

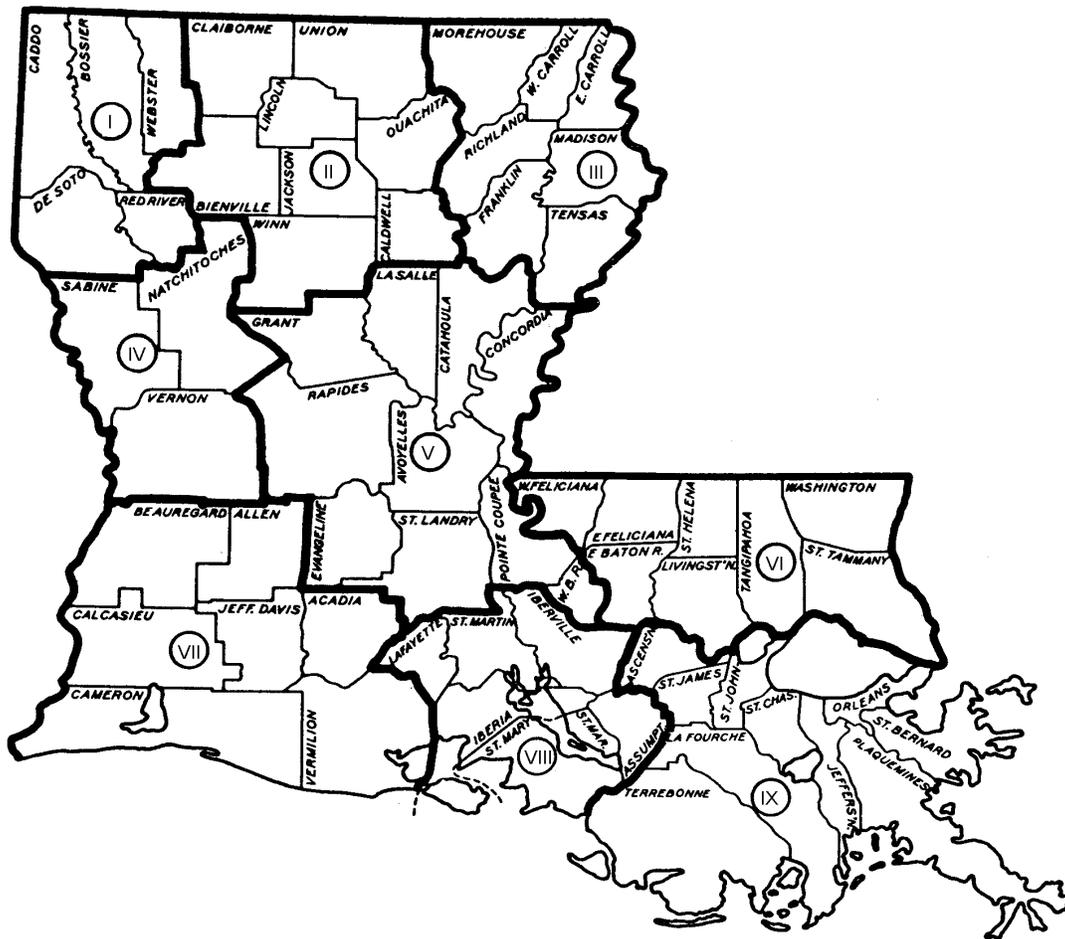
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The support and cooperation of Louisiana's farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses are the foundation for accurate and reliable agricultural statistics. The entire staff of the National Agricultural Statistics Service's Louisiana Field Office, along with the enumerators of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) who collect the data, would like to express our great appreciation to the many individuals and operations who provided the survey data to make this publication and the estimates it contains possible.

The 2005 Louisiana Agricultural Statistics bulletin provides a wealth of economic, crop, livestock and weather data for the state as a whole. Additionally, for major commodities, the bulletin provides 2005 parish level estimates.

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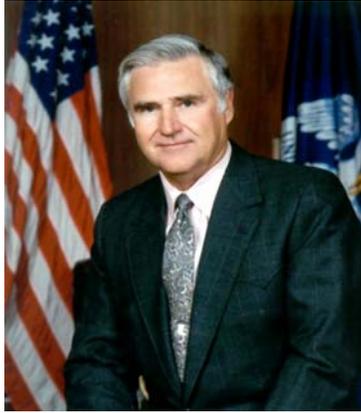
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Message from Commissioner Odom

Louisiana has a long and rich history of innovative agricultural production.

Long known for its culinary expertise and *joie de vivre*, Louisiana agricultural producers virtually created the market for exotic food products like crawfish and alligator.

But Louisiana is not just a producer of the exotic. The state is a national leader in cotton and sugarcane cultivation. The planting of high-yielding sugarcane varieties and investment in new harvesting combines have made sugarcane farming more productive than ever. In addition, technological advances in machinery, seed production, fertilizers and pesticides have kept Louisiana among the national leaders in cotton production. Louisiana remains a leading rice-producing state and a major producer of corn, sweet potatoes, soybeans and pecans.

The LSU AgCenter introduced the Beauregard sweet potato to the world in 1987 and it has become the most popular variety ever developed. Louisiana nurserymen were the first to propagate superior pecan tree genotypes and the state continues to be one of the leading producers of pecans. At the same time, progressive agricultural innovations have also allowed Louisiana citrus and vegetable growers to feed American consumers.

