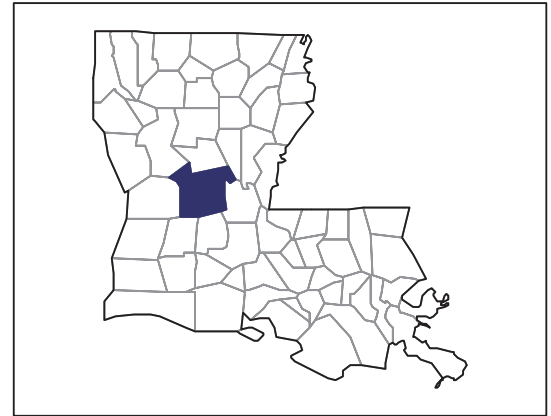


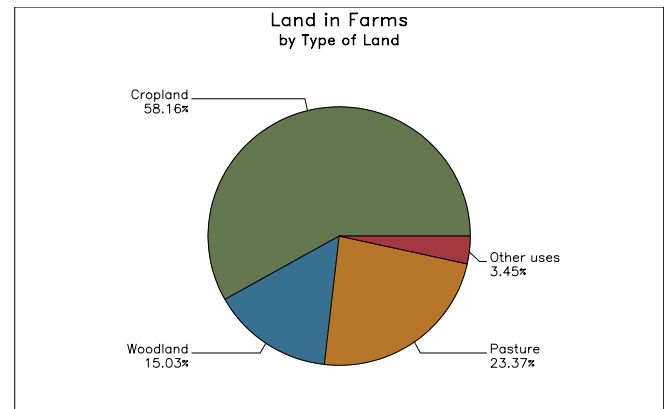
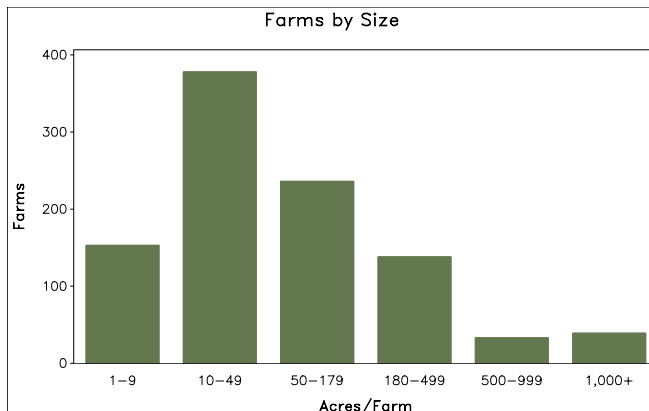
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Parish Profile

Rapides Parish Louisiana



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	977	996	- 2
Land in Farms	177,300 acres	201,374 acres	- 12
Average Size of Farm	181 acres	202 acres	- 10
Market Value of Products Sold	\$84,549,000	\$66,708,000	+ 27
Crop Sales \$73,704,000 (87 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$10,845,000 (13 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$86,539	\$66,976	+ 29
Government Payments	\$3,917,000	\$2,261,000	+ 73
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$22,254	\$12,630	+ 76



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

Parish Profile

Rapides 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	84,549	9	64	1,051	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	73,704	5	63	570	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	10,845	21	64	1,989	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	16,237	17	55	1,060	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	5,493	11	26	187	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	504	12	61	1,064	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	11	61	(D)	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	42,043	1	55	78	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	3	35	(D)	1,710
Other crops and hay	8,659	14	63	197	3,054
Poultry and eggs	33	26	60	1,877	3,020
Cattle and calves	9,055	5	63	1,269	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	34	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	25	12	58	1,872	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	38	8	57	1,857	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	732	10	61	309	3,024
Aquaculture	864	19	52	229	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	99	7	53	1,002	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans for beans	15,534	15	45	910	2,039
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	14,853	7	62	1,331	3,060
Cotton, all	12,857	11	26	199	627
Sorghum for grain	11,020	8	32	166	1,158
Corn for grain	10,464	14	43	1,155	2,634
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	25,640	10	63	1,185	3,060
Horses and ponies	2,075	7	63	519	3,066
Layers	1,298	21	61	1,415	3,024
Colonies of bees	1,180	5	54	418	2,640
Goats, all	1,120	3	59	656	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	281	Farming	453
\$1,000 to \$2,499	117	Other	524
\$2,500 to \$4,999	103	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	121	Male	840
\$10,000 to \$19,999	87	Female	137
\$20,000 to \$24,999	31	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	35	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	41	American Indian or Alaska Native	15
\$50,000 to \$99,999	46	Asian	26
\$100,000 to \$249,999	41	Black or African American	36
\$250,000 to \$499,999	20	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	54	White	1,368
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	70,240	More than one race	10
Average per farm (\$)	71,893	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	24
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	19,521		
Average per farm (\$)	19,981		

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.