Florida	Indian River	Southwest

Contact person(s): Ron Muraro, Citrus Research and Education Center (CREC), Lake Alfred, FL

FIELD CROPS

Dryland Corn	Peanuts	Tobacco, Flue Cured
Irrigated Corn	Peanuts, Irrigated	Tobacco, Hand Harvested
Strip Till Corn	Peanuts, Additional Acreage	Tobacco, Mechanical
Cotton, Conventional	Sorghum	Wheat, Intensively Managed
Cotton, RR Dryland	Sorghum, Double-Cropped	Wheat
Cotton, Strip Till, Bt RR Dryland	Soybeans	
Cotton, Strip Till, Bt Irrigated	Soybeans, Double-Cropped	

Contact person(s): Tim Hewitt or John Smith, North Florida Research and Education Center, Marianna, FL

FORAGE CROPS

NORTH FLORIDA

Aeschyno	Oats	Rye on Bahia
Alfalfa Hay	Pearl Millet	Rye-Ryegrass
Bahai	Perennial Peanut	Rye-Ryegrass-Clover
Bermuda	Red Clover	Star-Limpos-Digitgrass
Crimson Clover	Rhodes Grass	Sorghum-Sudan
Millet	Ryegrass	

Contact person(s): Tim Hewitt or John Smith, North Florida Research and Education Center (NFREC), Marianna

SOUTH FLORIDA

Bahia, Establishment on Native/Flatwood
Bahia, Establishment on Previous Established
Bahia, Growing Costs
Digit, Star, Bermuda, Establishment on Native/Flatwood
Digit, Star, Bermuda, Establishment on Previous Established
Digit, Growing Cost
Star, Bermuda, Growing Cost
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Contact person(s): Scott Smith, Food and Resource Economics Department, University of Florida-Gainesville

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FRUITS AND NUTS

Blackberries	Bunch Grapes	Peaches
Blueberries	Muscadine Grapes	Pecans

Contact person(s): Tim Hewitt or John Smith, North Florida Research and Education Center (NFREC), Marianna

LIVESTOCK

Cattle

Contact person(s): Tim Hewitt or John Smith, North Florida Research and Education Center (NFREC), Marianna

ORNAMENTAL NURSERIES

WOODY ORNAMENTAL:	Container-Grown	Field-Grown
OTHER:	Tropical Foliage	Flowering Plants

Contact person(s): Alan Hodges, Food and Resource Economicis Department, University of Florida-Gainesville

TROPICAL FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

FRUIT CROPS

Avocado	Guava	Melon
Banana	Lemon-Lime	Orange
Carambola	Longan	Papaya
Cherry	Lychee	Pineapple
Fig	Mamey Sapote	Strawberry
Grape	Mandarin	
Grapefruit	Mango	

VEGETABLES

Asparagus	Cucumber	Table Potato
Bell Pepper	Garlic	Spinach
Bush Bean	Leek	Summer Squash
Cabbage	Lettuce	Sweet Corn
Carrot	Onion	Tomato
Celery	Pea	

Contact person(s): Scott Smith or Edward "Gilly" Evans
Smith: Food and Resource Economics Department, University of Florida-Gainesville
Evans: Tropical Research and Education Center (TREC), Homestead

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VEGETABLES

NORTH FLORIDA

Bell Pepper	Okra	Squash
Cantaloupe	Onion	Sweeet Corn
Collard Green	Snap Bean	Tomato
Cucumber (on Plastic)	Southern Pea	Watermelon
Lima Bean		

Contact person(s): Tim Hewitt or John Smith, North Florida Research and Education Center, Marianna

CENTRAL & SOUTH FLORIDA

Bush Bean	Eggplant	Summer Squash
Cabbage	Green Pepper	Strawberry
Sweet Corn	Chip Potato	Tomato
Cucumber	Table Potato	Watermelon

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