

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.



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

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- GROUPER PINK SHRIMP POMPANO • SPINY LOBSTE
 - SPINY LOBSTERS
 SPANISH MACKET
 - SPANISH MACKEREL

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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

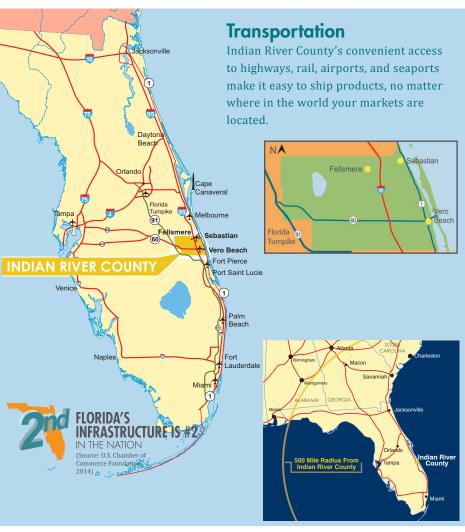


Wages & Workforce

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)





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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