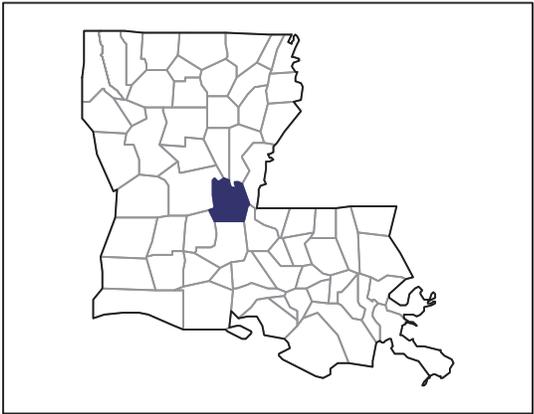


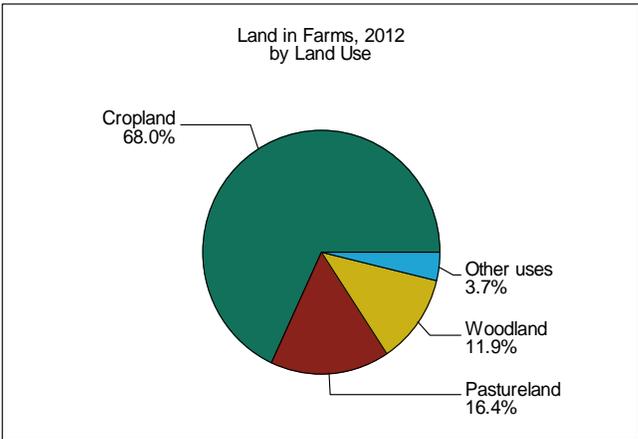
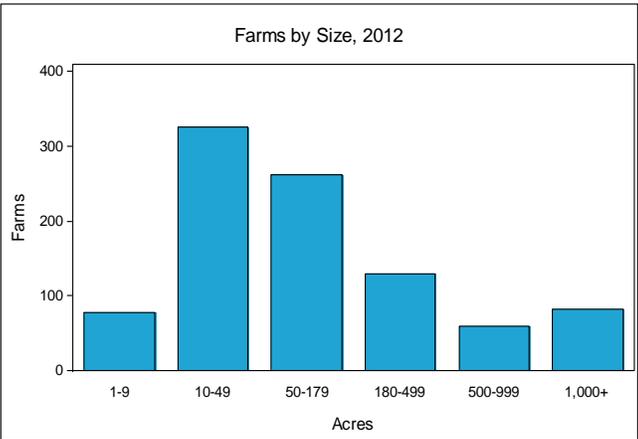
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

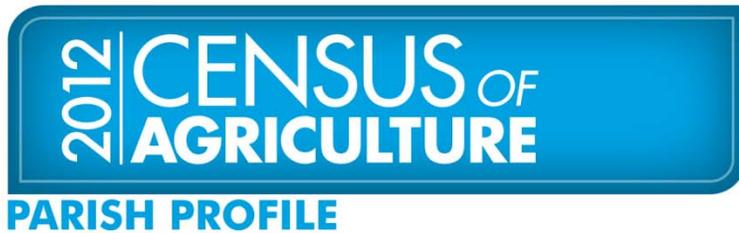
## PARISH PROFILE



### Avoyelles Parish Louisiana

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	937	947	- 1
<b>Land in Farms</b>	299,158 acres	278,465 acres	+ 7
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	319 acres	294 acres	+ 9
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$137,784,000	\$75,171,000	+ 83
Crop Sales \$125,611,000 (91 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$12,173,000 (9 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$147,048	\$79,378	+ 85
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$5,632,000	\$6,185,000	- 9
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$13,253	\$14,350	- 8





## Avoyelles Parish – Louisiana

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

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	137,784	7	64	865	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	125,611	6	64	502	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	12,173	21	64	1,978	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	97,287	9	54	495	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	4,910	11	23	269	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	5,220	2	60	359	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	63	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	55	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	28	29	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	17,124	12	63	180	3,049
Poultry and eggs	43	22	61	1,678	3,013
Cattle and calves	9,188	5	64	1,379	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	18	18	2,026	2,038
Hogs and pigs	5	36	51	2,381	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	68	5	57	1,694	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	101	40	61	1,823	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	30	48	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	2	58	(D)	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Soybeans for beans	83,066	3	50	338	2,162
Sorghum for grain	29,236	1	26	49	1,220
Wheat for grain, all	17,174	7	40	517	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	17,174	7	40	425	2,480
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	15,448	8	63	1,224	3,057
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	28,940	8	64	992	3,063
Colonies of bees	(D)	1	51	(D)	2,761
Layers	2,812	15	64	1,077	3,040
Goats, all	1,095	3	61	495	2,996
Horses and ponies	916	25	63	1,304	3,072

### Other Parish Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	310	Farming	403
\$1,000 to \$2,499	55	Other	534
\$2,500 to \$4,999	108	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	109	Male	858
\$10,000 to \$19,999	96	Female	79
\$20,000 to \$24,999	27	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.6
\$25,000 to \$39,999	33	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	18	American Indian or Alaska Native	14
\$50,000 to \$99,999	45	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	25	Black or African American	47
\$250,000 to \$499,999	35	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	76	White	1,223
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	81,316	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	86,783	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	39
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	66,537		
Average per farm (\$)	71,011		

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.

<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.