

Farm Numbers, Cash Rents and Land Values: Louisiana, 1999-2002

Item	Unit	1999	2000	2001	2002
Farms	Number	30,000	29,500	29,000	29,000
Land in Farms	Acres	8,150,000	8,100,000	8,050,000	8,050,000
Average Size of Farm	Acres	272	275	278	278
Cash Rents for Irrigated Cropland	Dollars	70.00	70.00	74.00	73.00
Cash Rents for Non-Irrigated Cropland	Dollars	49.60	51.90	56.00	57.00
Cash Rents for Pasture	Dollars	15.50	14.00	16.00	16.00
Land Values for Irrigated Cropland	Dollars	990.00	1,060.00	1,070.00	1,100.00
Land Values for Non-Irrigated Cropland	Dollars	1,080.00	1,120.00	1,180.00	1,250.00
Land Values for Pasture	Dollars	1,160.00	1,150.00	1,160.00	1,200.00

Trends in Farmland Acreage, Use and Value: Louisiana, 1982-1997¹

Item	Unit	1982	1987	1992	1997
Farms	Number	31,628	27,350	25,652	23,823
Land in Farms	Acres	8,928,827	8,007,173	7,837,545	7,876,528
Average Size of Farms	Acres	282	293	306	331
Average Per Farm Value of Land & Buildings	Dollars	381,817	268,630	291,332	380,871
Average Per Acre Value of Land & Buildings	Dollars	1,351	940	972	1,206
Total Cropland	Acres	6,093,474	5,562,736	5,552,733	5,331,411
Harvested Cropland	Acres	4,699,323	3,599,678	3,810,690	3,882,648
Cropland Used for Pasture or Grazing	Acres	915,751	828,707	876,372	840,581
All Other Cropland	Acres	478,400	1,134,351	865,671	608,182
Irrigated Land	Acres	693,689	646,677	897,641	942,528
Farms, Under 10 Acres	Number	2,461	2,066	1,934	1,650
Farms, 10-179 Acres	Number	18,976	16,047	14,786	13,914
Farms, 180-999 Acres	Number	8,249	7,413	7,024	6,157
Farms, 1,000-1,999 Acres	Number	1,343	1,279	1,345	1,388
Farms, 2,000 Acres & Over	Number	599	545	563	714
Farms by Tenure of Operator, Full-Owner	Number	18,524	15,770	13,751	13,133
Farms by Tenure of Operator, Part-Owner	Number	9,226	7,894	8,018	7,450
Farms by Tenure of Operator, Tenants	Number	3,878	3,686	3,883	3,240

¹Source for data 1982-1992: U.S. Census of Agriculture, Department of Commerce, Census Bureau. The U.S. Census of Agriculture is conducted every five years. The 1997 Census of Agriculture was conducted and published by the National Agricultural Statistics Service for the first time. The numbers above reflect actual reported data, they have not been adjusted for non-response. Totals adjusted for non-coverage can be found in the 1997 Census of Agriculture publication.