

2002 Census of Agriculture Parish Profile

Union, Louisiana

Number of farms

504 farms in 2002, 551 farms in 1997, down 9 percent.

Land in farms

72,685 acres in 2002, 72,165 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

Average size of farm

144 acres in 2002, 131 acres in 1997, up 10 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$120,742,000 in 2002, \$96,446,000 in 1997, up 25 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$806,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$119,937,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

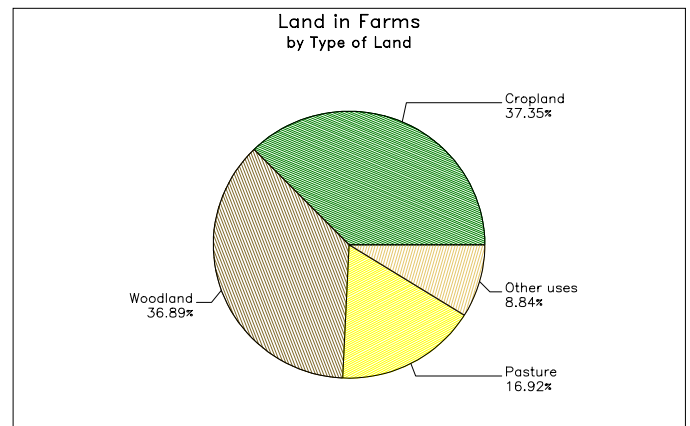
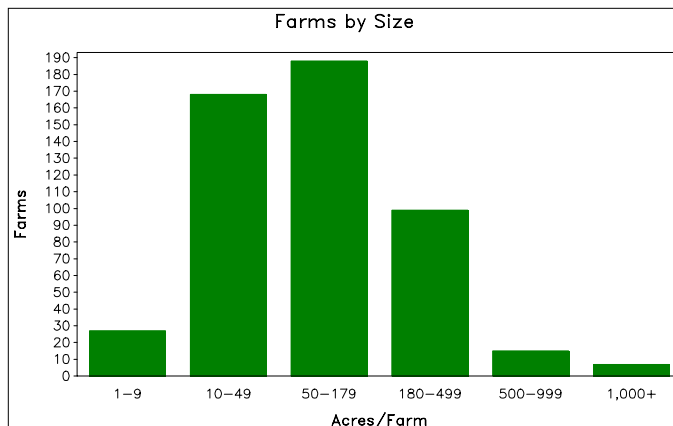
\$239,568 in 2002, \$175,039 in 1997, up 37 percent.

Government Payments

\$164,000 in 2002, \$168,000 in 1997, down 2 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,305 in 2002, \$1,789 in 1997, up 29 percent.



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

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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	120,742	1	64	366	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	806	54	64	2,796	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	119,937	1	64	155	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
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	20	47	57	2,329	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	60	(D)	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	625	25	63	1,685	3,046
Poultry and eggs	114,796	1	54	39	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	63	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	192	19	28	1,996	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	57	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(Z)	53	58	2,940	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	192	19	62	1,143	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	46	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	51	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	15,001,124	1	43	12	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	10	58	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	19,676	17	63	1,473	3,059
Hogs and pigs	(D)	1	60	(D)	2,926
Horses and ponies	931	18	64	1,380	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	11,743	12	63	1,611	3,059
Short-rotation woody crops	601	9	35	89	1,262
All Wheat for grain	(D)	31	37	(D)	2,517
All Vegetables harvested	82	21	57	1,346	2,710
Corn for silage ³	(D)	(D)	9	(D)	2,307

Other Parish Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	90	Farming	307
\$1,000 to \$2,499	56	Other	197
\$2,500 to \$4,999	52	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	47	Male	439
\$10,000 to \$19,999	37	Female	65
\$20,000 to \$24,999	15	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	16	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5	White	696
\$50,000 to \$99,999	9	Black or African American	15
\$100,000 to \$249,999	26	American Indian or Alaska Native	6
\$250,000 to \$499,999	52	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	99	Asian	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	81,482	More than one race	7
Average per farm (\$)	161,032	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	9
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	36,847		
Average per farm (\$)	72,820		

(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.