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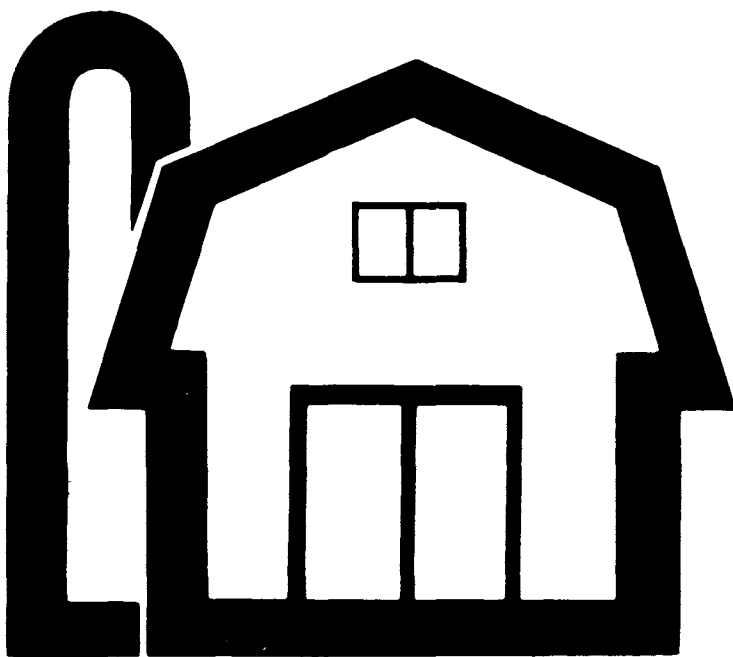
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## HISTORY

The census of agriculture provides a periodic statistical picture of the Nation's farming, ranching, and related activities. The 1982 Census of Agriculture is the 22d taken by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

The first agriculture census was taken in 1840 as part of the sixth decennial census of population. From 1840 to 1950, an agriculture census was taken as part of the decennial census. A separate mid-decade census of agriculture was conducted in 1925, 1935, and 1945. From 1954 to 1974, a census of agriculture was taken for the years ending in 4 and 9. In 1976, Congress authorized the census of agriculture to be taken for 1978 and 1982 to adjust the data reference year to coincide with the 1982 Economic Censuses covering manufacturing, mining, construction, retail trade, wholesale trade, service industries, and selected transportation activities. After 1982, the agriculture census will revert to a 5-year cycle and be taken covering years ending in 2 and 7.

## USES OF THE CENSUS

The census of agriculture is the leading source of statistics about the Nation's agriculture and the only source of consistent, comparable data about agriculture at the county, State, and national levels. Census statistics are used by Congress in developing and changing farm programs and for determining the effects of these programs. Many national and State programs affecting agriculture are designed or allocated on the basis of census data, such as funds for extension services, research, and soil conservation projects. Private industry uses census statistics to provide a more effective production and distribution system for the farm community.

## AUTHORITY AND AREA COVERED

The census of agriculture is required by law under title 13, United States Code, sections 142(a) and 191, which directs that the census be taken in 1979, in 1983, and in every fifth year after 1983 covering the prior year. The 1982 census includes each State, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands of the United States.

## FARM DEFINITION

Since 1850, when minimum criteria defining a farm for census purposes were first established, the farm definition has been changed nine times. The current definition, first used for the 1974 final reports, is any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or normally would have been sold during the census year. The previous definition (used for the 1959, 1964, and 1969 censuses, and for the 1974 preliminary reports) was any place with less than 10 acres from which \$250 or more of agricultural products were sold or normally would have been sold during the census year, or any place of 10 acres or more from which \$50 or more of agricultural products were sold or normally would have been sold during the census year.

## COMPARABILITY OF DATA

All censuses since 1969 were conducted primarily by mail. To improve the coverage of the 1978 census, especially in counting the number of small farms, the mailout/mailback enumeration was supplemented by the direct enumeration of all households in approximately 6,400 sample segments in rural areas in all States, except Alaska and Hawaii. Due to budget reductions, the direct enumeration area sample was eliminated for 1982.

The U.S., region, and State data for 1978 shown in the 1978 Census of Agriculture publications included data for farms represented on the mail list plus estimates from the area sample for farms not on the mail list. The 1978 county data included only farms represented on the mail list as the sample was not large enough to provide reliable estimates for each county.

To provide comparable data for 1982 and 1978, estimates from the 1978 area sample have been subtracted from the 1978 data. Thus, the 1978 data in this report include only farms represented on the mail list. Appendix B includes a detailed discussion of the effect of the area sample on census comparability.

