



Vernon Parish Louisiana

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	432	-8
Land in farms (acres)	40,935	-16
Average size of farm (acres)	95	-9
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	25,537,000	+698
Government payments	184,000	+107
Farm-related income	470,000	-52
Total farm production expenses	13,863,000	+104
Net cash farm income	12,328,000	+588
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	59,114	+770
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	2,784	-40
Farm-related income	10,214	-3
Total farm production expenses	32,089	+122
Net cash farm income	28,537	+632

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	3
Livestock, poultry, and products	97

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	20
Pastureland	39
Woodland	35
Other	7

Acres irrigated: 273

1% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	(Z)
Reduced till	1
Intensive till	4
Cover crop	2

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	230	53
\$2,500 to \$4,999	69	16
\$5,000 to \$9,999	69	16
\$10,000 to \$24,999	39	9
\$25,000 to \$49,999	13	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	3	1
\$100,000 or more	9	2

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	33	8
10 to 49 acres	216	50
50 to 179 acres	131	30
180 to 499 acres	40	9
500 to 999 acres	7	2
1,000 + acres	5	1

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	25,537	39	64	2,245	3,077
Crops	678	57	64	2,885	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	(D)	51	52	(D)	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	1	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	22	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	137	28	61	1,418	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	41	63	(D)	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	60	36	50	1,486	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	20	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	459	47	63	2,361	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	24,859	9	64	1,473	3,073
Poultry and eggs	22,668	8	62	405	3,007
Cattle and calves	1,974	34	64	2,174	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	11	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	16	52	1,377	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	65	4	54	1,558	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	129	24	58	1,285	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	40	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	42	56	(D)	2,878

Total Producers ^c

Sex	696
Male	449
Female	247
Age	
<35	73
35 – 64	410
65 and older	213
Race	
American Indian/Alaska Native	9
Asian	7
Black or African American	16
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	648
More than one race	16
Other characteristics	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	21
With military service	143
New and beginning farmers	273

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	70
Farm organically	-
Sell directly to consumers	5
Hire farm labor	13
Are family farms	99

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Forage (hay/haylage), all	5,203
Vegetables harvested, all	46
Short-rotation woody crops	(D)
Watermelons	22
Peas, southern (cowpeas)	8

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,169,720
Cattle and calves	8,374
Goats	505
Hogs and pigs	375
Horses and ponies	677
Layers	2,592
Pullets	244
Sheep and lambs	304
Turkeys	12

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.