

2002 Census of Agriculture Parish Profile

Ouachita, Louisiana

Number of farms

493 farms in 2002, 510 farms in 1997, down 3 percent.

Land in farms

94,681 acres in 2002, 100,170 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

Average size of farm

192 acres in 2002, 196 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$19,801,000 in 2002, \$29,256,000 in 1997, down 32 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$9,960,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$9,841,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

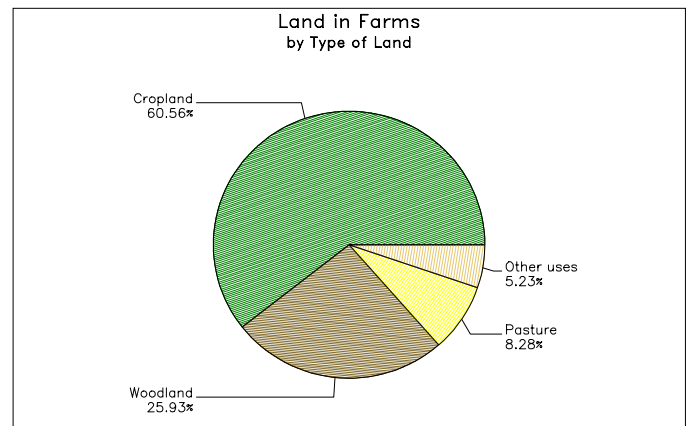
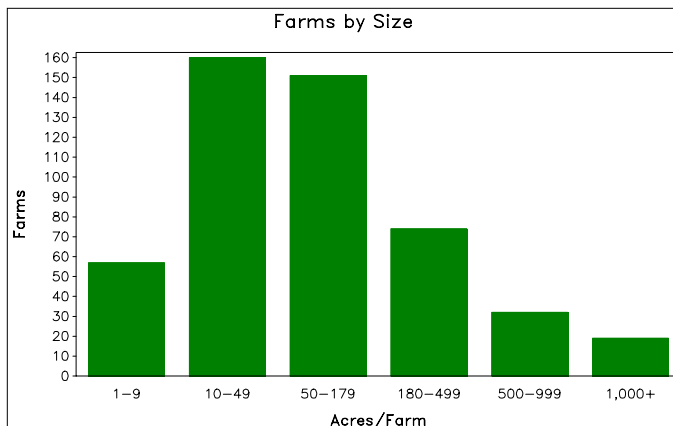
\$40,164 in 2002, \$57,365 in 1997, down 30 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,674,000 in 2002, \$1,454,000 in 1997, up 15 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$15,080 in 2002, \$16,155 in 1997, down 7 percent.



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Parish Profile
United States Department of Agriculture, Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service**

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

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	19,801	38	64	2,098	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	9,960	28	64	1,655	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	9,841	15	64	1,898	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	48	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	3,627	13	23	217	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	655	10	57	901	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	959	4	60	365	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	501	22	57	1,424	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	27	19	34	853	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	63	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	5,953	9	54	573	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,159	42	63	2,486	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	28	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	4	38	57	2,587	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	3	38	58	2,778	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	410	6	62	516	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	51	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	609,956	8	43	356	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	12	58	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	7,800	39	63	2,260	3,059
Quail	1,700	6	28	297	1,412
Horses and ponies	1,175	13	64	1,059	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Cotton	11,802	13	23	239	663
Soybeans	6,431	22	43	1,141	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,139	29	63	2,159	3,059
Corn for grain	5,422	16	43	1,244	2,592
All Wheat for grain	4,159	12	37	998	2,517

Other Parish Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	181	Farming	201
\$1,000 to \$2,499	59	Other	292
\$2,500 to \$4,999	64		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	60	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	26	Male	462
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8	Female	31
\$25,000 to \$39,999	22		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	33		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	19	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	7	White	653
\$500,000 or more	10	Black or African American	51
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	25,608	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	52,049	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	2
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-3,116	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	-6,333	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	3

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

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

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