The rise of the forestry industry has also established Louisiana as one of the pre-eminent producers of timber. The economic impact of paper-making and lumber production to the state's economy is greater than all of the other agricultural endeavors combined.

The numbers compiled within this publication are a reflection of the hard work of our Louisiana producers, and we thank them for their participation in the many surveys conducted by the Louisiana Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Sincerely,

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Hurricanes Katrina and Rita ravaged the State in August and September of 2005. They caused tremendous crop and livestock losses throughout Louisiana. Some areas fared better than others during the hurricanes, but all of Louisiana was affected in some form or another.

We thank all Louisianans who have participated in the March, June, September and December Agricultural Surveys, Monthly Crop Yield surveys, January and July Cattle surveys, Cotton Objective Yield survey, January and July Sheep and Goat Surveys along with a number of other surveys conducted on an annual basis. This was an incredible year with all the devastation that was going on in Louisiana, first the drought then the storms, but Louisianans kept responding to surveys and answering questions about crop and livestock production and losses.

With so much activity throughout the state, the need for information was heightened to levels probably not many of us have ever seen. Federal, State, and Local government officials and agencies were in need of information and as quickly as we could provide it. NASS's Louisiana Field Office was able to provide a great deal of that information because of your cooperation on the annual and monthly surveys that are conducted by this office. Thank you again for your participation.

Data included in this publication represent numerous agricultural, economic and chemical use surveys completed by a multitude of Louisiana producers over the years. Without the cooperation of agricultural producers, agri-businesses and private industry, these data series would not be possible.

The Louisiana Field Office is a state office within the National Agricultural Statistics Service, the agency charged with providing agricultural statistics for the United States Department of Agriculture.

Sincerely,

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Director

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Gross Farm Income, Expenses, and Net Income: Louisiana, 2002-2005

Item	2002	2003	2004	2005
-----Million Dollars-----				
Cash Receipts, Farm Marketings +	1,716.3	2,102.3	2,174.3	2,124.7
Direct Government Payments ¹ +	293.7	454.9	264.9	338.3
Other Farm Income ² +	90.6	66.4	87.6	103.3
Non-Cash Income ³ +	135.4	152.0	181.7	179.6
Value of Inventory Adjustment ⁴ + (-)	(1.8)	(83.0)	90.2	(18.9)
Gross Value Added Farm Income ⁵	2,234.2	2,692.6	2,798.7	2,727.0
Production Expenses (-)	1,931.6	1,886.8	2,042.2	2,064.2
Net Farm Income ⁵	302.6	805.8	756.5	662.8

¹ Direct government payments minus motor vehicle registration, licensing fees and property taxes.

² Includes machine hire, custom work, forest products sold and other farm income.

³ Includes the rental value of housing provided by farm dwellings and the value of farm products consumed directly in farm dwellings.

⁴ The estimated physical change in livestock and crops owned by farmers, valued at average prices prevailing during the year.

⁵ Totals may not add (subtract) due to rounding.

Farm Production Expenses: Louisiana, 2002-2005¹

Item	2002	2003	2004	2005
-----Million Dollars-----				
Feed Purchased	139.8	187.7	168.5	186.0
Livestock & Poultry Purchased	34.6	43.4	49.0	49.5
Seed Purchased	104.8	105.2	113.1	121.0
Fertilizer & Lime	128.4	129.4	151.4	153.8
Pesticides	194.4	168.2	186.9	165.1
Petroleum Fuel & Oils	101.8	95.9	114.9	131.7
Electricity	31.5	21.9	29.1	30.3
Repair & Maintenance	125.7	95.8	108.4	132.0
Contract & Hired Labor	177.0	136.4	179.3	154.9
Capital Consumption	214.8	219.4	236.2	244.5
Net Rent (To Non-operator Landlords)	220.2	190.5	224.8	182.3
Interest (Real Estate & Non-Real Estate)	130.7	125.9	130.3	150.5
Other Miscellaneous ²	327.9	367.1	350.3	362.6
Total Production Expenses ³	1,931.6	1,886.8	2,042.2	2,064.2

¹ Includes operators' dwellings located on farms.

² Includes machine hire and custom work plus marketing, storage and transportation expenses, and miscellaneous expenses.

³ Totals may not add due to rounding.

Cash Receipts From Farm Marketings By Commodity: Louisiana, 2002-2005

Commodity	2002	2003	2004	2005
-----Thousand Dollars-----				
All Commodities	1,716,275	2,102,287	2,174,260	2,124,699
Total Crops	1,066,966	1,404,943	1,296,302	1,204,605
Corn	142,388	150,661	134,086	86,889
Cotton (Lint & Seed)	128,280	361,486	191,480	231,507
Fruits and Nuts	7,833	9,266	7,851	6,708
Hay (All)	12,822	9,941	5,970	4,060
Peaches	1,051	1,223	1,136	1,125
Pecans	3,780	15,200	9,675	5,750
Rice	111,906	155,923	250,363	207,257
Sorghum Grain	33,254	30,594	16,637	13,234
Soybeans	115,484	158,005	193,408	175,653
Sugarcane	328,373	330,718	292,801	279,995
Sweet Potatoes	31,962	50,594	48,729	44,387
Winter Wheat	26,759	19,902	29,204	16,565
Other Crops (All) ¹	123,073	111,429	114,961	131,475
Total Livestock & Products	649,310	697,344	877,958	920,093
Aquaculture	65,112	62,005	56,116	55,536
Cattle & Calves	157,153	178,288	205,490	235,763
Dairy Products	73,840	66,040	77,220	66,411
Poultry/Eggs	306,686	345,293	486,631	495,699
Hogs	2,041	2,163	3,065	2,583
Other Livestock & Products (All) ²	44,478	43,555	49,436	64,101

