

2002 Census of Agriculture Parish Profile

Ascension, Louisiana

Number of farms

329 farms in 2002, 383 farms in 1997, down 14 percent.

Land in farms

49,607 acres in 2002, 59,792 acres in 1997, down 17 percent.

Average size of farm

151 acres in 2002, 156 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$18,860,000 in 2002, \$15,969,000 in 1997, up 18 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$16,616,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$2,244,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

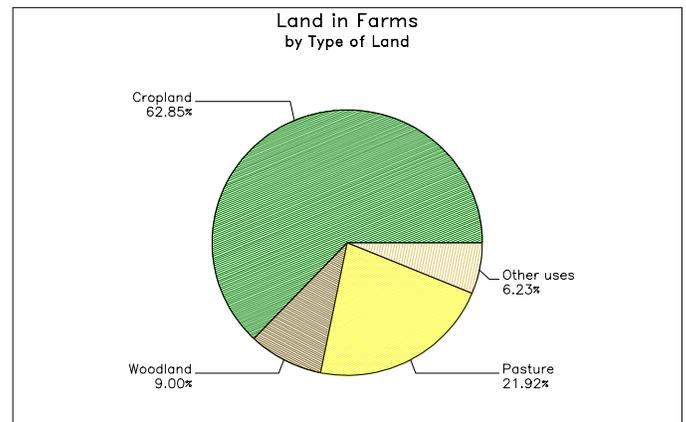
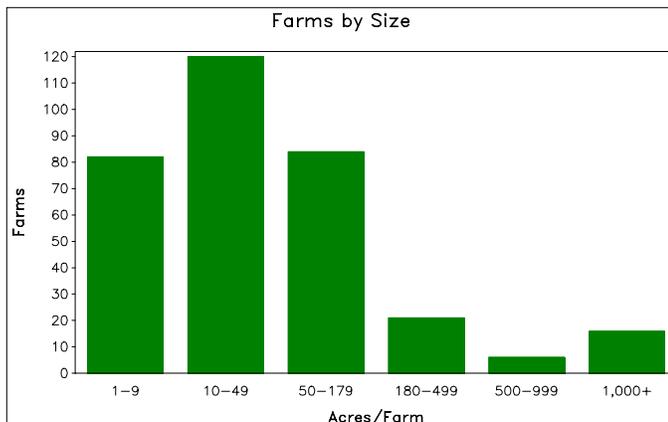
\$57,325 in 2002, \$41,695 in 1997, up 37 percent.

Government Payments

\$146,000 in 2002, \$83,000 in 1997, up 76 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,751 in 2002, \$3,931 in 1997, down 30 percent.



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United States Department of Agriculture, Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service**

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Ranked items among the 64 state parishes and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

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	18,860	39	64	2,142	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	16,616	26	64	1,307	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	2,244	44	64	2,674	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	48	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	23	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	57	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	19	41	60	1,988	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	608	20	57	1,334	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	34	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	15,970	11	63	93	3,046
Poultry and eggs	20	23	54	1,712	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,994	30	63	2,170	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	70	26	28	2,204	2,493
Hogs and pigs	27	15	57	1,938	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	9	16	58	2,328	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	110	25	62	1,684	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	46	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	13	23	51	1,717	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	9,134	36	63	2,128	3,059
Horses and ponies	553	36	64	2,040	3,065
Rabbits	335	3	33	210	1,966
Quail	320	12	28	577	1,412
Layers 20 weeks old and older	302	36	58	2,251	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Sugrcane for sugar	16,326	13	24	18	37
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,572	45	63	2,657	3,059
Sugrcane for seed	827	13	23	18	32
Sod harvested	(D)	5	15	(D)	740
Corn for grain	(D)	36	43	(D)	2,592

Other Parish Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	75
\$1,000 to \$2,499	87
\$2,500 to \$4,999	51
\$5,000 to \$9,999	44
\$10,000 to \$19,999	29
\$20,000 to \$24,999	5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	8
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	9
\$100,000 to \$249,999	6
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1
\$500,000 or more	12
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	17,195
Average per farm (\$)	53,070
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	7,249
Average per farm (\$)	22,374

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	132
Other	197
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	302
Female	27
Average age of principal operator (years)	53.8
All operators ² by race:	
White	442
Black or African American	20
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	18

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

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.