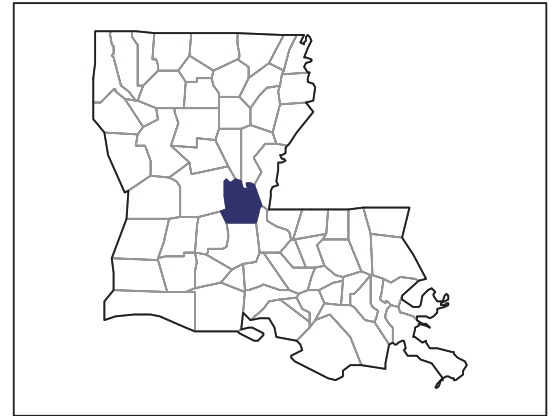


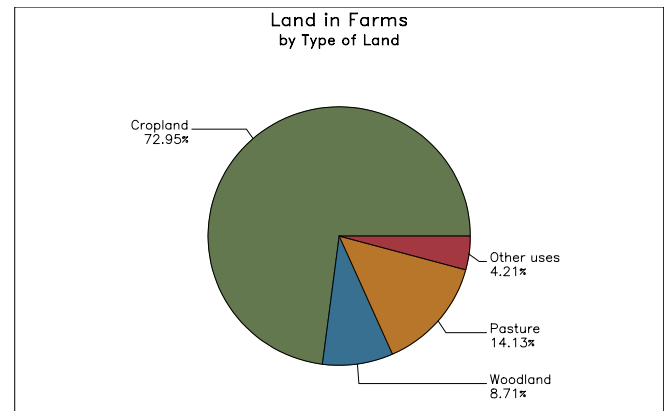
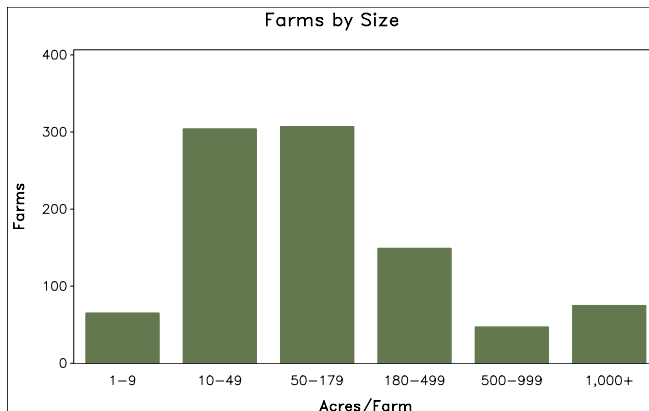
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

Parish Profile

Avoyelles Parish Louisiana



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	947	890	+ 6
Land in Farms	278,465 acres	271,890 acres	+ 2
Average Size of Farm	294 acres	305 acres	- 4
Market Value of Products Sold	\$75,171,000	\$52,457,000	+ 43
Crop Sales \$67,716,000 (90 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$7,456,000 (10 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$79,378	\$58,941	+ 35
Government Payments	\$6,185,000	\$4,725,000	+ 31
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$14,350	\$12,338	+ 16



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Parish Profile

Avoyelles 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	75,171	13	64	1,164	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	67,716	9	63	634	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	7,456	31	64	2,223	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	40,592	9	55	681	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	7,635	10	26	147	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	5,872	3	61	296	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	36	61	(D)	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	340	26	55	1,592	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	27	35	(D)	1,710
Other crops and hay	13,204	12	63	129	3,054
Poultry and eggs	42	25	60	1,752	3,020
Cattle and calves	6,552	10	63	1,523	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	34	34	2,486	2,493
Hogs and pigs	121	3	58	1,330	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	16	57	(D)	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	58	44	61	2,094	3,024
Aquaculture	208	28	52	538	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	451	5	53	411	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans for beans	55,445	3	45	467	2,039
Sorghum for grain	37,547	1	32	54	1,158
Cotton, all	16,784	10	26	162	627
Sugarcane for sugar	15,297	12	20	17	38
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	13,565	9	62	1,409	3,060
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	27,203	9	63	1,125	3,060
Colonies of bees	8,011	3	54	82	2,640
Layers	1,524	17	61	1,276	3,024
Horses and ponies	753	30	63	1,754	3,066
Hogs and pigs	644	3	59	1,337	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	325	Farming	405
\$1,000 to \$2,499	76	Other	542
\$2,500 to \$4,999	96	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	109	Male	833
\$10,000 to \$19,999	81	Female	114
\$20,000 to \$24,999	26	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	54	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	21	American Indian or Alaska Native	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	46	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	28	Black or African American	59
\$250,000 to \$499,999	34	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	51	White	1,229
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	58,506	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	61,781	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	25
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	25,298		
Average per farm (\$)	26,714		

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.