In general, data for 1982, 1978, and 1974 are not fully comparable with data for 1969 and earlier censuses due to changes in the farm definition. Data on acreages and inventories for 1982 and 1978 are generally comparable. Dollar figures shown for expenses and agricultural product sales have not been adjusted for changes in price levels between census years.

## TABULAR PRESENTATION

**State data**—In chapter 1, State tables 1 through 43 show detailed State level data usually accompanied by historical data for one or more past censuses. Tables 44 through 50 provide 1982 State data cross-tabulated by various farm classifications.

**County data**—Selected data items are presented by county in chapter 2. Tables 1 through 16 include general data for all counties. The counties are listed in alphabetical order in the

column headings. In tables 17 through 36, only counties reporting the data item are included in the table stub. Counties not having the item, or with a limited number of farms reporting the item, are not listed separately. Data for these counties are combined and presented as "all other counties."

## PRELIMINARY REPORTS

Preliminary reports have been published separately for each county with 10 farms or more in 1982, each State, and the United States. This series provided, at the earliest possible date, information on major data items together with comparable final data from the 1978 census. The data items were standard except in tables 4 and 5 where the selected crops varied by State according to their relative importance.

For farms, land in farms, livestock inventories, and other major items at the county level, differences between the preliminary and final figures are generally less than 5 percent. At the State level, differences are significantly less.

## MICROFICHE AND COMPUTER TAPES

The data in this report and final data for individual counties are available on microfiche. The final microfiche county tables have the same format as the county preliminary report. Also, computer tapes are available for the same summary statistics that are found in the preliminary and volume 1 reports. Microfiche reports are sold by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. Computer tapes are sold by the Customer Services Branch, Data User Services Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

## UNPUBLISHED DATA

Copies of computer printouts of the following unpublished county summary tables are available:

- Land in Farms With Cropland Harvested and Land in Farms and Cropland Harvested on Irrigated Farms, by Size of Farm: 1982
- Owned and Rented Land—Farms, Land in Farms, and Value of Land and Buildings: 1982
- Farms With Grazing Permits: 1982

Other special unpublished tables and summaries on computer tape can be developed to individual user specifications.

Inquiries about the availability and cost of unpublished tabulations should be directed to the Chief, Agriculture Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

## CENSUS DISCLOSURE RULES

In keeping with the provisions of title 13, United States Code, no data are published that would disclose the operations of an individual farm. However, the number of farms in a given size category or other classification is not considered a disclosure, so this information may be given even though other information is withheld.

## DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Appendix A includes definitions and explanations of selected terms used in the tables.

## "SEE TEXT" REFERENCE

Items in the tables which are followed by the reference "see text" are explained or defined in appendix A.

## INVENTORIES, PRODUCTION, AND SALES DATA

Inventories of livestock, poultry, and machinery and equipment are as of December 31 of the census year. Crop and livestock production, sales, and expense data are for the calendar year, except for a few crops (such as citrus) for which the production year overlaps the calendar year.

