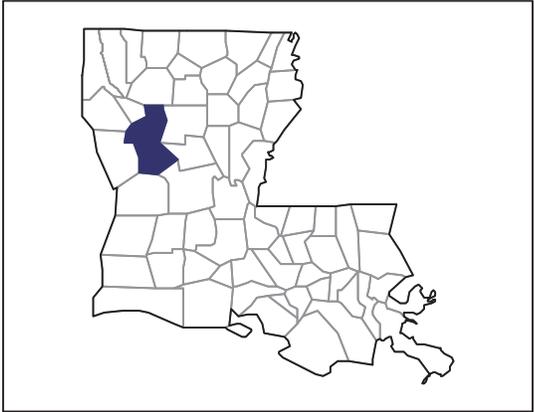


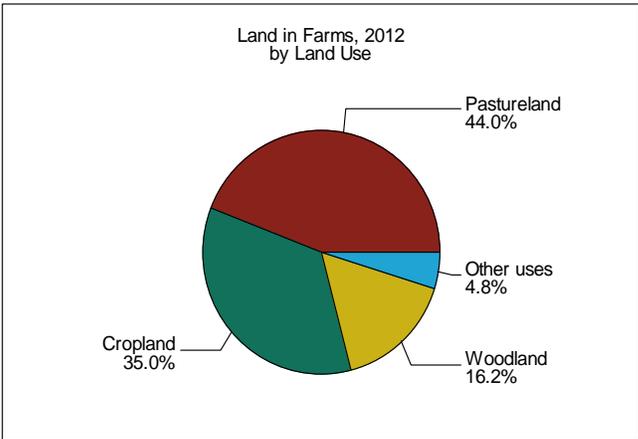
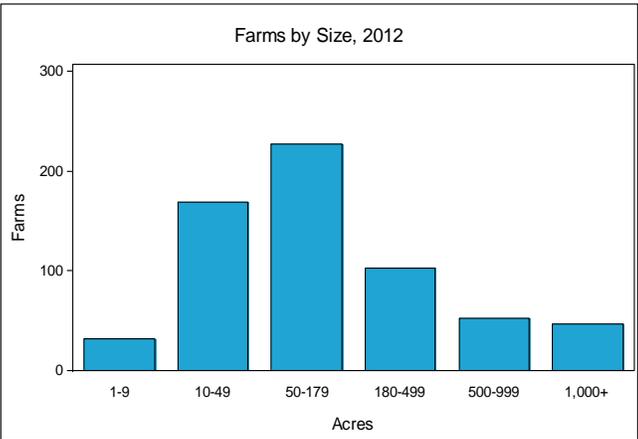
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

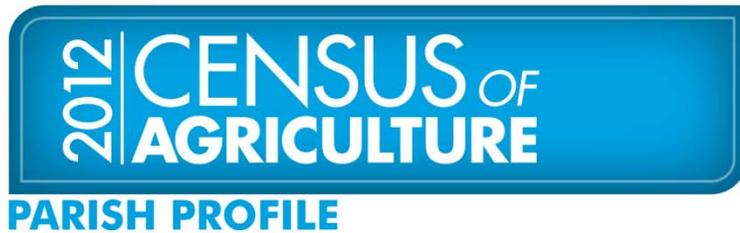
PARISH PROFILE



Natchitoches Parish Louisiana

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	630	571	+ 10
Land in Farms	200,979 acres	221,756 acres	- 9
Average Size of Farm	319 acres	388 acres	- 18
Market Value of Products Sold	\$129,003,000	\$82,449,000	+ 56
Crop Sales \$30,240,000 (23 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$98,763,000 (77 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$204,767	\$144,395	+ 42
Government Payments	\$3,061,000	\$3,673,000	- 17
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$14,717	\$17,828	- 17





Natchitoches 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	129,003	11	64	926	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	30,240	26	64	1,473	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	98,763	3	64	476	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	22,388	19	54	1,186	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	2,728	14	23	334	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	55	44	60	2,134	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	1	63	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	55	55	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	29	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	22	63	(D)	3,049
Poultry and eggs	81,075	4	61	150	3,013
Cattle and calves	15,720	2	64	976	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	18	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	-	-	51	-	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	30	17	57	2,235	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	61	(D)	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	13	48	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	14	35	58	2,055	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	27,810	1	63	676	3,057
Corn for grain	12,927	11	37	1,117	2,638
Soybeans for beans	11,284	21	50	1,087	2,162
Cotton, all	3,725	14	23	354	635
Upland cotton	3,725	14	23	353	635
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	2,932,800	4	43	168	2,723
Cattle and calves	35,735	4	64	790	3,063
Layers	(D)	11	64	(D)	3,040
Horses and ponies	1,789	9	63	553	3,072
Roosters	(D)	12	40	(D)	2,120

Other Parish Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	177	Farming	249
\$1,000 to \$2,499	58	Other	381
\$2,500 to \$4,999	70		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	72	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	83	Male	566
\$20,000 to \$24,999	15	Female	64
\$25,000 to \$39,999	24		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	15	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	29		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	35	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	13	American Indian or Alaska Native	13
\$500,000 or more	39	Asian	4
		Black or African American	149
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	87,451	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Average per farm (\$)	138,811	White	733
		More than one race	17
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	46,957	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	29
Average per farm (\$)	74,534		

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.