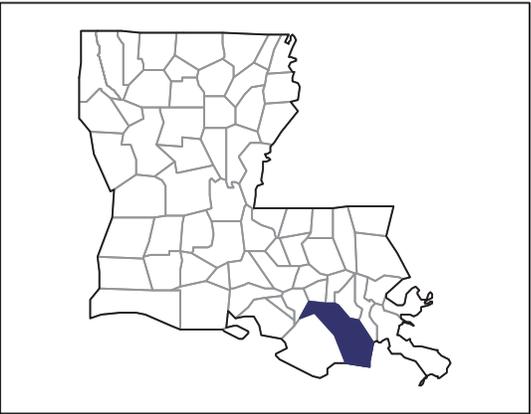


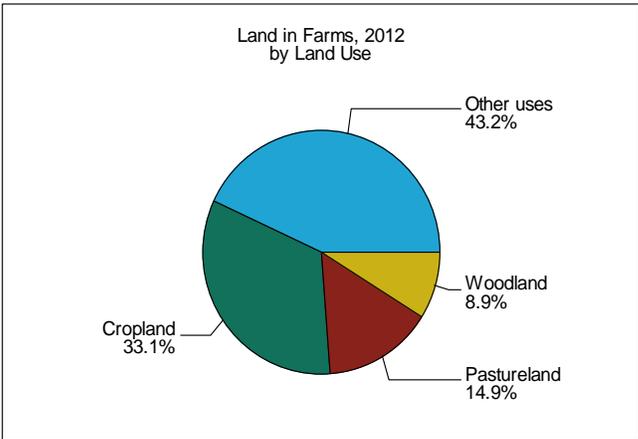
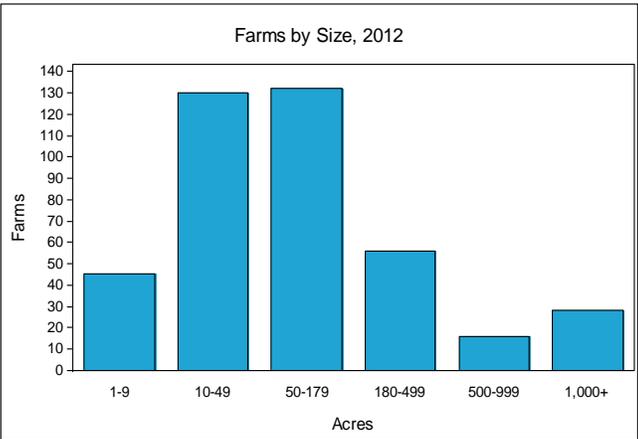
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

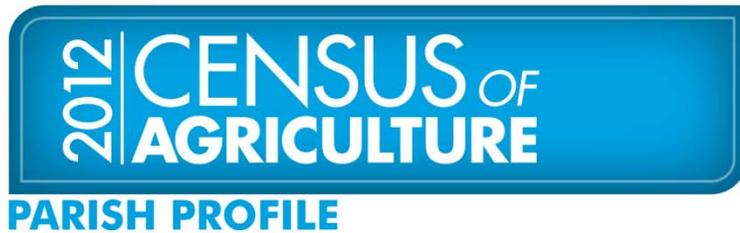
PARISH PROFILE



Lafourche Parish Louisiana

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	407	440	- 8
Land in Farms	158,168 acres	106,119 acres	+ 49
Average Size of Farm	389 acres	241 acres	+ 61
Market Value of Products Sold	\$57,982,000	\$41,970,000	+ 38
Crop Sales \$42,735,000 (74 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$15,247,000 (26 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$142,461	\$95,386	+ 49
Government Payments	\$51,000	\$154,000	- 67
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$5,084	\$6,431	- 21





Lafourche 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	57,982	27	64	1,657	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	42,735	23	64	1,256	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	15,247	18	64	1,841	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	49	54	(D)	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	23	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	330	15	60	1,269	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	-	-	29	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	41,462	7	63	68	3,049
Poultry and eggs	25	33	61	1,950	3,013
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	64	(D)	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	18	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	6	29	51	2,266	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	9	41	57	2,705	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	15	56	61	2,751	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	4	48	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	53	24	58	1,404	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Sugarcane for sugar	27,377	7	20	11	49
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,398	20	63	1,690	3,057
Sugarcane for seed	2,685	5	20	6	44
Soybeans for beans	(D)	48	50	(D)	2,162
Vegetables harvested, all	104	15	60	1,247	2,801
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	15,270	18	64	1,580	3,063
Layers	1,189	27	64	1,731	3,040
Quail	650	5	21	312	944
Horses and ponies	609	36	63	1,829	3,072
Ducks	376	1	46	195	2,480

Other Parish Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	72	Farming	149
\$1,000 to \$2,499	49	Other	258
\$2,500 to \$4,999	38	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	81	Male	365
\$10,000 to \$19,999	59	Female	42
\$20,000 to \$24,999	15	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.6
\$25,000 to \$39,999	26	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	12	American Indian or Alaska Native	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	28	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	4	Black or African American	3
\$250,000 to \$499,999	-	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	23	White	574
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	34,117	More than one race	5
Average per farm (\$)	83,826	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	8
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	24,639		
Average per farm (\$)	60,539		

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.