

2002 Census of Agriculture Parish Profile

Bienville, Louisiana

Number of farms

222 farms in 2002, 279 farms in 1997, down 20 percent.

Land in farms

43,992 acres in 2002, 53,390 acres in 1997, down 18 percent.

Average size of farm

198 acres in 2002, 191 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$24,026,000 in 2002, \$6,178,000 in 1997, up 289 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$364,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$23,663,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

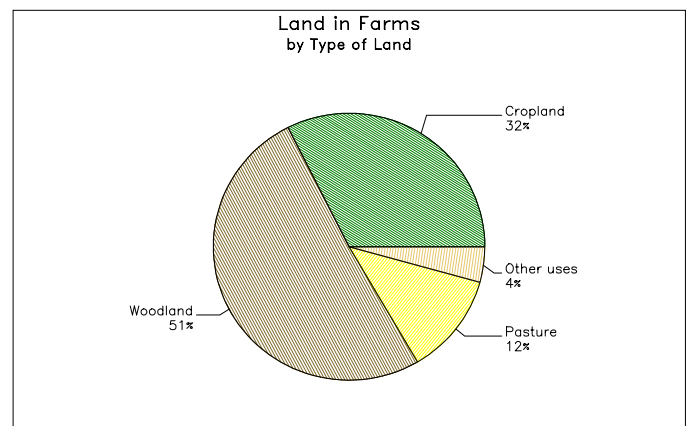
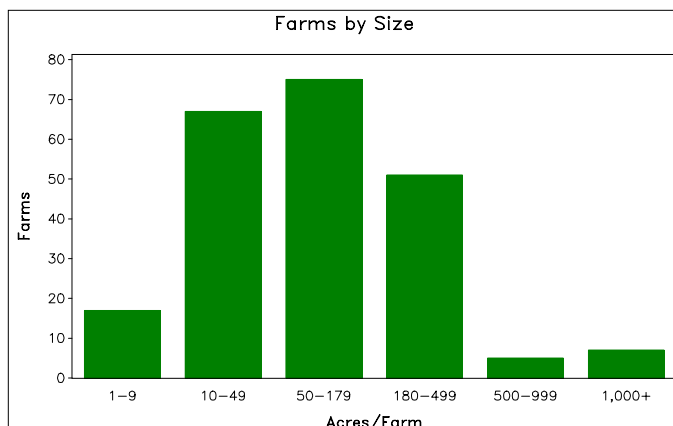
\$108,227 in 2002, \$22,142 in 1997, up 389 percent.

Government Payments

\$57,000 in 2002, \$42,000 in 1997, up 36 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,494 in 2002, \$1,172 in 1997, up 27 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	24,026	34	64	1,917	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	364	61	64	2,941	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	23,663	9	64	1,148	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	-	-	48	-	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	23	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	131	24	57	1,574	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	208	44	63	2,508	3,046
Poultry and eggs	22,256	7	54	283	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,262	41	63	2,446	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	28	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	4	35	57	2,560	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	-	-	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	3,050,418	6	43	137	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	120,490	5	58	361	2,983
Cattle and calves	6,189	44	63	2,407	3,059
Horses and ponies	342	44	64	2,507	3,065
Hogs and pigs	180	21	60	2,078	2,926
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	5,405	31	63	2,257	3,059
Short-rotation woody crops	788	7	35	58	1,262
All Vegetables harvested	283	5	57	822	2,710
Watermelons	264	2	43	130	1,753
Cut Christmas trees	(D)	3	36	(D)	1,877

Other Parish Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	69
\$1,000 to \$2,499	41
\$2,500 to \$4,999	22
\$5,000 to \$9,999	21
\$10,000 to \$19,999	30
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	7
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2
\$100,000 to \$249,999	7
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2
\$500,000 or more	16
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	15,658
Average per farm (\$)	70,532
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	7,781
Average per farm (\$)	35,047

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	138
Other	84
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	200
Female	22
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.0
All operators ² by race:	
White	337
Black or African American	14
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	8

(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.