

# 2002 Census of Agriculture Parish Profile

## St. Helena, Louisiana

### Number of farms

326 farms in 2002, 434 farms in 1997, down 25 percent.

### Land in farms

50,931 acres in 2002, 72,164 acres in 1997, down 29 percent.

### Average size of farm

156 acres in 2002, 166 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$20,480,000 in 2002, \$31,288,000 in 1997, down 35 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$554,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$19,926,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

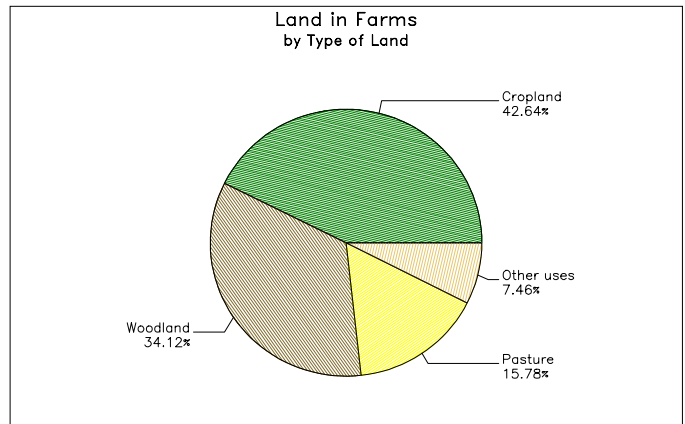
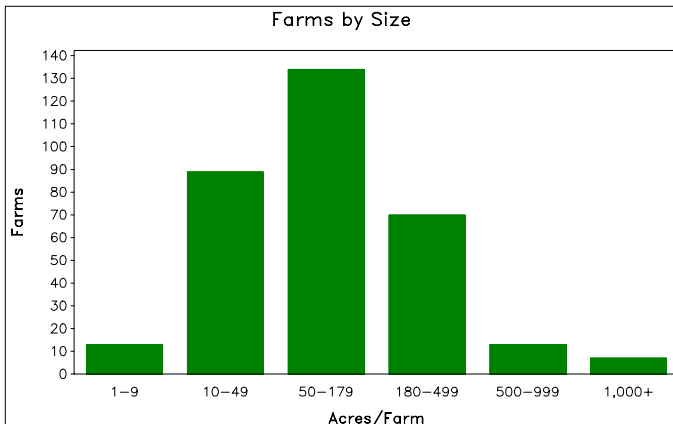
\$62,822 in 2002, \$72,093 in 1997, down 13 percent.

### Government Payments

\$610,000 in 2002, \$196,000 in 1997, up 211 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$5,648 in 2002, \$4,549 in 1997, up 24 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	20,480	36	64	2,075	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	554	57	64	2,874	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	19,926	11	64	1,301	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	48	(D)	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	244	34	57	1,724	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	34	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	217	41	63	2,486	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	54	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,968	31	63	2,179	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	28	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	1	46	57	2,802	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	3	34	58	2,763	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	91	30	62	1,848	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	51	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	1	58	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	13,326	27	63	1,828	3,059
Quail	(D)	2	28	(D)	1,412
Horses and ponies	290	49	64	2,635	3,065
All Goats	113	41	59	2,205	2,971
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	7,452	23	63	2,018	3,059
Corn for silage	375	4	9	1,531	2,307
Short-rotation woody crops	230	20	35	253	1,262
All Vegetables harvested	20	40	57	2,012	2,710
Cut Christmas trees	8	26	36	1,548	1,877

**Other Parish Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	90
\$1,000 to \$2,499	39
\$2,500 to \$4,999	51
\$5,000 to \$9,999	39
\$10,000 to \$19,999	37
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11
\$25,000 to \$39,999	11
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	11
\$100,000 to \$249,999	27
\$250,000 to \$499,999	7
\$500,000 or more	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	15,423
Average per farm (\$)	47,455
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	6,882
Average per farm (\$)	21,175

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	176
Other	150
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	280
Female	46
Average age of principal operator (years)	58.5
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	417
Black or African American	34
American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-

(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.