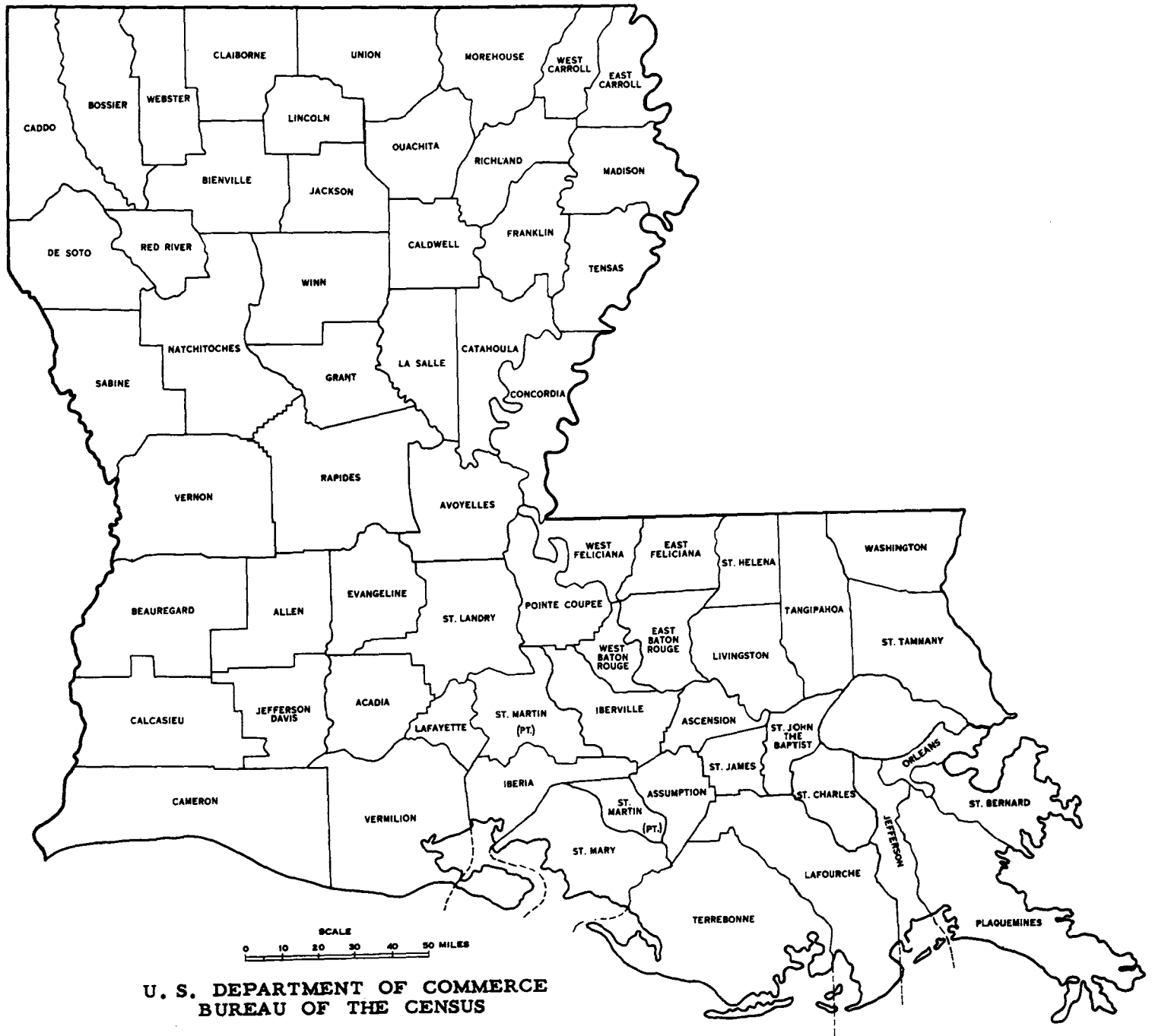
## ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

The following abbreviations and symbols are used throughout the tables:

- |         |   |
|---------|---|
| —       | Represents zero.  |
| (D)     | Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms. |
| (X)     | Not applicable.   |
| (Z)     | Less than half of the unit shown.                       |
| (NA)    | Not available.  |
| (IC)    | Independent city.                                       |
| cwt.    | Hundredweight.  |
| sq. ft. | Square feet.  |



