



Rapides Parish Louisiana

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	856	(Z)
Land in farms (acres)	203,234	-4
Average size of farm (acres)	237	-4
Total (\$)		
Market value of products sold	147,527,000	+12
Government payments	3,482,000	-4
Farm-related income	9,462,000	+97
Total farm production expenses	119,638,000	+18
Net cash farm income	40,833,000	+3
Per farm average (\$)		
Market value of products sold	172,345	+11
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	17,066	-11
Farm-related income	45,273	+122
Total farm production expenses	139,764	+18
Net cash farm income	47,702	+3

5 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	91
Livestock, poultry, and products	9

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	65
Pastureland	18
Woodland	13
Other	5

Acres irrigated: 26,263

13% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	3
Reduced till	6
Intensive till	7
Cover crop	4

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	347	41
\$2,500 to \$4,999	91	11
\$5,000 to \$9,999	100	12
\$10,000 to \$24,999	92	11
\$25,000 to \$49,999	37	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	36	4
\$100,000 or more	153	18

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	133	16
10 to 49 acres	304	36
50 to 179 acres	241	28
180 to 499 acres	97	11
500 to 999 acres	28	3
1,000 + acres	53	6

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^b	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^b	Counties Producing Item
Total	147,527	1	64	777	3,077
Crops	134,760	1	64	358	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	40,129	16	52	861	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	1	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	4,405	10	22	279	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	522	12	61	953	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	777	6	63	531	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	80,421	1	50	34	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	20	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	8,506	15	63	304	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	12,768	22	64	1,965	3,073
Poultry and eggs	52	28	62	1,232	3,007
Cattle and calves	7,650	9	64	1,414	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	11	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	18	17	52	1,408	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	48	5	54	1,765	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	258	15	58	808	2,970
Aquaculture	4,339	10	40	72	1,251
Other animals and animal products	403	9	56	349	2,878

Total Producers ^c

1,416

Sex

Male	912
Female	504

Age

<35	89
35 – 64	891
65 and older	436

Race

American Indian/Alaska Native	18
Asian	35
Black or African American	54
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	1,296
More than one race	13

Other characteristics

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	52
With military service	137
New and beginning farmers	399

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **74**

Farm organically **(Z)**

Sell directly to consumers **6**

Hire farm labor **36**

Are family farms **96**

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Soybeans for beans	51,163
Forage (hay/haylage), all	12,775
Corn for grain	11,011
Rice	10,469
Cotton, all	9,567

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	510
Cattle and calves	25,210
Goats	637
Hogs and pigs	219
Horses and ponies	1,340
Layers	2,750
Pullets	855
Sheep and lambs	533
Turkeys	141

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

^a May not add to 100% due to rounding. ^b Among counties whose rank can be displayed. ^c Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

^d Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. ^e Position below the line does not indicate rank.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.