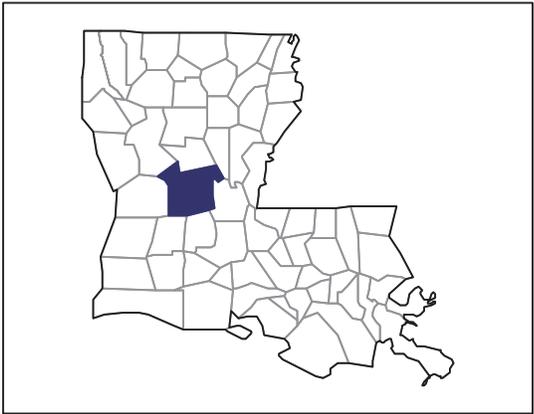


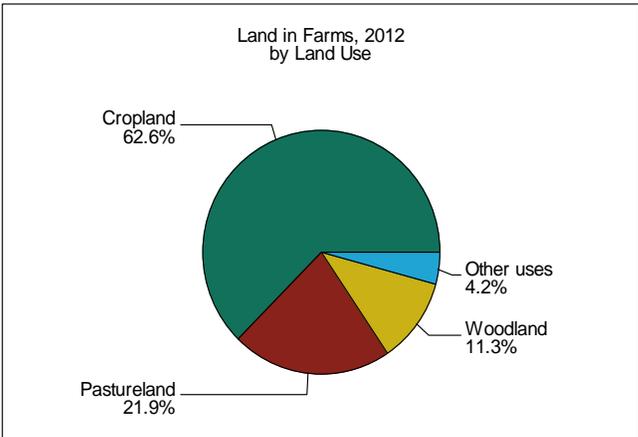
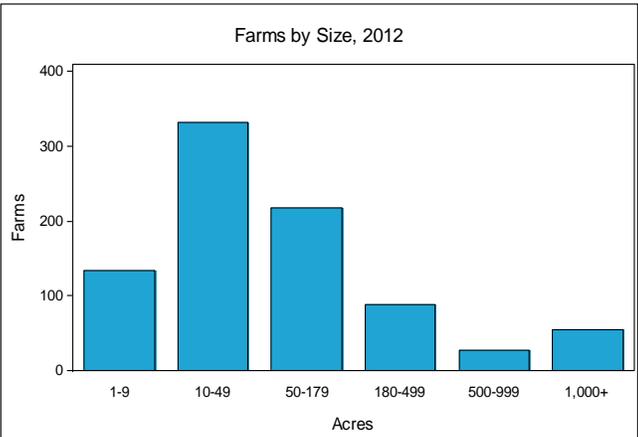
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

PARISH PROFILE



Rapides Parish Louisiana

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	853	977	- 13
Land in Farms	210,996 acres	177,300 acres	+ 19
Average Size of Farm	247 acres	181 acres	+ 36
Market Value of Products Sold	\$132,191,000	\$84,549,000	+ 56
Crop Sales \$116,703,000 (88 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$15,488,000 (12 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$154,972	\$86,539	+ 79
Government Payments	\$3,644,000	\$3,917,000	- 7
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$19,280	\$22,254	- 13





2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

PARISH PROFILE

Rapides 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	132,191	8	64	899	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	116,703	9	64	545	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	15,488	17	64	1,835	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	49,592	17	54	837	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	7,665	9	23	211	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	60	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	5	63	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	41,162	1	55	74	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	29	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	16,507	14	63	194	3,049
Poultry and eggs	65	19	61	1,529	3,013
Cattle and calves	10,574	4	64	1,268	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	12	18	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	21	8	51	1,788	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	52	8	57	1,880	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	61	(D)	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	9	48	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	450	6	58	453	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans for beans	33,260	14	50	750	2,162
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	17,697	4	63	1,098	3,057
Sorghum for grain	10,490	5	26	133	1,220
Sugarcane for sugar	10,445	13	20	19	49
Rice	10,082	11	30	54	146
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	29,922	5	64	961	3,063
Layers	2,962	14	64	1,050	3,040
Horses and ponies	1,477	13	63	742	3,072
Pullets for laying flock replacement	831	6	49	583	2,637
Quail	640	6	21	315	944

Other Parish Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	212	Farming	427
\$1,000 to \$2,499	72	Other	426
\$2,500 to \$4,999	84	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	124	Male	757
\$10,000 to \$19,999	89	Female	96
\$20,000 to \$24,999	19	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	31	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	17	American Indian or Alaska Native	18
\$50,000 to \$99,999	65	Asian	34
\$100,000 to \$249,999	43	Black or African American	31
\$250,000 to \$499,999	26	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	6
\$500,000 or more	71	White	1,162
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	100,979	More than one race	6
Average per farm (\$)	118,381	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	30
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	39,663		
Average per farm (\$)	46,498		

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.