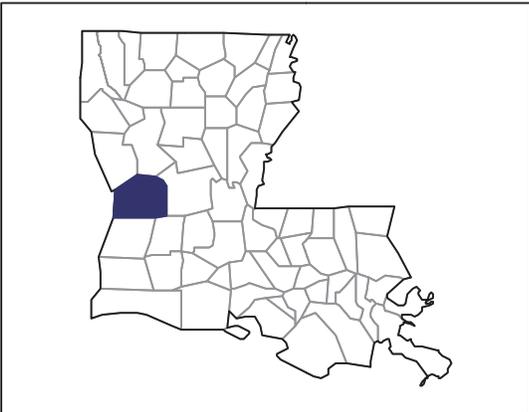


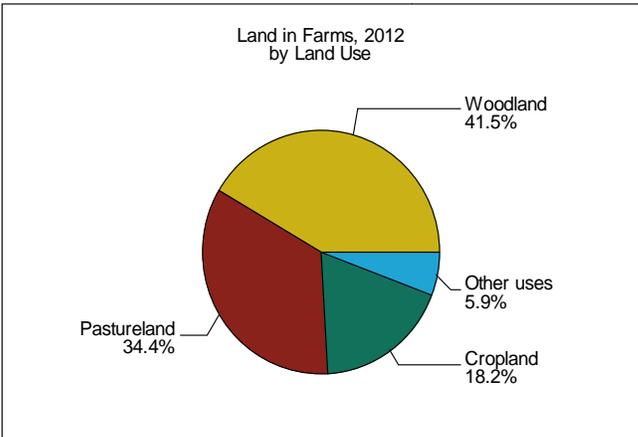
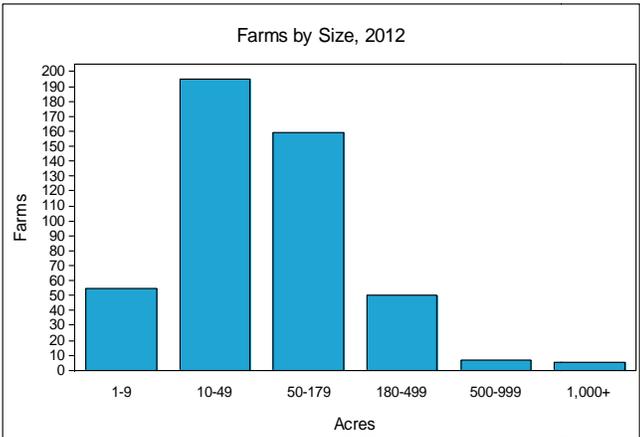
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

PARISH PROFILE



Vernon Parish Louisiana

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	471	479	- 2
Land in Farms	48,995 acres	50,633 acres	- 3
Average Size of Farm	104 acres	106 acres	- 2
Market Value of Products Sold	\$3,200,000	\$9,136,000	- 65
Crop Sales \$929,000 (29 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$2,270,000 (71 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$6,794	\$19,073	- 64
Government Payments	\$89,000	\$94,000	- 5
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$4,673	\$2,606	+ 79



2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

PARISH PROFILE

Vernon 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	3,200	60	64	2,927	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	929	57	64	2,897	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	2,270	50	64	2,731	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	53	54	(D)	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	23	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	281	19	60	1,336	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	143	28	63	1,243	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	41	55	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	29	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	431	49	63	2,491	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	16	61	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	64	(D)	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	18	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	9	23	51	2,146	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	58	6	57	1,807	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	127	35	61	1,644	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	48	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	12	36	58	2,126	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	5,554	36	63	2,146	3,057
Vegetables harvested, all	67	24	60	1,465	2,801
Watermelons	23	6	52	377	1,945
Pecans, all	(D)	41	56	(D)	1,263
Walnuts, English	(D)	1	1	(D)	406
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	13	43	(D)	2,723
Cattle and calves	6,674	39	64	2,234	3,063
Layers	2,421	16	64	1,161	3,040
Goats, all	1,332	1	61	379	2,996
Horses and ponies	1,242	18	63	923	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	189	Farming	234
\$1,000 to \$2,499	70	Other	237
\$2,500 to \$4,999	74	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	72	Male	393
\$10,000 to \$19,999	36	Female	78
\$20,000 to \$24,999	6	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.1
\$25,000 to \$39,999	14	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3	American Indian or Alaska Native	40
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4	Asian	4
\$100,000 to \$249,999	2	Black or African American	12
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	-	White	618
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	6,803	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	14,445	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	15
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-2,526		
Average per farm (\$)	-5,363		

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.