¹Includes sunflowers, cucumbers, green peppers, tomatoes, other vegetables, berries, miscellaneous fruits and nuts, forestry products and other field crops.

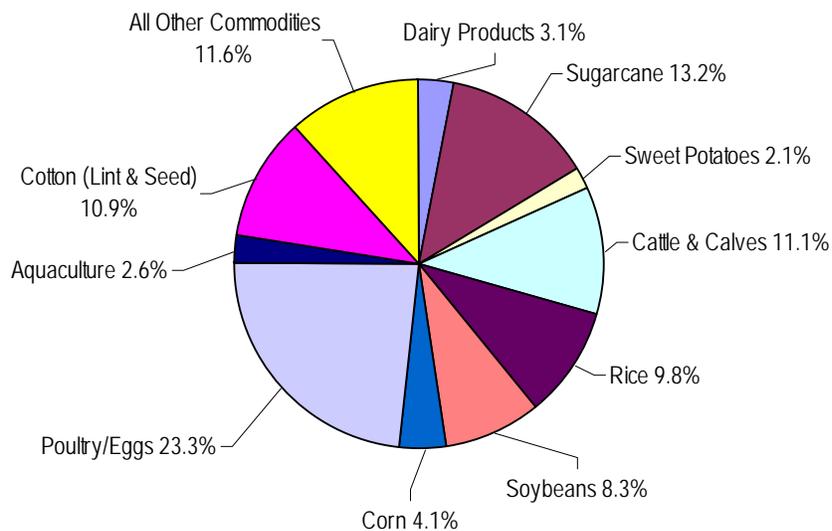
²Includes horses, honey, wool and all other livestock.

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Cash Receipts From Sales: Louisiana, 2005

Rank	Commodity	Cash Receipts Dollars	Percent of Total
1	Poultry/Eggs	495,699,000	23.3
2	Sugarcane	279,995,000	13.2
3	Cattle & Calves	235,763,000	11.1
4	Cotton	231,507,000	10.9
5	Rice	207,257,000	9.8
6	Soybeans	175,653,000	8.3
7	Corn	86,889,000	4.1
8	Dairy Products	66,411,000	3.1
9	Aquaculture	55,536,000	2.6
10	Sweet Potatoes	44,387,000	2.1
	All Other Commodities	245,601,000	11.6
Total Cash Receipts		2,124,698,000	

Louisiana Cash Receipts by Commodity



Farm Numbers, Cash Rents and Land Values: Louisiana, 2002-2005

Item	Unit	2002	2003	2004	2005
Farms	Number	27,500	27,200	27,000	26,800
Land in Farms	Acres	7,900,000	7,850,000	7,850,000	7,800,000
Average Size of Farm	Acres	287	289	291	291
Cash Rents for Irrigated Cropland	Dollars/Acre	73.00	68.00	76.00	70.00
Cash Rents for Non-Irrigated Cropland	Dollars/Acre	57.00	59.00	62.00	62.00
Cash Rents for Pasture	Dollars/Acre	16.00	15.00	15.50	16.50
Land Values for Irrigated Cropland	Dollars/Acre	1,050.00	1,070.00	1,150.00	1,360.00
Land Values for Non-Irrigated Cropland	Dollars/Acre	1,230.00	1,280.00	1,340.00	1,550.00
Land Values for Pasture	Dollars/Acre	1,270.00	1,310.00	1,350.00	1,670.00

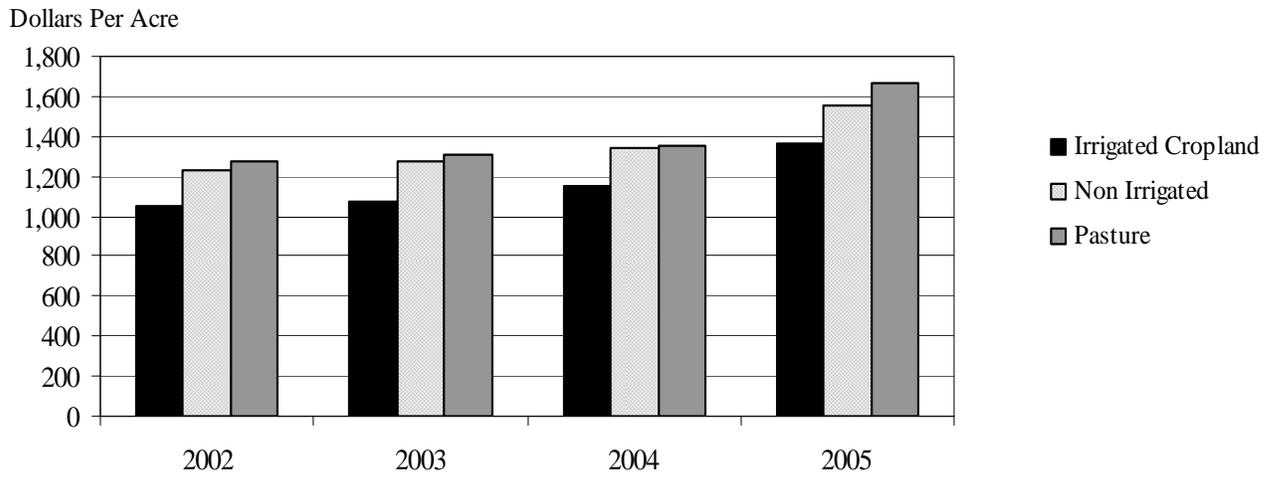
Trends in Farmland Acreage, Use and Value: Louisiana, 1987-2002

