

# 2002 Census of Agriculture Parish Profile

## St. Landry, Louisiana

### Number of farms

1,228 farms in 2002, 1,267 farms in 1997, down 3 percent.

### Land in farms

289,625 acres in 2002, 284,185 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

### Average size of farm

236 acres in 2002, 224 acres in 1997, up 5 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$51,982,000 in 2002, \$66,463,000 in 1997, down 22 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$43,576,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$8,406,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

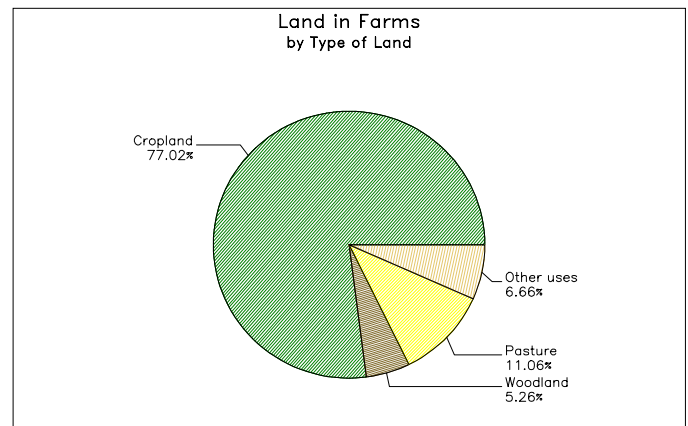
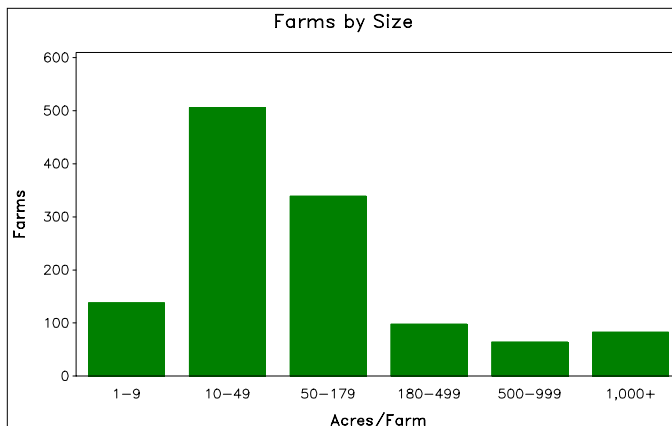
\$42,331 in 2002, \$52,457 in 1997, down 19 percent.

### Government Payments

\$4,802,000 in 2002, \$2,578,000 in 1997, up 86 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$14,915 in 2002, \$8,480 in 1997, up 76 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	51,982	12	64	1,116	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	43,576	11	64	561	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	8,406	18	64	2,005	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	20,718	6	48	661	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	23	(D)	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,870	6	57	549	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	41	32	60	1,673	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	6,668	2	57	370	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	34	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	13,302	12	63	102	3,046
Poultry and eggs	69	17	54	1,393	2,918
Cattle and calves	5,884	8	63	1,398	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	459	11	28	1,694	2,493
Hogs and pigs	28	13	57	1,915	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	8	19	58	2,381	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	1,014	12	46	173	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	51	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	31,217	7	63	1,026	3,059
Quail	(D)	1	28	(D)	1,412
Colonies of bees	3,870	3	42	151	2,392
Horses and ponies	2,050	3	64	460	3,065
Deer	1,040	1	20	60	1,080
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Soybeans	73,478	1	43	402	2,076
Rice	26,444	6	31	41	150
Sugarcane for sugar	18,398	11	24	15	37
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	13,924	6	63	1,438	3,059
Corn for grain	13,870	11	43	927	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	365	Farming	663
\$1,000 to \$2,499	235	Other	565
\$2,500 to \$4,999	147		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	131	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	103	Male	1,121
\$20,000 to \$24,999	34	Female	107
\$25,000 to \$39,999	36		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	12	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	60		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	55	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	27	White	1,341
\$500,000 or more	23	Black or African American	245
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	59,552	American Indian or Alaska Native	8
Average per farm (\$)	48,654	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,830	More than one race	5
Average per farm (\$)	2,312	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	25

(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.