

# 2002 Census of Agriculture Parish Profile

## Lafourche, Louisiana

### Number of farms

405 farms in 2002, 484 farms in 1997, down 16 percent.

### Land in farms

150,927 acres in 2002, 138,954 acres in 1997, up 9 percent.

### Average size of farm

373 acres in 2002, 287 acres in 1997, up 30 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$26,757,000 in 2002, \$33,936,000 in 1997, down 21 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$22,330,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$4,427,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

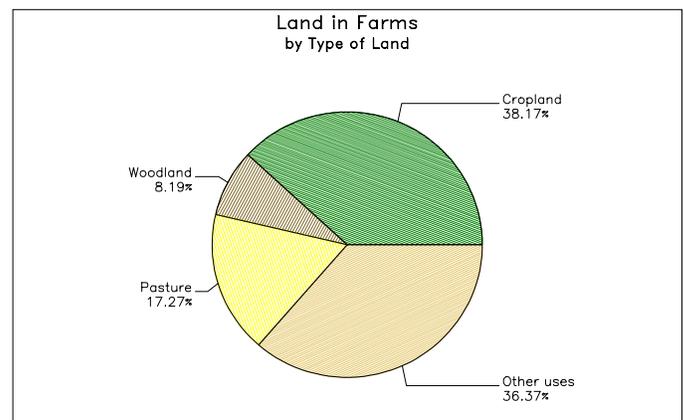
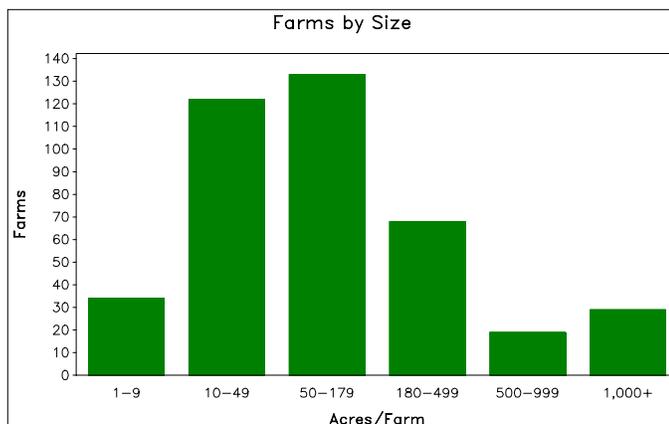
\$66,067 in 2002, \$70,115 in 1997, down 6 percent.

### Government Payments

\$65,000 in 2002, \$40,000 in 1997, up 63 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,296 in 2002, \$2,087 in 1997, down 38 percent.



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

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	26,757	31	64	1,825	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	22,330	23	64	1,083	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	4,427	34	64	2,398	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	-	-	48	-	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	23	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	46	38	57	2,086	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	64	25	60	1,472	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	57	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	34	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	63	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	54	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	3,467	22	63	1,799	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	28	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	2	45	57	2,750	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	5	22	58	2,554	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	580	17	46	246	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	51	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	14	43	(D)	2,599
Cattle and calves	19,999	16	63	1,453	3,059
Quail	900	7	28	401	1,412
Horses and ponies	637	33	64	1,868	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	462	31	58	1,957	2,983
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Sugrcane for sugar	26,550	9	24	12	37
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	7,418	24	63	2,022	3,059
Sugrcane for seed	1,644	9	23	12	32
Oranges	58	2	13	62	123
Corn for grain	(D)	38	43	(D)	2,592

**Other Parish Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	92	Farming	224
\$1,000 to \$2,499	61	Other	181
\$2,500 to \$4,999	41	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	67	Male	398
\$10,000 to \$19,999	51	Female	7
\$20,000 to \$24,999	10	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.1
\$25,000 to \$39,999	16	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	6	White	545
\$50,000 to \$99,999	13	Black or African American	2
\$100,000 to \$249,999	16	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$250,000 to \$499,999	15	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	17	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	21,406	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	53,117	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	2
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	5,978		
Average per farm (\$)	14,833		

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

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.