Item	Unit	1987 ¹	1992 ¹	1997 ²	2002 ²
Farms	Number	27,350	25,652	30,425	27,413
Land in Farms	Acres	8,007,173	7,837,545	8,367,843	7,830,664
Average Size of Farms	Acres	293	306	275	286
Average Per Farm Value of Land & Buildings	Dollars	268,630	291,332	338,828	444,007
Average Per Acre Value of Land & Buildings	Dollars	940	972	1,236	1,534
Total Cropland	Acres	5,562,736	5,552,733	5,567,627	5,071,537
Harvested Cropland	Acres	3,599,678	3,810,690	4,022,664	3,332,146
Cropland Used for Pasture or Grazing	Acres	828,707	876,372	908,024	841,621
All Other Cropland	Acres	1,134,351	865,671	636,939	897,770
Irrigated Land	Acres	646,677	897,641	960,831	938,841
Farms, Under 10 Acres	Number	2,066	1,934	2,525	2,526
Farms, 10-179 Acres	Number	16,047	14,786	19,018	16,866
Farms, 180-999 Acres	Number	7,413	7,024	6,775	6,030
Farms, 1,000-1,999 Acres	Number	1,279	1,345	1,386	1,253
Farms, 2,000 Acres & Over	Number	545	563	721	738
Farms by Tenure of Operator, Full-Owner	Number	15,770	13,751	17,769	17,184
Farms by Tenure of Operator, Part-Owner	Number	7,894	8,018	8,753	7,358
Farms by Tenure of Operator, Tenants	Number	3,686	3,883	3,903	2,871

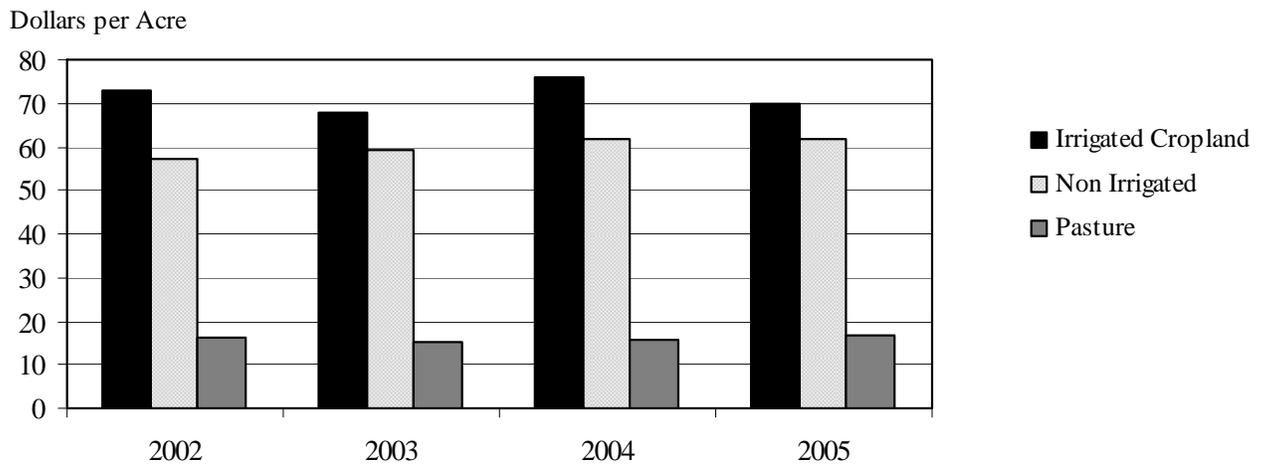
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²The Census of Agriculture, 1997 and 2002, Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, totals adjusted for non-coverage and non-response.

