

2002 Census of Agriculture Parish Profile

Rapides, Louisiana

Number of farms

996 farms in 2002, 1,048 farms in 1997, down 5 percent.

Land in farms

201,374 acres in 2002, 208,582 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

Average size of farm

202 acres in 2002, 199 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$66,708,000 in 2002, \$58,591,000 in 1997, up 14 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$54,936,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$11,772,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

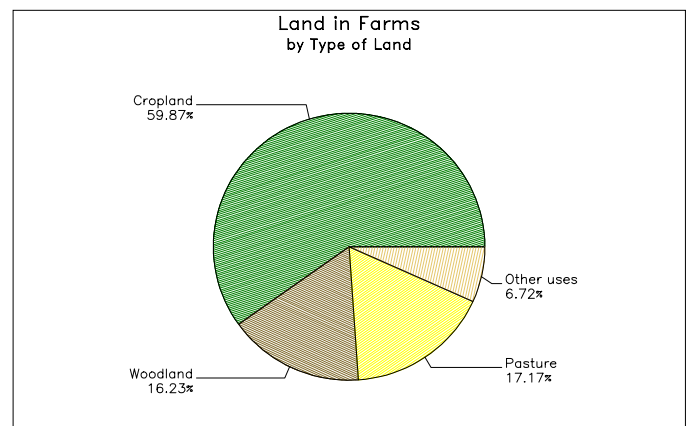
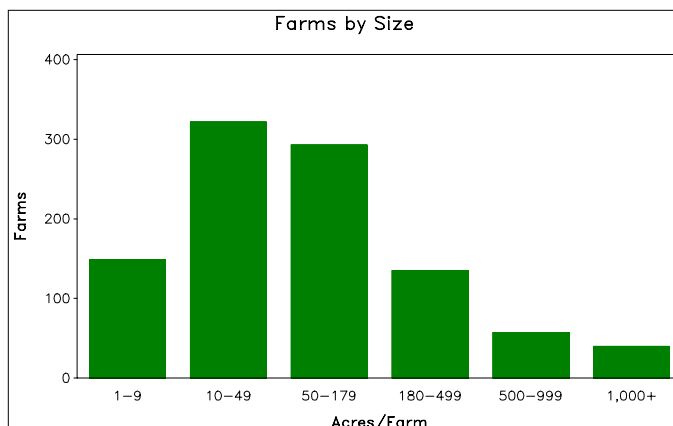
\$66,976 in 2002, \$55,907 in 1997, up 20 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,261,000 in 2002, \$1,966,000 in 1997, up 15 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$12,630 in 2002, \$9,930 in 1997, up 27 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	66,708	3	64	853	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	54,936	1	64	421	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	11,772	14	64	1,745	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	(D)	(D)	23	(D)	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	359	11	57	1,113	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	213	11	60	868	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	30,670	1	57	95	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	53	15	34	629	1,774
Other crops and hay	10,918	14	63	126	3,046
Poultry and eggs	18	25	54	1,745	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	63	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	28	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	68	9	57	1,599	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	25	2	58	1,754	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	377	8	62	566	3,014
Aquaculture	2,275	5	46	95	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	51	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	22,960	12	63	1,312	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,984	4	64	492	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,257	17	58	1,226	2,983
All Goats	974	1	59	490	2,971
Quail ³	(D)	(D)	28	(D)	1,412
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Cotton	18,735	10	23	181	663
Soybeans	14,890	15	43	934	2,076
Sugarcane for sugar	12,667	14	24	20	37
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	12,292	9	63	1,565	3,059
Corn for grain	6,597	15	43	1,173	2,592

Other Parish Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	222	Farming	570
\$1,000 to \$2,499	136	Other	426
\$2,500 to \$4,999	106	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	119	Male	861
\$10,000 to \$19,999	101	Female	135
\$20,000 to \$24,999	23	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	56	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	34	White	1,350
\$50,000 to \$99,999	47	Black or African American	47
\$100,000 to \$249,999	73	American Indian or Alaska Native	15
\$250,000 to \$499,999	45	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	34	Asian	19
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	57,021	More than one race	11
Average per farm (\$)	57,078	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	44
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	13,290		
Average per farm (\$)	13,304		

(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.

³ Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.