

# 2002 Census of Agriculture Parish Profile

## Avoyelles, Louisiana

### Number of farms

890 farms in 2002, 1,028 farms in 1997, down 13 percent.

### Land in farms

271,890 acres in 2002, 275,392 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

### Average size of farm

305 acres in 2002, 268 acres in 1997, up 14 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$52,457,000 in 2002, \$65,509,000 in 1997, down 20 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$47,666,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$4,791,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

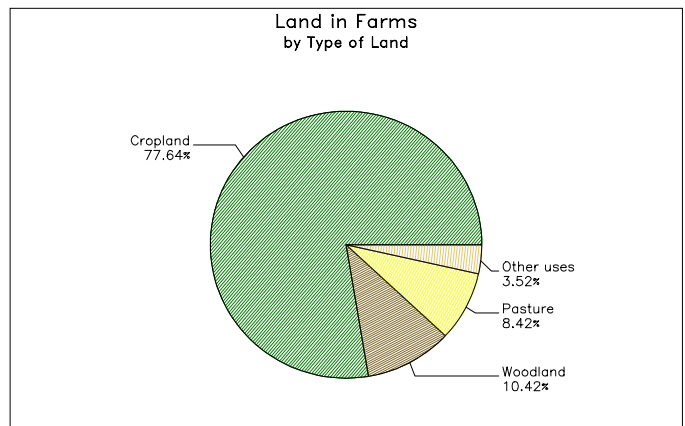
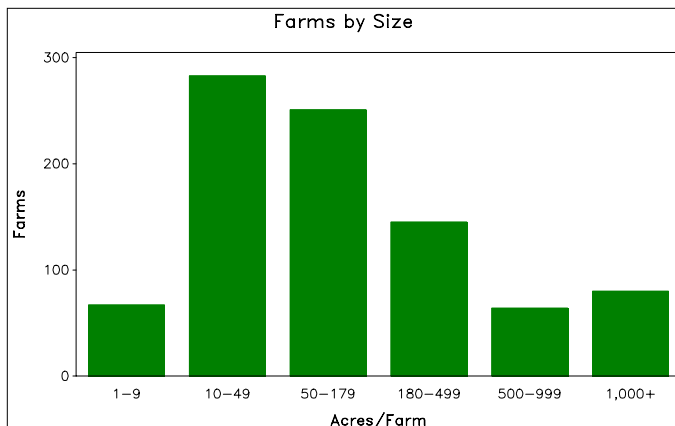
\$58,941 in 2002, \$63,725 in 1997, down 8 percent.

### Government Payments

\$4,725,000 in 2002, \$2,643,000 in 1997, up 79 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$12,338 in 2002, \$6,848 in 1997, up 80 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	52,457	10	64	1,098	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	47,666	5	64	502	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	4,791	31	64	2,366	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	18,018	10	48	726	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	6,338	10	23	149	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	3,241	4	57	410	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	35	35	60	1,728	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	57	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	34	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	19,315	10	63	76	3,046
Poultry and eggs	3	38	54	2,393	2,918
Cattle and calves	3,953	18	63	1,699	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	28	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	127	7	57	1,386	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	8	20	58	2,382	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	79	31	46	623	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	531	4	51	253	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	23,024	11	63	1,307	3,059
Colonies of bees	6,350	1	42	79	2,392
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,094	19	58	1,330	2,983
Horses and ponies	718	27	64	1,709	3,065
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	502	19	43	1,112	2,599
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Soybeans	58,343	4	43	502	2,076
Sugrcane for sugar	23,963	10	24	13	37
Sorghum for grain	23,203	2	26	101	1,307
All Cotton	20,036	9	23	174	663
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	12,624	8	63	1,537	3,059

**Other Parish Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	241	Farming	544
\$1,000 to \$2,499	129	Other	346
\$2,500 to \$4,999	105		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	98	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	95	Male	823
\$20,000 to \$24,999	18	Female	67
\$25,000 to \$39,999	35		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	13	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	53		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	41	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	32	White	1,074
\$500,000 or more	30	Black or African American	64
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	50,885	American Indian or Alaska Native	7
Average per farm (\$)	56,919	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	8,571	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	9,588	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	32

(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.