

# 2002 Census of Agriculture Parish Profile

## Lafayette, Louisiana

### Number of farms

715 farms in 2002, 789 farms in 1997, down 9 percent.

### Land in farms

74,803 acres in 2002, 96,360 acres in 1997, down 22 percent.

### Average size of farm

105 acres in 2002, 122 acres in 1997, down 14 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$20,273,000 in 2002, \$25,296,000 in 1997, down 20 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$17,896,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$2,377,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

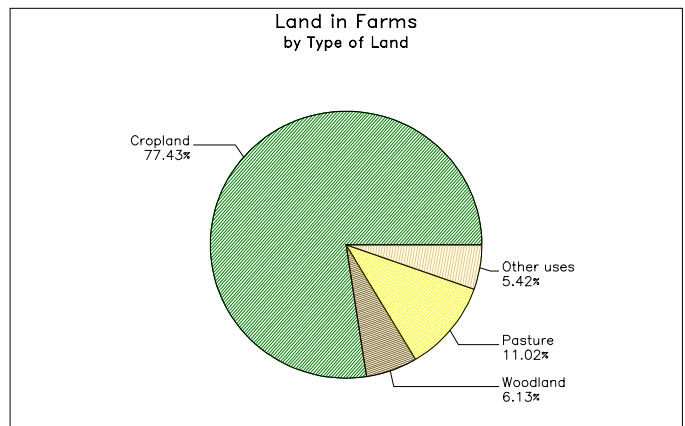
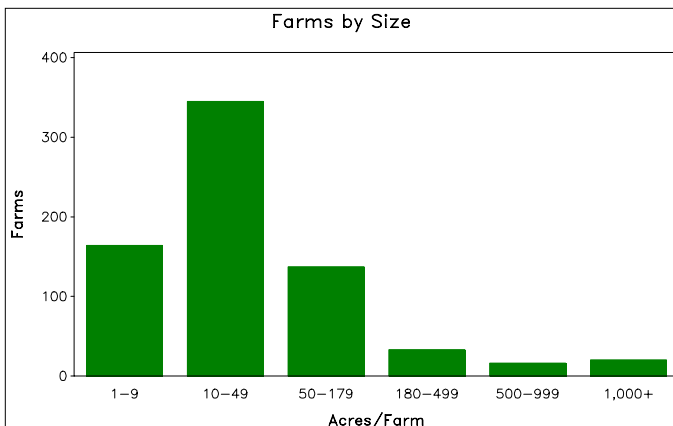
\$28,354 in 2002, \$32,061 in 1997, down 12 percent.

### Government Payments

\$817,000 in 2002, \$568,000 in 1997, up 44 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$16,671 in 2002, \$5,312 in 1997, up 214 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 64 state parishes and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	20,273	37	64	2,083	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	17,896	25	64	1,253	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	2,377	43	64	2,652	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,018	25	48	1,560	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	23	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	57	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	60	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	3,055	8	57	634	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	34	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	12,555	13	63	109	3,046
Poultry and eggs	11	32	54	1,937	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,654	34	63	2,291	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	28	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	11	25	57	2,295	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	3	32	58	2,719	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	296	11	62	741	3,014
Aquaculture	92	30	46	595	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	310	7	51	422	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	10,586	31	63	2,007	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,699	8	64	618	3,065
Colonies of bees	1,054	9	42	426	2,392
Geese	538	1	36	23	2,396
Ducks	442	4	40	262	2,630
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Sugrcane for sugar	16,512	12	24	17	37
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,522	27	63	2,118	3,059
Rice	5,300	17	31	78	150
Soybeans	5,093	24	43	1,198	2,076
Sugrcane for seed	2,020	7	23	10	32

**Other Parish Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	276	Farming	373
\$1,000 to \$2,499	165	Other	342
\$2,500 to \$4,999	97		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	64	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	41	Male	654
\$20,000 to \$24,999	7	Female	61
\$25,000 to \$39,999	11		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	10	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	21		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	11	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2	White	893
\$500,000 or more	10	Black or African American	33
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	20,101	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	28,152	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	459	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	643	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	11

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.