2002 Census of Agriculture
Parish Profile

Washington, Louisiana

Number of farms
836 farms in 2002, 1,058 farms in 1997, down 21 percent.

Land in farms
101,781 acres in 2002, 115,701 acres in 1997, down 12 percent.

Average size of farm
122 acres in 2002, 109 acres in 1997, up 12 percent.

Market Value of Production
$35,277,000 in 2002, $47,640,000 in 1997, down 26 percent.
  Crop sales accounted for $7,493,000 of the total value in 2002.
  Livestock sales accounted for $27,784,000 of the total value in 2002.
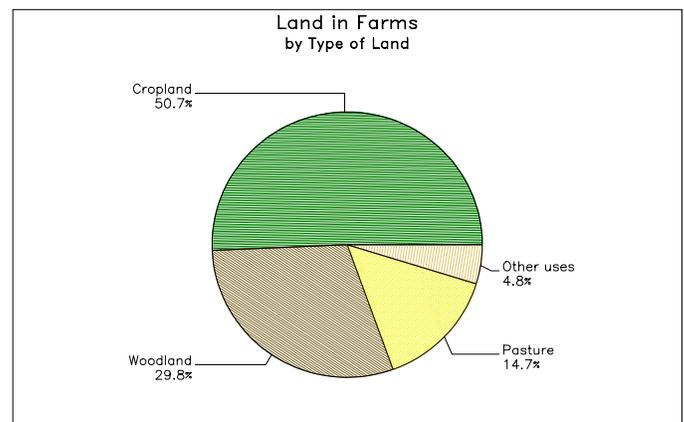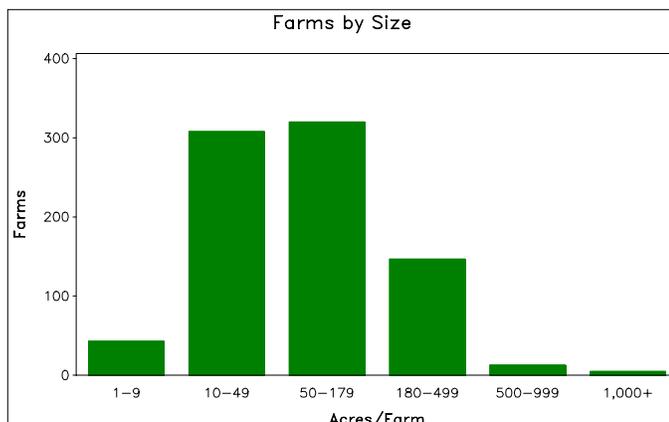
Market Value of Production, average per farm
$42,197 in 2002, $45,028 in 1997, down 6 percent.

Government Payments
$1,287,000 in 2002, $159,000 in 1997, up 709 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments
$6,370 in 2002, $2,039 in 1997, up 212 percent.

Farms by Size

Land in Farms by Type of Land
Cropland 50.7%
Woodland 29.8%
Pasture 14.7%
Other uses 4.8%

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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	35,277	21	64	1,552	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	7,493	34	64	1,845	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	27,784	8	64	1,003	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP ($1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	655	33	48	1,913	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	23	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	249	13	57	1,265	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	73	11	34	523	1,774
Other crops and hay	275	37	63	2,359	3,046
Poultry and eggs	27	20	54	1,624	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	63	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	23,239	2	28	197	2,493
Hogs and pigs	19	20	57	2,072	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	17	8	58	2,017	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	252	13	62	897	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	46	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	51	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	32,804	5	63	973	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,747	15	58	1,061	2,983
Horses and ponies	1,144	14	64	1,101	3,065
All Goats	882	2	59	555	2,971
Colonies of bees [3]	(D)	(D)	42	(D)	2,392
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	18,966	2	63	1,152	3,059
Corn for silage	2,484	2	9	652	2,307
Corn for grain	1,571	19	43	1,645	2,592
Sorghum for grain	(D)	15	26	(D)	1,307
Sod harvested	(D)	1	15	(D)	740

Other Parish Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than $1,000	274
$1,000 to $2,499	135
$2,500 to $4,999	111
$5,000 to $9,999	93
$10,000 to $19,999	56
$20,000 to $24,999	9
$25,000 to $39,999	15
$40,000 to $49,999	7
$50,000 to $99,999	31
$100,000 to $249,999	56
$250,000 to $499,999	41
$500,000 or more	8
Total farm production expenses ($1,000)	28,125
Average per farm ($)	34,258
Net cash farm income of operation ($1,000)	7,788
Average per farm ($)	9,486

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	424
Other	412
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	757
Female	79
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.8
All operators [2] by race:	
White	1,065
Black or African American	112
American Indian or Alaska Native	6
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	3
More than one race	2
All operators [2] of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	26

(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.