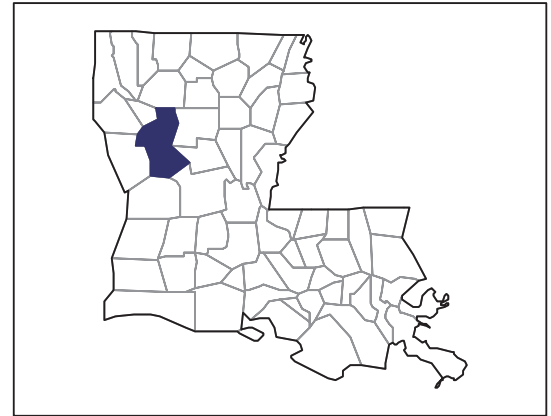


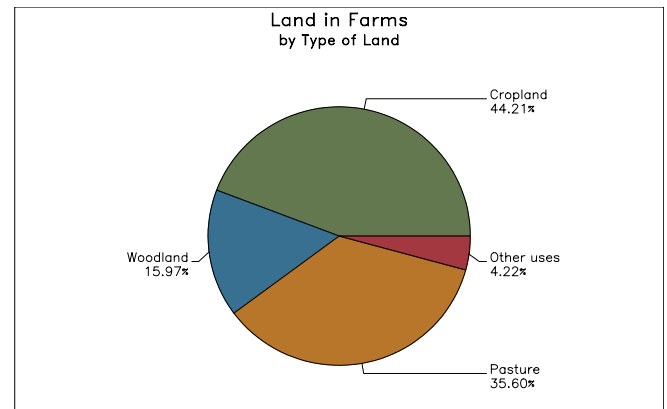
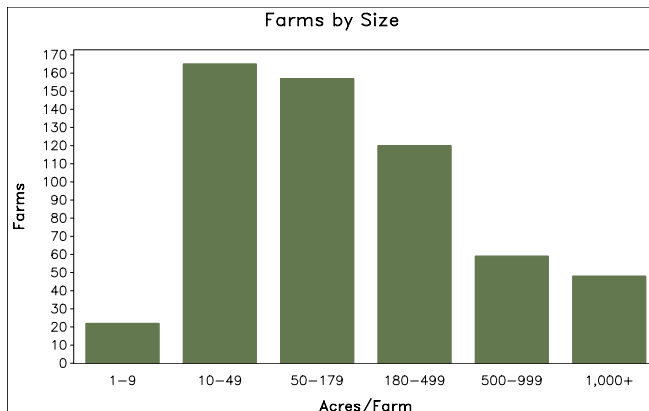
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

Parish Profile

Natchitoches Parish Louisiana



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	571	565	+ 1
Land in Farms	221,756 acres	192,831 acres	+ 15
Average Size of Farm	388 acres	341 acres	+ 14
Market Value of Products Sold	\$82,449,000	\$57,243,000	+ 44
Crop Sales \$22,556,000 (27 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$59,894,000 (73 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$144,395	\$101,314	+ 43
Government Payments	\$3,673,000	\$2,011,000	+ 83
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$17,828	\$11,112	+ 60



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

Parish Profile

Natchitoches 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	82,449	10	64	1,074	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	22,556	27	63	1,392	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	59,894	5	64	689	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	15,254	18	55	1,086	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	3,338	12	26	241	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	61	(D)	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	3,268	1	61	235	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	54	55	(D)	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	35	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	(D)	28	63	(D)	3,054
Poultry and eggs	45,760	5	60	231	3,020
Cattle and calves	12,888	1	63	1,000	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	34	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	17	18	58	2,047	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	14	21	57	2,458	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	61	(D)	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	18	52	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	2	36	53	2,515	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	22,529	2	62	942	3,060
Corn for grain	15,284	12	43	1,032	2,634
Soybeans for beans	10,716	17	45	1,007	2,039
Sorghum for grain	5,640	12	32	231	1,158
Cotton, all	5,361	14	26	287	627
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,717,348	6	40	230	2,476
Layers	(D)	9	61	(D)	3,024
Cattle and calves	37,492	5	63	837	3,060
Horses and ponies	1,316	16	63	1,034	3,066
Goats, all	846	6	59	906	3,023

Other Parish Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	177	Farming	261
\$1,000 to \$2,499	61	Other	310
\$2,500 to \$4,999	66	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	67	Male	507
\$10,000 to \$19,999	41	Female	64
\$20,000 to \$24,999	21	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	30	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	14	American Indian or Alaska Native	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	17	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	28	Black or African American	85
\$250,000 to \$499,999	13	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	36	White	723
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	68,581	More than one race	5
Average per farm (\$)	120,107	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	48
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	19,987		
Average per farm (\$)	35,003		

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.