Land Values for Cropland and Pasture: Louisiana, 2002-2005



Cash Rents for Cropland and Pasture: Louisiana, 2002-2005



Monthly Crop Prices – Cotton Lint, Rice and Soybeans: Louisiana, 2002-2005

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Season Average
<i>Cotton Lint (Cents per Pound)</i>													
2002	25.4	25.3	26.4	24.0	23.3	29.1	28.7	33.2	<u>1/</u>	40.6	41.7	44.1	44.0
2003	46.0	44.9	46.6	45.0	45.0	44.6	46.9	46.1	<u>1/</u>	61.9	63.1	61.9	60.9
2004	62.2	61.3	61.3	60.2	60.3	58.7	56.7	47.4	<u>1/</u>	51.0	43.3	40.2	41.4
2005	40.1	38.8	41.4	38.2	37.7	37.4	39.2	39.8	46.0	47.7	48.5	47.3	46.9
<i>Rice (Dollars per Cwt)</i>													
2002	4.28	4.31	4.16	4.04	4.04	4.08	3.77	3.81	3.90	3.92	3.95	3.83	4.14
2003	3.95	4.02	4.06	4.54	4.78	5.78	5.32	5.99	6.42	7.27	7.38	7.79	7.68
2004	7.69	8.65	9.07	8.92	9.51	9.41	9.14	8.52	8.45	7.98	7.82	7.74	7.77
2005	7.81	7.63	7.53	7.29	7.14	7.21	6.85	6.43	6.47	6.63	7.00	7.21	7.40
<i>Soybeans (Dollars per Bushel)</i>													
2002	4.32	4.40	4.41	4.45	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	5.51	5.86	5.63	5.42	5.46	5.43	5.52
2003	5.46	5.61	<u>1/</u>	5.96	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	5.81	6.09	7.03	7.41	7.38	6.80
2004	7.46	8.41	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	7.30	6.59	5.80	5.75	5.57	6.29
2005	5.93	5.59	6.51	6.11	6.22	6.92	<u>1/</u>	6.17	5.98	5.81	5.91	5.89	5.85

¹Data not published due to insufficient sales.

Season Average Price - Selected Commodities: Louisiana, 2002 – 2005

Item	Unit	2002	2003	2004	2005
-----Dollars per Unit-----					
Corn for Grain	Bushel	2.40	2.40	2.45	2.25
All Hay	Ton	45.00	51.00	55.00	57.00
Sorghum for Grain	Bushel	2.41	2.41	2.13	2.13
Sugarcane for Sugar	Ton	23.50	25.80	25.30	<u>1/</u>
Sweet Potatoes	Cwt	14.50	20.00	17.70	18.70

¹Data not available until February 2007.

Livestock Prices Received-Monthly and Season Average Prices: Louisiana, 2002-2005

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Season Average
<i>Beef Cattle (Dollars per Cwt)¹</i>													
2002	50.90	52.90	52.60	50.80	50.10	48.20	47.80	48.10	46.70	46.20	45.20	45.20	49.00
2003	46.70	48.30	48.10	48.60	49.50	51.10	54.60	55.40	56.90	59.60	59.10	59.20	53.20
2004	57.30	57.20	58.20	61.00	64.10	66.20	70.50	71.50	68.80	66.50	66.50	64.40	63.70
2005	65.80	66.30	68.70	70.00	72.10	70.70	68.10	70.20	67.20	63.30	62.90	62.70	67.30
<i>Calves (Dollars per Cwt)</i>													
2002	97.10	96.90	96.40	91.00	86.20	84.80	85.00	83.50	81.90	84.60	86.30	86.30	88.00
2003	89.70	89.60	88.80	89.30	88.40	90.50	93.60	92.60	95.90	101.00	101.00	103.00	93.00
2004	102.00	105.00	107.00	108.00	112.00	115.00	122.00	123.00	120.00	116.00	117.00	115.00	113.00
2005	117.00	123.00	128.00	131.00	129.00	125.00	119.00	121.00	121.00	119.00	119.00	122.00	123.00
<i>Steers and Heifers (Dollars per Cwt)</i>													
2002	79.60	81.90	79.30	74.70	73.00	70.50	70.30	69.50	68.70	69.10	69.40	71.70	73.90
2003	74.60	75.40	74.30	75.70	75.30	77.60	80.20	80.50	82.40	86.40	86.00	89.30	78.20
2004	87.00	88.40	92.30	93.90	97.70	101.00	104.00	105.00	100.00	98.70	98.10	98.50	95.60
2005	101.00	103.00	108.00	109.00	110.00	106.00	99.80	102.00	102.00	100.00	99.30	102.00	105.00
<i>Cows (Dollars per Cwt)²</i>													
2002	38.60	41.60	42.20	41.00	39.80	38.20	36.20	35.60	33.70	32.80	31.60	32.80	37.00
2003	34.80	37.70	37.90	37.50	37.90	39.20	41.40	40.70	42.00	43.80	44.00	45.00	40.50
2004	44.50	45.10	45.00	47.60	49.00	50.60	53.30	51.90	50.40	47.60	48.70	48.40	48.20
2005	50.70	52.00	53.40	54.00	55.00	54.80	51.80	51.50	46.70	41.80	42.40	43.60	49.90
<i>Milk Cows (Dollars per Head)³</i>													
2002													1,500
2003													1,330
2004													1,520
2005													1,520

¹Cows and Steers and Heifers combined.

²Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

³Cows sold for dairy herd replacement; season average price only.

