

2002 Census of Agriculture Parish Profile

Plaquemines, Louisiana

Number of farms

192 farms in 2002, 162 farms in 1997, up 19 percent.

Land in farms

34,797 acres in 2002, 40,252 acres in 1997, down 14 percent.

Average size of farm

181 acres in 2002, 248 acres in 1997, down 27 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$6,603,000 in 2002, \$5,381,000 in 1997, up 23 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$4,481,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$2,122,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

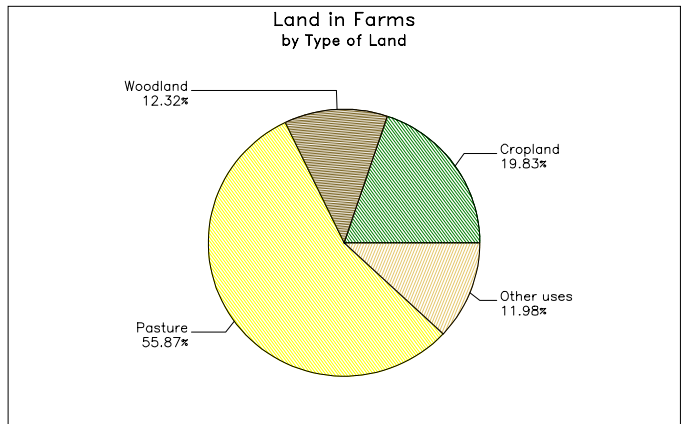
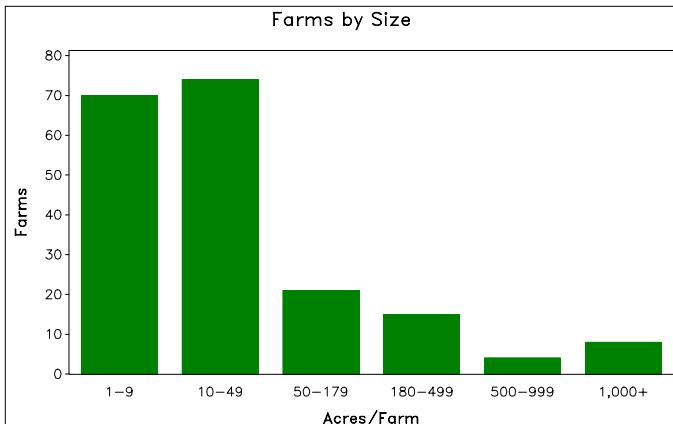
\$34,391 in 2002, \$33,218 in 1997, up 4 percent.

Government Payments

\$6,000 in 2002, \$15,000 in 1997, down 60 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$801 in 2002, \$1,032 in 1997, down 22 percent.



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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	6,603	53	64	2,676	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	4,481	41	64	2,130	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	2,122	46	64	2,692	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	-	-	48	-	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	1,727	1	60	259	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2,454	9	57	719	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	34	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	63	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	54	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,268	40	63	2,445	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	28	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	57	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	58	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	30	47	62	2,611	3,014
Aquaculture	820	14	46	195	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	51	-	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	7,000	41	63	2,330	3,059
Horses and ponies	281	50	64	2,660	3,065
Hogs and pigs	(D)	27	60	(D)	2,926
Layers 20 weeks old and older	84	48	58	2,767	2,983
Llamas	36	2	16	845	2,112
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Oranges	849	1	13	39	123
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	782	57	63	2,916	3,059
Tangerines	(D)	1	4	(D)	87
All Vegetables harvested	113	18	57	1,197	2,710
Tomatoes	61	1	44	176	2,209

Other Parish Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	41
\$1,000 to \$2,499	29
\$2,500 to \$4,999	23
\$5,000 to \$9,999	23
\$10,000 to \$19,999	25
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	11
\$40,000 to \$49,999	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	8
\$100,000 to \$249,999	8
\$250,000 to \$499,999	5
\$500,000 or more	2
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	4,936
Average per farm (\$)	25,979
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,598
Average per farm (\$)	8,408

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	91
Other	101
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	168
Female	24
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.4
All operators ² by race:	
White	263
Black or African American	18
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	14

(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.