

2002 Census of Agriculture Parish Profile

St. Mary, Louisiana

Number of farms

99 farms in 2002, 120 farms in 1997, down 18 percent.

Land in farms

73,410 acres in 2002, 85,467 acres in 1997, down 14 percent.

Average size of farm

742 acres in 2002, 712 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$35,528,000 in 2002, \$40,172,000 in 1997, down 12 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$34,876,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$652,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

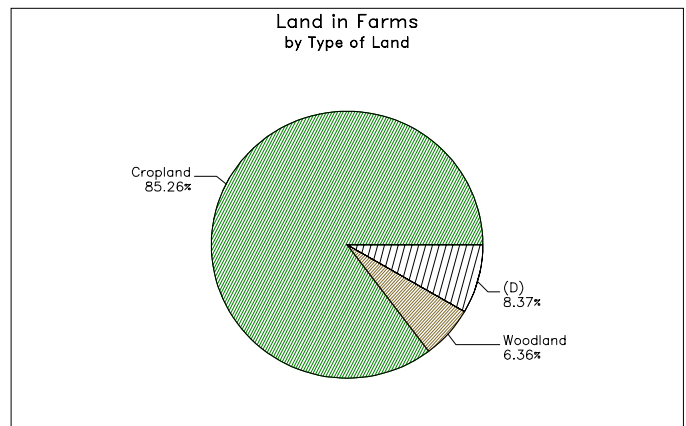
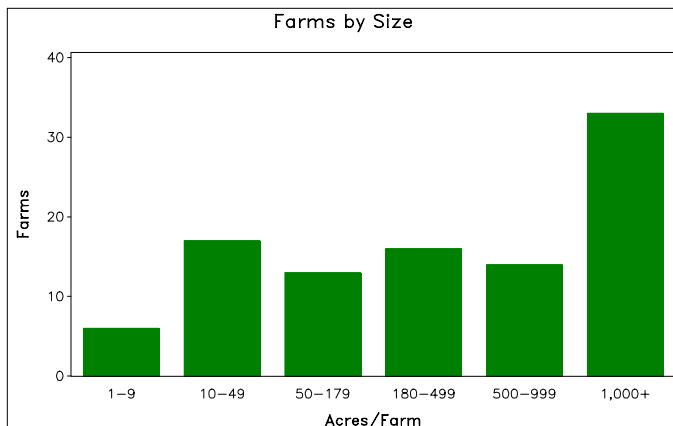
\$358,871 in 2002, \$334,765 in 1997, up 7 percent.

Government Payments

\$17,000 in 2002, \$45,000 in 1997, down 62 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,895 in 2002, \$2,032 in 1997, down 7 percent.



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Parish Profile
United States Department of Agriculture, Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service**

St. Mary, Louisiana

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	35,528	20	64	1,547	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	34,876	13	64	748	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	652	56	64	2,913	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	204	37	48	2,229	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	23	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	57	-	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	28	38	60	1,826	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	57	-	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	34	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	34,644	3	63	34	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	54	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	353	57	63	2,814	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	28	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	16	23	57	2,141	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	58	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	273	22	46	377	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	6	26	51	1,989	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	1,682	57	63	2,842	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	280	37	58	2,293	2,983
Ducks	190	12	40	620	2,630
Hogs and pigs	160	23	60	2,135	2,926
Quail ³	(D)	(D)	28	(D)	1,412
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Sugrcane for sugar	44,104	3	24	5	37
Sugrcane for seed	2,327	5	23	7	32
Soybeans	1,175	31	43	1,494	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	688	58	63	2,927	3,059
Pecans	(D)	42	55	(D)	1,194

Other Parish Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	7	Farming	68
\$1,000 to \$2,499	15	Other	31
\$2,500 to \$4,999	3		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	5	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	7	Male	94
\$20,000 to \$24,999	1	Female	5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	4		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	-	Average age of principal operator (years)	50.8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	6		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	10	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	7	White	153
\$500,000 or more	34	Black or African American	5
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	28,458	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	284,579	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	11,263	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	112,632	All operators ² 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.

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.