Index of Prices Received by Farmers: United States, 2002-2005
1990-92=100

Item	2002	2003	2004	2005
Food Grains	104	109	120	111
Feed Grains And Hay	100	104	110	95
Cotton	56	85	90	70
Oil Bearing Crops	88	107	134	105
All Fruit & Nuts	105	107	124	133
All Commercial Vegetables	137	137	131	134
Potatoes & Dry Beans	129	104	102	114
All Crops	105	111	117	112
Meat Animals	87	103	116	121
Dairy Products	93	96	123	116
Poultry & Eggs	94	111	132	124
All Livestock & Products	90	103	122	120
All Farm Products	98	107	119	116

**Index of Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes,
Wage Rates and Parity Ratio¹: United States, 2002-2005**
1990-1992=100

Item	2002	2003	2004	2005
Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes and Wage Rates	124	128	134	141
Production Items	119	124	131	139
Interest	104	102	104	109
Taxes	126	126	125	126
Wage Rates	153	157	160	165
Production Items, Interest, Taxes and Wage Rates	121	126	132	140
Parity Ratio ¹	79	84	89	82

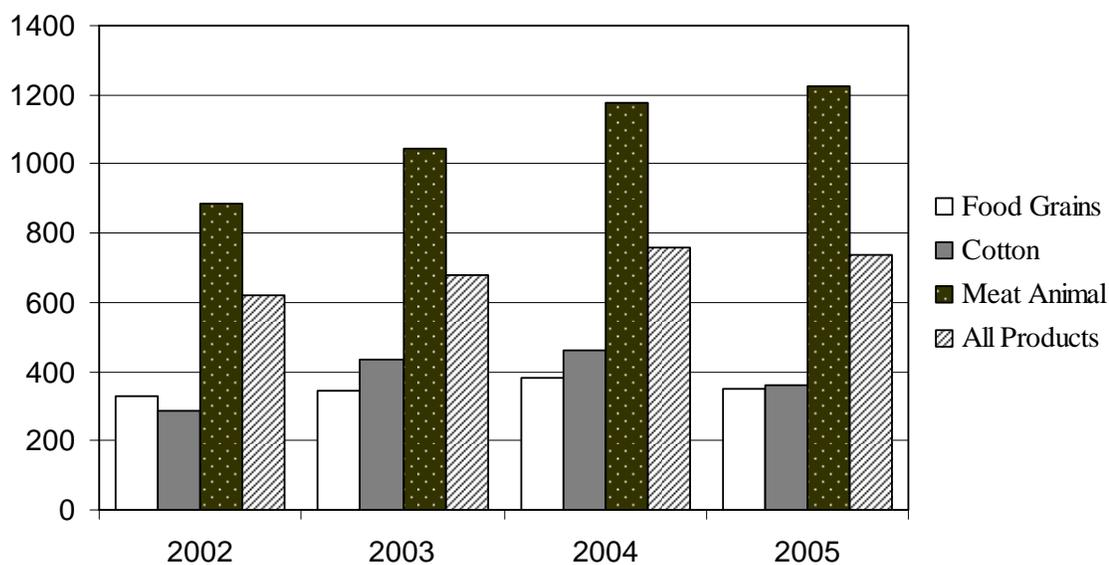
¹Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers for All Farm Products to Index of Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities & Services, Interest, Taxes and Wage Rates.

Index of Prices Received by Farmers: United States, 2002-2005 1910-14=100

Item	2002	2003	2004	2005
Food Grains	331	345	380	352
Feed Grains & Hay	356	371	392	339
Cotton	284	437	459	361
Oil Bearing Crops	480	585	731	576
All Fruit & Nuts	734	746	865	927
All Commercial Vegetables	914	915	878	893
Potatoes & Dry Beans	652	527	515	579
All Crops	517	547	576	552
Meat Animals	884	1,043	1,179	1,225
Dairy Products	744	770	986	931
Poultry & Eggs	265	310	372	343
All Livestock & Products	692	789	933	923
All Farm Products	620	677	757	737

Index of Prices Received by Farmers For Selected Items: United States, 2002-2005

Index Value 1910-14=100



Weather Review: Louisiana, 2005

Louisiana's weather highlights for 2005 featured the major devastation of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. In addition to the highly active tropical storm season and numerous severe weather events, Louisiana experienced drought conditions throughout the year, with the annual rainfall totaling 46.1 inches, more than 14 inches below normal. Statewide, annual temperatures averages were slightly above normal, averaging 67.8°.

January: Statewide temperatures were 7° to 10° above normal for the first half of the month. A severe weather outbreak occurred mid-month producing tornadoes, high winds and hail across North Louisiana. An F2 tornado that touched down in Claiborne Parish injured 12 people and damaged 25-30 homes.

February: The month began with heavy rainfall, with areas in southern Louisiana recording over 5 inches during the first 2 days of the month. On Valentine's Day, another cold front brought over 3 inches of rain to parts of southern Louisiana. The final week of the month brought heavy rains, hail and high winds -- including a 69 mph wind gust in Concordia Parish. Temperatures statewide were almost 3° above normal.

March: Several cold fronts passed through the state causing numerous severe weather outbreaks -- including hail 4.25 inches in diameter -- in Madison Parish. Despite the frontal activity and severe weather outbreaks, rainfall was nearly 2 inches below normal.

