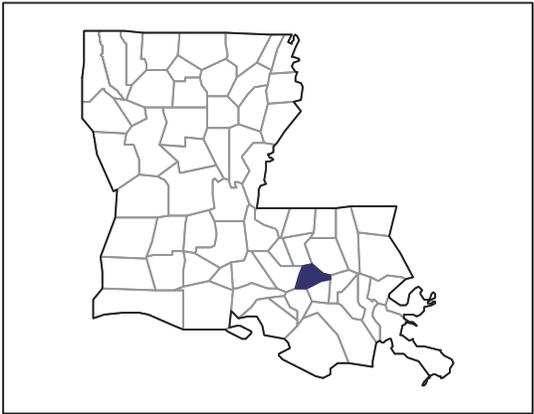


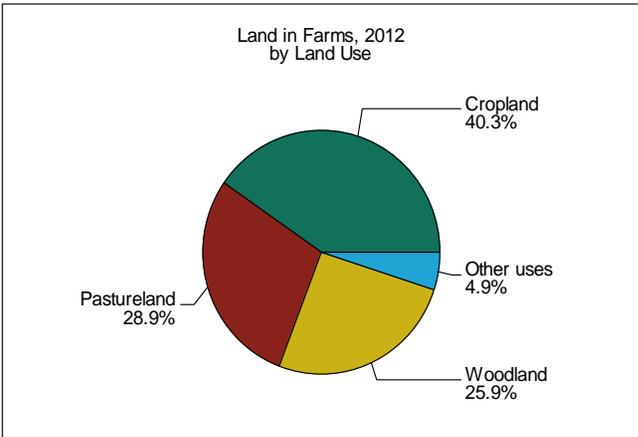
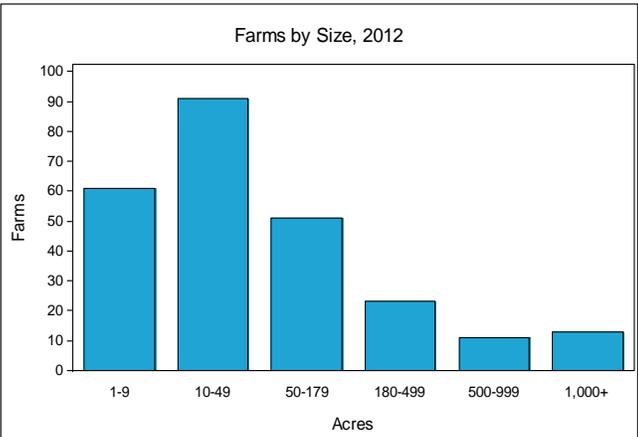
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

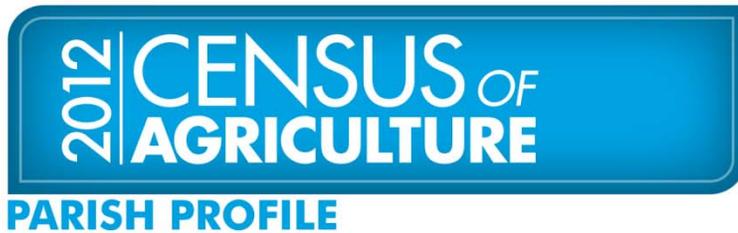
PARISH PROFILE



Ascension Parish Louisiana

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	250	277	- 10
Land in Farms	50,456 acres	45,455 acres	+ 11
Average Size of Farm	202 acres	164 acres	+ 23
Market Value of Products Sold	\$20,492,000	\$19,416,000	+ 6
Crop Sales \$17,707,000 (86 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$2,785,000 (14 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$81,966	\$70,095	+ 17
Government Payments	\$56,000	\$84,000	- 33
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$7,001	\$7,006	0





Ascension Parish – Louisiana

Ranked items among the 64 state parishes and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	20,492	43	64	2,364	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	17,707	33	64	1,778	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	2,785	46	64	2,678	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	680	41	54	2,324	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	23	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	20	54	60	2,450	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	65	42	63	1,648	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	28	47	55	2,357	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	29	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	16,913	13	63	186	3,049
Poultry and eggs	12	40	61	2,300	3,013
Cattle and calves	2,591	33	64	2,170	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	18	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	48	3	51	1,466	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	25	18	57	2,333	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	97	41	61	1,857	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	45	48	1,164	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	58	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Sugarcane for sugar	13,794	11	20	16	49
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,790	52	63	2,745	3,057
Soybeans for beans	1,125	41	50	1,660	2,162
Sugarcane for seed	800	12	20	15	44
Corn for grain	(D)	31	37	(D)	2,638
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	8,365	35	64	2,072	3,063
Layers	845	34	64	2,000	3,040
Horses and ponies	494	42	63	2,058	3,072
Goats, all	374	18	61	1,570	2,996
Hogs and pigs	198	14	55	1,665	2,889

Other Parish Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	74	Farming	82
\$1,000 to \$2,499	34	Other	168
\$2,500 to \$4,999	42	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	34	Male	235
\$10,000 to \$19,999	32	Female	15
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	6	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	-	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	10	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	1	Black or African American	22
\$250,000 to \$499,999	3	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	10	White	385
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	13,270	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	53,081	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	4
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	7,712		
Average per farm (\$)	30,848		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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.