

2002 Census of Agriculture State Profile

Louisiana

Number of farms

27,413 farms in 2002, 30,425 farms in 1997, down 10 percent.

Land in farms

7,830,664 acres in 2002, 8,367,843 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

Average size of farm

286 acres in 2002, 275 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$1,815,803,000 in 2002, \$2,142,630,000 in 1997, down 15 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,065,611,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$750,192,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

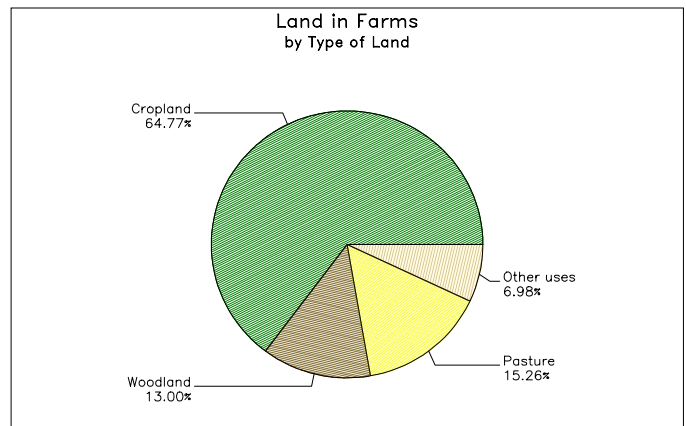
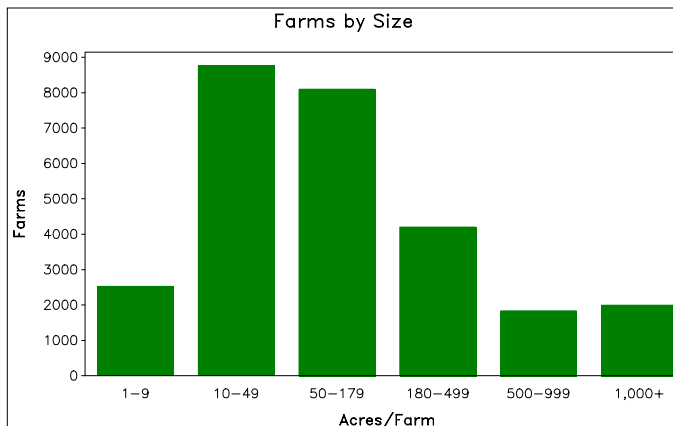
\$66,239 in 2002, \$70,423 in 1997, down 6 percent.

Government Payments

\$123,599,000 in 2002, \$72,271,000 in 1997, up 71 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$16,345 in 2002, \$10,118 in 1997, up 62 percent.



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Ranked items within U.S., 2002

Item	Quantity	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	1,815,803	33	50
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,065,611	28	50
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	750,192	37	50
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)			
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	368,691	23	50
Tobacco	(D)	(D)	23
Cotton and cottonseed	158,806	8	17
Vegetables, melons, potatoes and sweet potatoes	40,319	31	50
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	50
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	87,833	31	50
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	50
Other crops and hay	396,391	8	50
Poultry and eggs	417,755	20	50
Cattle and calves	170,569	37	50
Milk and other dairy products from cows	82,866	33	50
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	50
Sheep, goats, and their products	392	47	50
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	50
Aquaculture	41,285	7	50
Other animals and other animal products	24,979	7	50
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)			
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	44,826,256	10	50
Layers 20 weeks old and older	2,098,325	32	50
Cattle and calves	855,717	34	50
Horses and ponies	47,788	33	50
Quail	34,838	23	50
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)			
Soybeans	660,650	18	41
Rice	538,518	2	10
All Cotton	474,784	9	17
Sugrcane for sugar	471,628	1	4
Corn for grain	461,782	20	49

Other State Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	7,948
\$1,000 to \$2,499	3,890
\$2,500 to \$4,999	3,203
\$5,000 to \$9,999	3,194
\$10,000 to \$19,999	2,435
\$20,000 to \$24,999	604
\$25,000 to \$39,999	970
\$40,000 to \$49,999	449
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,295
\$100,000 to \$249,999	1,529
\$250,000 to \$499,999	944
\$500,000 or more	952
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	1,615,624
Average per farm (\$)	58,977
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	383,542
Average per farm (\$)	14,000

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	14,805
Other	12,608
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	24,866
Female	2,547
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.1
All operators ² by race:	
White	35,170
Black or African American	2,317
American Indian or Alaska Native	169
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	6
Asian	46
More than one race	110
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	634

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.