April: Severe weather dominated the first week of the month with hail and high winds in North Central Louisiana and a tornado outbreak in extreme southeastern Louisiana. Heavy rains occurred in parts of the state during the first half of the month, but by month's end, central and southwest Louisiana were "abnormally dry".

May: Dry weather dominated most of the month, causing parts of the state to experience "Moderate Drought." Rainfall near month's end brought some drought relief, but statewide rainfall totals were over 2 inches below normal for the third straight month.

June: Heavy rains brought some local drought relief, but statewide rainfall averages were still below normal. Tropical Storm Arlene missed Louisiana but brought unusually dry and mild weather for a few days.

July: Tropical Storm Cindy made landfall near Grand Isle causing high winds, flash flooding and numerous power outages for the greater New Orleans area. The latter part of the month was very hot and dry with heat indices at times reaching 100° to 110°.

August: Hurricane Katrina made landfall early on August 29th as a category 3 storm and was one of the most destructive hurricanes to ever hit the United States coast. Orleans, St. Bernard and Plaquemines Parishes were severely flooded by storm surge and/or levee breaching. Extreme wind damage was reported across most of southeast Louisiana and the Mississippi Coast. The death toll (as of October 20, 2005) was 1053 in Louisiana and 228 in Mississippi.

September: Hurricane Rita made landfall in extreme western Louisiana on September 24th as a category 3 hurricane packing winds of nearly 120 mph. In southwestern Louisiana, many homes and businesses were completely destroyed. Rita produced heavy rains over southern Louisiana, with some areas receiving over 12 inches. The entire Louisiana coast was inundated by the surge, including the New Orleans area previously flooded by Hurricane Katrina. This was the second major hurricane to hit Louisiana's coast in less than a month.

October: Dry weather was the dominant story for October. The Bayou State only received only 0.11 inches of rainfall for the entire month, making it the second driest October in over a century.

November: The month began with much needed rainfall across the entire state. Several cold fronts passed through the state, with some producing severe weather including an F0 tornado in West Carroll Parish. Despite the numerous fronts, rainfall amounts for the month were still well below normal.

December: A cold front during the first half of the month brought severe weather and much needed rainfall, especially to central and southern Louisiana. Despite a few episodes of cold Arctic air, the last week of the year recorded temperatures of 8° above normal.

Average Temperature and Precipitation Summary: Louisiana, 2005¹

District		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Temperature (Degrees Fahrenheit)														
Northwest	2005	50.5	52.7	56.8	64.8	71.4	80.9	83.2	84.7	81.5	65.9	59.1	47.7	66.60
	Norm	45.1	49.7	56.8	64.0	71.8	78.8	82.2	81.6	75.6	64.9	55.0	47.1	64.40
North Central	2005	50.0	51.5	55.6	63.8	70.2	78.9	82.1	83.5	80.0	65.8	59.1	47.9	65.70
	Norm	45.0	49.7	57.0	64.0	71.9	78.8	82.0	81.2	75.4	64.6	55.0	47.3	64.30
Northeast	2005	50.8	52.5	56.2	64.2	71.2	79.3	82.7	83.8	79.8	65.9	58.4	46.7	65.96
	Norm	45.4	49.9	57.4	64.6	72.6	79.4	82.3	81.5	75.9	65.4	56.0	48.0	64.90
West Central	2005	52.4	53.6	56.7	64.5	71.0	79.8	82.0	83.4	81.2	66.8	59.5	47.9	66.57
	Norm	46.9	51.2	58.2	64.7	72.3	78.8	81.8	81.2	75.9	65.3	56.4	48.8	65.10
Central	2005	53.4	55.0	57.5	65.7	72.7	80.4	82.7	83.6	81.5	68.1	60.5	49.5	67.55
	Norm	48.7	52.7	59.7	66.2	73.8	79.8	82.3	81.7	77.0	67.0	58.1	50.9	66.50
East Central	2005	55.4	56.9	58.0	65.3	72.4	79.7	82.2	82.6	80.8	68.9	61.5	50.8	67.88
	Norm	50.1	53.5	60.2	66.3	73.7	79.4	81.6	81.2	77.1	67.3	58.6	52.2	66.80
Southwest	2005	55.6	57.3	59.6	67.5	74.7	81.9	83.0	83.7	82.2	69.7	62.5	51.0	69.06
	Norm	50.7	54.3	61.0	67.2	74.6	80.1	82.1	81.8	77.7	68.5	60.1	52.9	67.60
South Central	2005	56.9	57.9	59.5	67.3	74.5	81.1	83.2	83.4	81.7	70.8	63.7	53.1	69.43
	Norm	51.8	55.0	61.4	67.6	74.9	80.2	82.1	81.8	78.0	69.0	60.6	54.1	68.00
Southeast	2005	58.4	59.6	61.5	68.3	75.2	81.4	83.3	84.2	82.5	71.1	65.1	54.8	70.45
	Norm	53.0	56.1	62.2	68.1	75.4	80.5	82.4	82.2	78.8	70.0	62.0	55.5	68.90
Statewide	2005	53.9	55.4	58.1	65.8	72.7	80.4	82.7	83.7	81.3	68.2	61.2	50.1	67.79
	Norm	48.7	52.6	59.5	66.0	73.6	79.6	82.1	81.6	76.9	67.1	58.2	51.0	66.40
Precipitation (Inches)														
Northwest	2005	4.80	3.79	1.73	5.21	1.01	1.60	4.21	2.88	5.92	0.31	1.41	1.35	34.22
	Norm	4.99	4.40	4.63	4.59	5.02	4.89	3.94	2.90	3.39	4.40	4.88	4.83	52.86
North Central	2005	3.95	5.15	3.61	4.42	4.07	1.73	4.48	3.24	4.08	0.01	1.43	2.37	38.54
	Norm	5.81	4.78	5.57	5.05	5.54	4.75	3.92	3.05	3.67	4.24	4.91	5.54	56.83
Northeast	2005	4.47	5.00	3.77	4.57	4.69	1.28	4.38	2.75	4.31	0.02	1.55	3.42	40.21
	Norm	6.00	4.98	6.20	5.68	5.60	4.44	3.75	3.00	3.05	3.97	5.10	5.78	57.55
West Central	2005	2.81	6.82	3.64	3.35	2.56	2.33	4.74	3.90	4.40	0.00	2.15	3.24	39.94
	Norm	5.70	4.52	5.18	4.50	5.60	4.67	4.13	3.46	3.71	4.05	4.86	5.78	56.16
Central	2005	3.71	7.14	3.71	2.38	2.35	3.16	5.08	3.64	7.54	0.06	2.87	4.11	45.75
	Norm	6.30	4.82	5.55	5.05	5.57	4.81	4.63	4.10	4.33	4.38	5.57	5.92	61.03
East Central	2005	3.77	5.48	2.77	5.95	4.38	3.24	7.18	7.66	4.70	0.17	2.53	4.47	52.30
	Norm	6.26	5.32	6.04	5.61	5.62	5.13	5.98	5.51	4.76	3.60	5.01	5.21	64.05
Southwest	2005	2.93	7.59	2.75	1.70	2.40	2.88	5.98	3.55	8.62	0.17	2.91	3.61	45.09
	Norm	6.04	3.96	4.43	4.21	5.65	5.86	5.86	5.17	5.47	4.34	5.17	5.40	61.56
South Central	2005	3.43	8.01	2.60	1.65	3.41	5.16	4.91	5.00	8.12	0.21	2.52	3.19	48.21
	Norm	5.76	4.28	4.69	4.76	5.10	6.24	6.82	6.24	5.64	3.93	4.73	5.05	63.24
Southeast	2005	3.28	9.70	5.31	4.50	4.55	5.60	10.28	11.07	5.30	0.12	2.07	2.95	64.73
	Norm	5.78	4.88	5.54	4.74	5.13	5.86	6.97	6.30	6.15	3.35	4.91	4.66	64.27
Statewide	2005	3.63	6.68	3.41	3.63	3.26	3.03	5.85	4.92	6.05	0.11	2.24	3.28	46.09
	Norm	5.91	4.66	5.32	4.89	5.46	5.20	5.15	4.47	4.55	4.04	5.08	5.42	60.14

