



INDIAN
RIVER
COUNTY,
FLORIDA



ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT

Agriculture & Aquaculture

Indian River County has a strong history of agriculture. The climate is favorable to growing citrus, and Indian River grapefruit is world-renowned. Indian River County is also becoming an important hub in Florida's burgeoning \$100 million aquaculture industry. A number of aquaculture businesses, research facilities, and organizations are located here, with more continuing to move into and expand in the area.



Representative Employers

Company	Industry	Employees
B & W Quality Growers	Agriculture - Arugula	200+
Premier Citrus	Citrus Groves, Wholesale Fruit Packaging	100-199
Riverfront Groves	Citrus Groves, Wholesale Fruit Packaging	50-99
Hale Groves/ Southern Fulfillment	Citrus & Gourmet Food Gifts	50-99
Parabel	Plant-Based Protein Manufacturing	100-199
Syngenta Agricultural Research Center	Pest Management Research	25-49
Seald Sweet International	Citrus Distribution	1-24
Peace River Citrus	Citrus Processing	1-24

1st **FLORIDA IS #1**
IN THE U.S. FOR THESE FARMED FISH:

- GROUPE
- PINK SHRIMP
- POMFANO
- SPINY LOBSTERS
- MULLET
- SPANISH MACKEREL
- STONE CRAB

(<http://www.freshfromflorida.com>)

2nd **INDIAN RIVER COUNTY IS #2**
OUT OF ALL U.S. COUNTIES IN
GRAPEFRUIT PRODUCTION
(Source: USDA Census of Agriculture, 2012)

8th **FLORIDA IS #8**
OUT OF ALL U.S. STATES IN
FRESH SEAFOOD PRODUCTION
(<http://www.freshfromflorida.com>)

10th **INDIAN RIVER COUNTY IS #10**
OUT OF ALL U.S. COUNTIES IN
ORANGE PRODUCTION
(Source: USDA Census of Agriculture, 2012)

13th **INDIAN RIVER COUNTY IS #13**
OUT OF ALL U.S. COUNTIES FOR EMPLOYMENT
IN THE AGRICULTURAL SERVICES SECTOR
(Source: USDA Census of Agriculture, 2012)

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Seald Sweet
INTERNATIONAL

PARABEL



Wages & Workforce

The great value provided by the agricultural labor force in Indian River County gives employers a competitive advantage. Wages are consistently lower than the averages for Florida, the surrounding states, and for the U.S. as a whole.

	Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA	GA	SC	AL	MS	LA
Mean Hourly Wage (Overall)	\$18.92	\$21.84	\$19.51	\$20.15	\$18.08	\$19.62
Graders and Sorters, Agricultural Products	\$8.84	\$10.40	\$11.23	\$11.11	\$10.53	\$14.44
Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, & Greenhouse	\$8.88	\$11.03	\$11.97	\$10.35	\$9.85	\$12.01
First-Line Supervisors	\$13.49	\$23.79	\$25.84	\$23.23	\$22.15	\$26.52

(Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2015)



Transportation

Indian River County's convenient access to highways, rail, airports, and seaports make it easy to ship products, no matter where in the world your markets are located.

Education & Research

Indian River State College

- Five campuses offering programs in a variety of fields including agriculture, agriculture production technology/aquaculture, and agriculture economics

Florida Institute of Technology - Vero Beach Marine Laboratory

- Offers Bachelors, Masters, and PhD. degrees in aquaculture, biotechnology, ecology, marine biology, coastal zone management, environmental science, oceanography, and ocean engineering

Florida Atlantic University - Harbor Branch

- Undergraduate "Semester at Sea" and courses in marine sciences
- Graduate courses and degrees in biology, integrative biology, and environmental sciences



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