

# 2002 Census of Agriculture Parish Profile

## Vermilion, Louisiana

### Number of farms

1,116 farms in 2002, 1,242 farms in 1997, down 10 percent.

### Land in farms

359,220 acres in 2002, 341,545 acres in 1997, up 5 percent.

### Average size of farm

322 acres in 2002, 275 acres in 1997, up 17 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$52,504,000 in 2002, \$73,392,000 in 1997, down 28 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$45,354,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$7,149,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

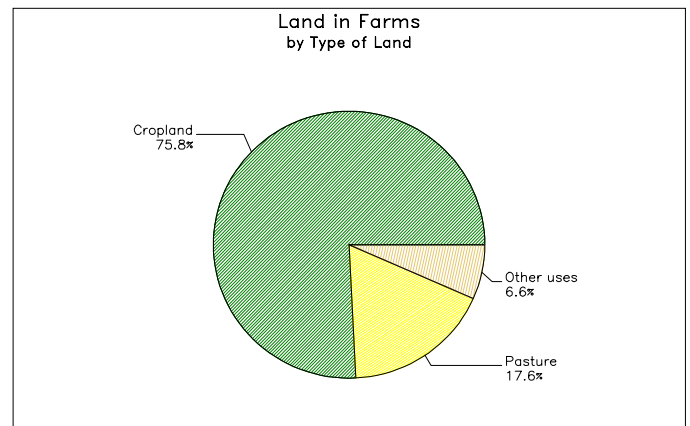
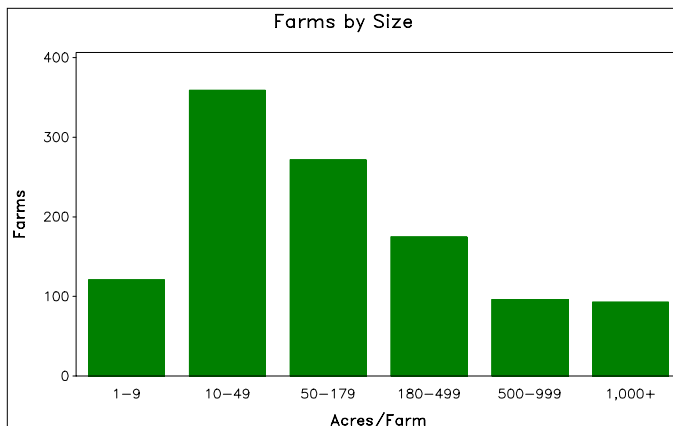
\$47,046 in 2002, \$59,091 in 1997, down 20 percent.

### Government Payments

\$8,098,000 in 2002, \$4,792,000 in 1997, up 69 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$22,432 in 2002, \$10,005 in 1997, up 124 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	52,504	9	64	1,096	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	45,354	7	64	533	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	7,149	21	64	2,118	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	19,390	8	48	692	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	23	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	10	52	57	2,470	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	15	43	60	2,074	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	248	33	57	1,721	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	34	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	25,691	7	63	57	3,046
Poultry and eggs	23	22	54	1,670	2,918
Cattle and calves	5,792	9	63	1,404	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	28	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	57	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	4	27	58	2,634	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	226	16	62	997	3,014
Aquaculture	1,097	10	46	161	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	51	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	32,491	6	63	983	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,534	9	64	735	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	945	21	58	1,438	2,983
Sheep and lambs	565	2	48	1,369	2,867
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	545	17	43	1,082	2,599
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Rice	97,805	1	31	6	150
Sugrcane for sugar	32,727	6	24	9	37
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	8,807	18	63	1,898	3,059
Soybeans	4,375	25	43	1,226	2,076
Sugrcane for seed	2,117	6	23	9	32

**Other Parish Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	278
\$1,000 to \$2,499	150
\$2,500 to \$4,999	144
\$5,000 to \$9,999	130
\$10,000 to \$19,999	113
\$20,000 to \$24,999	27
\$25,000 to \$39,999	70
\$40,000 to \$49,999	21
\$50,000 to \$99,999	69
\$100,000 to \$249,999	86
\$250,000 to \$499,999	12
\$500,000 or more	16
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	58,275
Average per farm (\$)	52,264
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	7,674
Average per farm (\$)	6,882

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	709
Other	407
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	1,057
Female	59
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.2
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	1,460
Black or African American	41
American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	36

(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.