# LOUISIANA



# Highlights of the State's Agriculture: 1982 and 1978

[Dollar figures are in current dollars with no adjustment for price changes. For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	All farms			Farms with sales of \$10,000 or more		
	1982	1978	Percent change from 1978 to 1982	1982	1978	Percent change from 1978 to 1982
Farms..... number.....	31 628	31 370	.8	11 480	12 446	-7.8
Land in farms..... acres.....	8 926 827	9 295 029	-3.9	7 172 375	7 437 483	-3.8
Average size of farm..... acres.....	282	296	-4.7	625	598	4.5
Value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :..... dollars.....	381 817	290 454	31.5	815 194	573 283	42.2
Average per farm..... dollars.....	1 351	981	37.7	1 299	960	35.3
Farms by size:						
1 to 9 acres.....	2 461	1 698	44.9	245	202	21.3
10 to 49 acres.....	9 411	8 418	11.8	614	545	12.7
50 to 179 acres.....	9 565	10 322	-7.3	2 624	3 038	-13.6
180 to 499 acres.....	5 632	6 163	-8.6	3 825	4 298	-11.0
500 to 999 acres.....	2 617	2 798	-6.5	2 338	2 513	-7.0
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	1 343	1 383	-2.9	1 262	1 299	-2.8
2,000 acres or more.....	599	590	1.5	572	551	3.8
Harvested cropland..... farms.....	21 991	23 528	-6.5	10 444	11 394	-8.3
acres.....	4 699 323	4 838 520	-2.9	4 445 830	4 550 167	-2.3
Irrigated land..... farms.....	3 693	3 789	-2.8	2 918	2 886	1.1
acres.....	693 698	681 056	1.9	684 538	663 838	3.1
Market value of agricultural products sold..... \$1,000.....	1 406 458	1 211 920	16.1	1 349 391	1 150 725	17.3
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse products..... farms.....	14 049	15 842	-11.3	8 715	9 608	-9.3
\$1,000.....	894 976	839 265	18.6	976 792	816 960	19.6
Livestock, poultry, and their products..... farms.....	19 944	20 483	-2.6	5 274	6 130	-14.0
\$1,000.....	411 482	372 655	10.4	372 600	333 785	11.6
Farms by standard industrial classification:						
Cash grains (011).....	7 365	8 749	-15.8	5 268	6 116	-13.9
Field crops, except cash grains (013).....	3 569	3 785	-5.7	2 320	2 258	2.7
Vegetables and melons (016).....	636	532	19.5	110	82	34.1
Fruits and tree nuts (017).....	411	426	-3.5	42	56	-25.0
Horticultural specialties (018).....	404	365	10.7	204	151	35.1
General farms, primarily crop (019).....	454	447	1.6	74	162	-54.3
Livestock, except dairy, poultry, and animal specialties (021).....	15 567	14 618	6.5	1 783	1 915	-6.9
Dairy farms (024).....	1 065	1 207	-11.8	1 026	1 143	-10.2
Poultry and eggs (025).....	589	525	12.2	429	426	.7
Animal specialties (027).....	1 231	478	157.5	212	117	81.2
General farms, primarily livestock (029).....	337	238	41.6	12	20	-40.0
Farms by type of organization:						
Individual or family.....	28 255	27 813	1.6	9 339	10 018	-6.8
Partnership.....	2 402	2 643	-9.1	1 473	1 699	-13.3
Corporation.....	724	748	-3.2	593	680	-12.8
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.....	247	166	48.8	75	49	53.1
Tenure of operator:						
Full owners.....	18 524	17 291	7.1	3 776	3 715	1.6
Part owners.....	9 226	9 827	-6.1	5 309	6 101	-13.0
Tenants.....	3 878	4 252	-8.8	2 395	2 630	-8.9
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming.....	14 629	15 283	-4.3	9 074	9 844	-7.8
Other.....	16 999	16 087	5.7	2 406	2 602	-7.5
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :						
Feed for livestock and poultry..... \$1,000.....	169 501	140 153	20.9	155 848	128 004	21.8
Commercial fertilizer..... \$1,000.....	95 050	81 354	16.8	88 101	74 814	17.8
Other agricultural chemicals <sup>2</sup> ..... \$1,000.....	117 109	76 231	53.6	114 632	73 117	56.8
Energy and petroleum products..... \$1,000.....	139 294	85 579	62.8	128 524	76 960	67.0
Hired farm labor..... \$1,000.....	107 345	101 312	6.0	102 233	95 982	6.5
Livestock and poultry inventory:						
Cattle and calves..... farms.....	20 049	19 532	2.6	4 786	5 584	-14.3
number.....	1 003 833	1 052 216	-4.6	611 732	673 259	-9.1
Milk cows..... farms.....	2 652	3 134	-15.4	1 255	1 510	-16.9
number.....	100 159	112 316	-10.8	95 687	106 817	-10.4
Hogs and pigs..... farms.....	2 188	3 047	-28.2	444	702	-36.8
number.....	55 657	73 475	-24.3	37 486	42 527	-11.9
Chickens 3 months old or older..... farms.....	3 891	4 429	-12.1	586	850	-31.1
number.....	2 679 741	3 875 182	-30.8	2 582 180	3 772 388	-31.6
Crops harvested:						
Sorghum for grain or seed..... farms.....	619	136	355.1	544	96	466.7
acres.....	115 847	12 956	794.0	113 151	12 227	825.4
Wheat for grain..... farms.....	1 962	132	1 386.4	1 679	108	1 454.6
acres.....	379 289	13 030	2 810.9	369 675	12 421	2 876.2
Rice..... farms.....	2 508	2 690	-6.8	2 279	2 376	-4.1
acres.....	572 919	598 432	-4.4	567 997	590 239	-3.8
Cotton..... farms.....	2 371	2 531	-6.3	1 992	1 942	2.6
acres.....	562 581	510 107	10.3	554 493	496 574	11.7
Soybeans for beans..... farms.....	8 047	9 777	-17.7	6 081	7 093	-14.3
acres.....	2 638 249	2 969 049	-11.1	2 562 573	2 868 746	-10.7
Sugarcane for sugar..... farms.....	709	1 013	-30.0	623	833	-25.2
acres.....	251 237	297 361	-15.5	249 771	291 771	-14.4
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)..... farms.....	10 441	10 607	-1.6	3 146	3 598	-12.6
acres.....	348 497	366 272	-4.9	212 597	234 086	-9.2

<sup>1</sup>Data are based on a sample of farms.

<sup>2</sup>Data for 1978 include the cost of lime which was not collected in 1982.