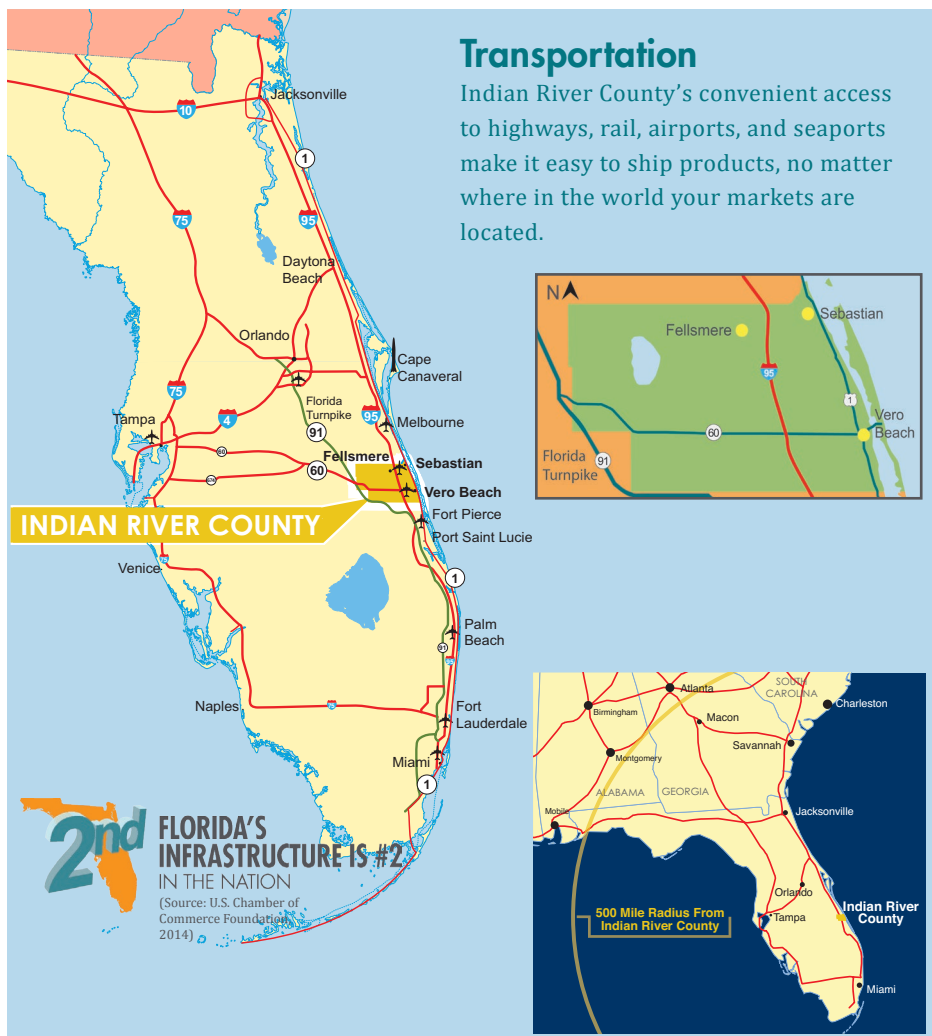
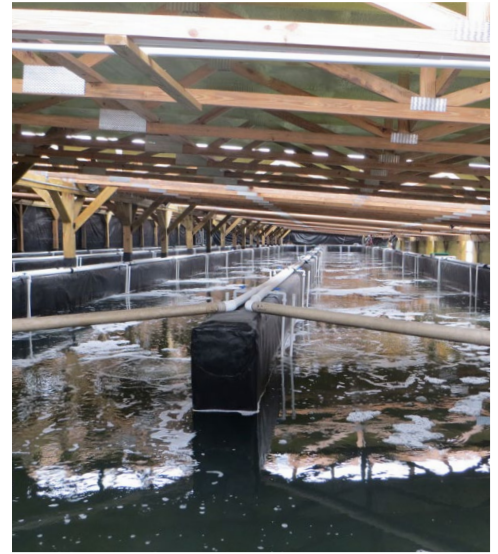


Wages & Workforce

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	US
Mean Hourly Wage (Overall)	\$21.11	\$28.47	\$23.10	\$25.25	\$21.07	\$31.02
Graders and Sorters, Agricultural Products	\$11.34	\$12.32	N/A	\$13.22	\$12.96	\$14.89
Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, & Greenhouse	\$10.98	\$11.97	\$13.01	\$11.25	\$12.07	\$14.36
First-Line Supervisors	\$21.58	\$26.02	\$28.17	\$28.56	\$26.10	\$24.42

(Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2020)



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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