

# 2002 Census of Agriculture Parish Profile

## Tangipahoa, Louisiana

### Number of farms

1,065 farms in 2002, 1,185 farms in 1997, down 10 percent.

### Land in farms

118,386 acres in 2002, 131,834 acres in 1997, down 10 percent.

### Average size of farm

111 acres in 2002, 111 acres in 1997, unchanged.

### Market Value of Production

\$56,738,000 in 2002, \$63,385,000 in 1997, down 10 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$8,562,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$48,176,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

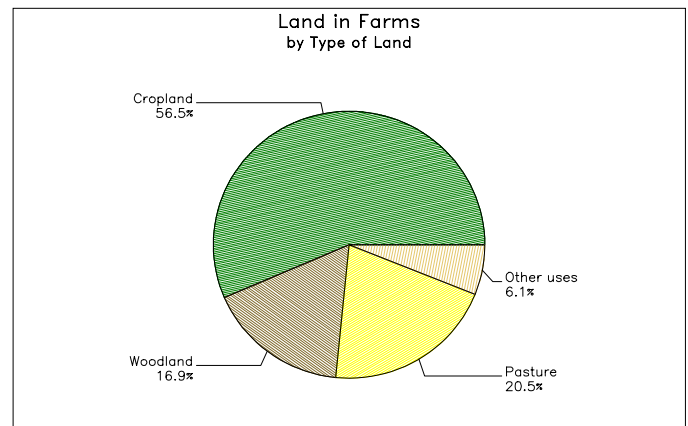
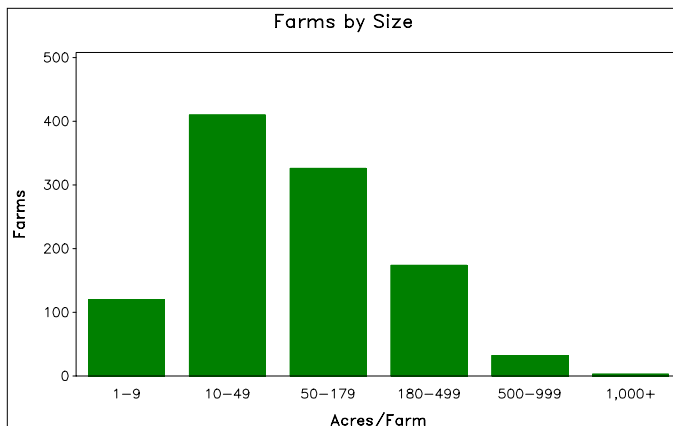
\$53,275 in 2002, \$53,490 in 1997, down slightly.

### Government Payments

\$2,148,000 in 2002, \$137,000 in 1997, up 1,468 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,804 in 2002, \$1,655 in 1997, up 432 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	56,738	7	64	1,013	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	8,562	31	64	1,765	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	48,176	5	64	581	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	1,492	7	57	629	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	60	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	4,655	5	57	480	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	34	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	63	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	54	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	10,001	1	63	995	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	35,045	1	28	133	2,493
Hogs and pigs	8	28	57	2,394	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	21	4	58	1,860	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	1,017	11	46	172	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	9	24	51	1,846	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	53,592	1	63	506	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	2,030	14	58	1,002	2,983
Horses and ponies	1,855	5	64	545	3,065
All Goats	753	5	59	683	2,971
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	312	22	43	1,296	2,599
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	26,902	1	63	824	3,059
Corn for silage	2,601	1	9	631	2,307
Nursery stock	599	3	45	162	2,129
Corn for grain	(D)	29	43	(D)	2,592
All Vegetables harvested	332	3	57	764	2,710

**Other Parish Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	326	Farming	568
\$1,000 to \$2,499	154	Other	497
\$2,500 to \$4,999	125		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	83	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	83	Male	935
\$20,000 to \$24,999	22	Female	130
\$25,000 to \$39,999	22		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	15	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	67		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	105	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	48	White	1,475
\$500,000 or more	15	Black or African American	53
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	52,126	American Indian or Alaska Native	4
Average per farm (\$)	48,899	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	6
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	7,367	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	6,911	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	40

(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.