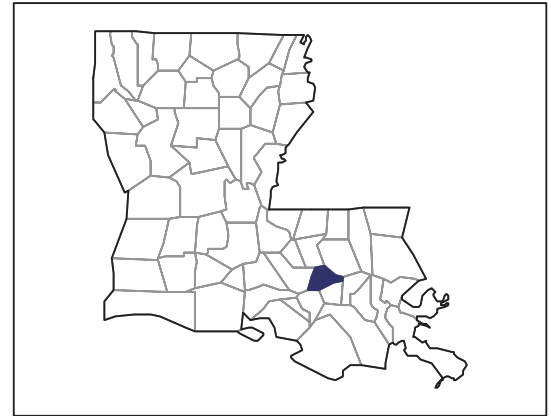


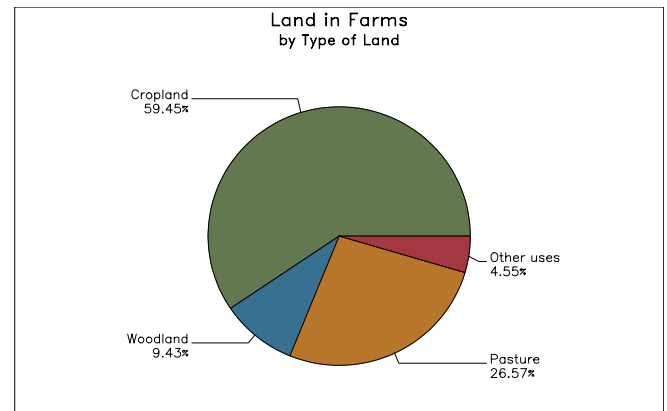
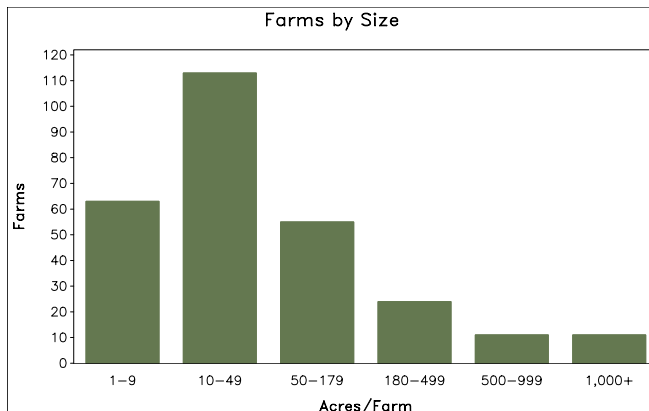
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

Parish Profile

Ascension Parish Louisiana



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	277	329	- 16
Land in Farms	45,455 acres	49,607 acres	- 8
Average Size of Farm	164 acres	151 acres	+ 9
Market Value of Products Sold	\$19,416,000	\$18,860,000	+ 3
Crop Sales \$17,312,000 (89 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$2,104,000 (11 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$70,095	\$57,325	+ 22
Government Payments	\$84,000	\$146,000	- 42
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$7,006	\$2,751	+ 155



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

Parish Profile

Ascension Parish – Louisiana

Ranked items among the 64 state parishes and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

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	19,416	42	64	2,272	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	17,312	28	63	1,552	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	2,104	51	64	2,770	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	131	43	55	2,426	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	26	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	58	61	(D)	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	43	61	(D)	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	55	(D)	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	35	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	16,798	11	63	102	3,054
Poultry and eggs	7	43	60	2,582	3,020
Cattle and calves	1,896	37	63	2,336	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	34	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	28	10	58	1,814	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	16	19	57	2,402	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	148	33	61	1,371	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	52	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	7	24	53	2,163	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Sugarcane for sugar	17,405	11	20	15	38
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,630	47	62	2,635	3,060
Sugarcane for seed	783	11	20	15	43
Soybeans for beans	(D)	40	45	(D)	2,039
Sod harvested	(D)	5	12	(D)	761
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	6,433	41	63	2,313	3,060
Horses and ponies	775	29	63	1,722	3,066
Goats, all	411	18	59	1,663	3,023
Layers	211	45	61	2,632	3,024
Hogs and pigs	203	21	59	1,823	2,958

Other Parish Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	96	Farming	89
\$1,000 to \$2,499	40	Other	188
\$2,500 to \$4,999	36	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	47	Male	261
\$10,000 to \$19,999	24	Female	16
\$20,000 to \$24,999	2	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	7	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5	American Indian or Alaska Native	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	3	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	5	Black or African American	25
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	11	White	351
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	14,869	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	53,679	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	4
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	4,908		
Average per farm (\$)	17,719		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

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.