

FLORIDA.

Population 391,422.....Dem. Plur. in 1892, 25,300

Dem. vote, 30,143; Peop. 4,843.

STATE CAPITAL, TALLAHASSEE.

FLORIDA is bounded north by Alabama and Georgia, east by the Atlantic Ocean, south and west by the Gulf of Mexico and Alabama. The peninsular portion of the State is about 375 miles long by an average breadth of 90 miles; the upper portion 890 miles from east to west by from 30 to 50 miles from north to south; land area, 58,680 square miles. The surface is diversified with numerous lakes, the largest, Okeechobee, being 40 miles long by about 30 miles broad. There is a coast line of about 1150 miles, while the water surface comprises one fifteenth of the whole. The largest portion of the southern part of the peninsula is occupied by the Everglades, an evergreen marsh or swamp, impassable in the rainy season, and resembling an immense lake dotted with innumerable islands of from half an acre to hundreds of acres in extent, the whole comprising over 2,000,000 acres. From the northern end of the swamp to Georgia is mostly a dead level, with occasional undulations and small hills. West of the neck of the peninsula the surface becomes a little more uneven; the central portion is the most fertile, but there are many pine barrens there. There are numerous gentle eminences called hammocks, which are remarkably fertile, as are also the swamp lands when ditched and drained. Sugar cane is raised chiefly along the Gulf coast. Both long and short staple cotton and tobacco are grown, but corn and rice are the principal cereals. Oranges, lemons, limes, pineapples, figs, olives, and grapes flourish luxuriantly; garden vegetables are largely produced, for the northern market, while of recent years the shipment of oranges north has become very important. Cattle require little care, are not housed in winter, and large numbers are raised and shipped to Havana. Hogs fatten on the roots and mast of the forest. Sponge is found on many parts of the coast. Manufactures of pine lumber, ship timber, tar, rosin, turpentine, cotton seed oil and cake, palmetto bats and brads; salt is made by solar evaporation; cigars are manufactured at Key West and Ybor City, near Tampa, in large quantities. During 1887 a great impetus was given to the growing of tobacco. In June, 1889, deposits of phosphate rock were discovered, supposed to underlie parts of 8 or 10 counties, and to be of very great quantity. They are being developed, and will doubtless prove of high commercial value. There are considerable fisheries, the inland and coast waters being full of fish; oysters are abundant, and the sponge and coral fisheries are of importance. There are 45 Counties in Florida; newspapers are published in 42

ALACHUA CO. (N.).....Pop. 22,934

Dem. vote in 1892, 1,447; Peo. 234; Pro. 36.

Undulating; soil fertile. Products—Cotton, corn, oats, potatoes, oranges, sugar, molasses, and early vegetables. COUNTY SEAT, Gainesville, pop. 2,790.

Evening Ledger (evg.)	Dem.	Gainesville	†	.....	Circ
—see Ledger					
Ledger	Dem.	"		.....
Sun (supra.)	Dem.	"		.....	1,020
Sun	Dem.	"		.....	12,300
Bee	.....	Local	Hawthorn	.....
Sentinel	.....	Local	High Springs	.....
Alachua Co Courier	Dem.	Micanopy		.....
Miner	.....	Dem.	Newberry	.....
Advertiser	.....		Waldo	.....

BAKER CO. (N.E.).....Pop. 3,333

Dem. vote in 1892, 187; Peo. 154.

Nearly level; the Okefinokee swamp in the northwest portion; soil sandy. Products—Cotton, corn, oats, sweet potatoes, sugar, and molasses in small quantities. Southern fruits generally; turpentine, rosin, lumber exported. COUNTY SEAT, Macclenny, pop. 384.

Baker County Press	.....	Local	Macclenny	†	.....	Circ
Sentinel	.....				1182	
	.....	Pop	"			

BRADFORD CO. (N.).....Pop. 7,516

Dem. vote in 1892, 551; Peo. 139; Pro. 4.

Nearly level; soil fertile in places. Products—Cotton, corn, oats, sweet potatoes, rice, oranges, sugar, molasses; live stock. COUNTY SEAT, Starke, pop. 668.

Advocate	.....	Dem.	Hampton	.....
Rome-seeker (mo.)	.....		Tumig	"	
Bulletin	.....	Dem.	Lake Butler	.....
Bradford Co. Telegraph	Dem.	Starke	†	.....	700

BREVARD CO. (S.E.).....Pop. 3,401

Dem. vote in 1892, 449; Peo. 38; Pro. 21.

Several low sand islands lying along the coast, separated from mainland by the Indian River; surface low and flat, with numerous cedar swamps. Products—Corn, sweet potatoes, rice; sub-tropical fruits; stock raising the chief industry. COUNTY SEAT, Titusville, pop. 746.

Times	.....	Local	Melbourne	.....	Circ
Florida Star	.....	Cons.	Titusville	†	1360
Indian River Advocate	Ind.	Dem.	"	.....	1380

CALHOUN CO. (N.W.).....Pop. 1,681

Dem. vote in 1892, 155; Peo. 56.

Low and level; soil sandy. Products—Cotton, tobacco, corn, sweet potatoes, rice, molasses, and pork in small quantities. COUNTY SEAT, Blountstown, pop. —.

Calhoun News	Dem.	Wewahatchee	1480
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CIRCULATION: † Publishers' reports. Roman figures—estimated. * Sworn.
POPULATION: Census of 1890. * Estimated. † County Seat.