¹Norm=1971-2000 Divisional Normals.

Source: Louisiana Office of State Climatology, National Climatic Data Center

Louisiana Crop Weather 2005

Soil moisture supply measures how much moisture is present in cropland top soil during the week. Soil moisture is reported as a percentage. The categories very short, short, adequate and surplus must add up to 100%.

Very Short - Soil moisture supplies are significantly less than what is required for normal plant development. Growth has been stopped, or nearly so, and plants are showing visible signs of moisture stress. Under these conditions, plants will quickly suffer irreparable damage.

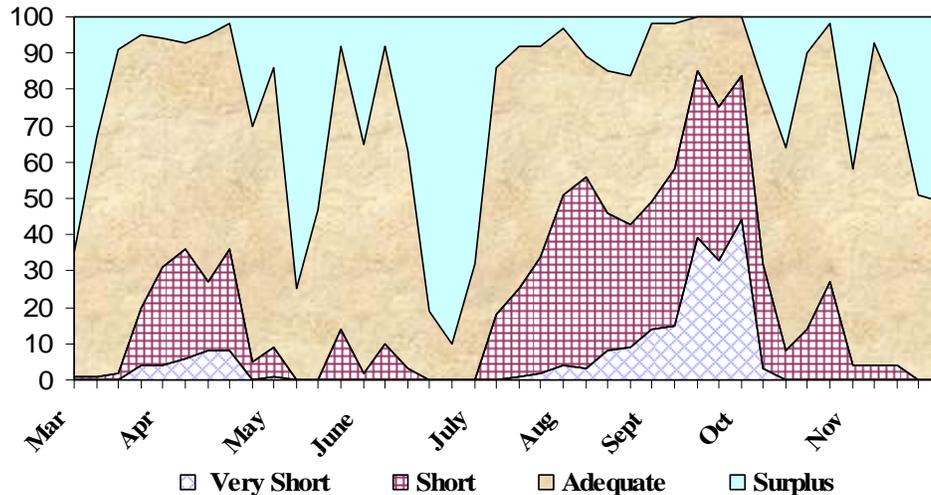
Short - Soil dry. Seed germination and/or normal crop growth and development would be curtailed.

Adequate - Soil moist. Seed germination and/or crop growth and development would be normal or unhindered.

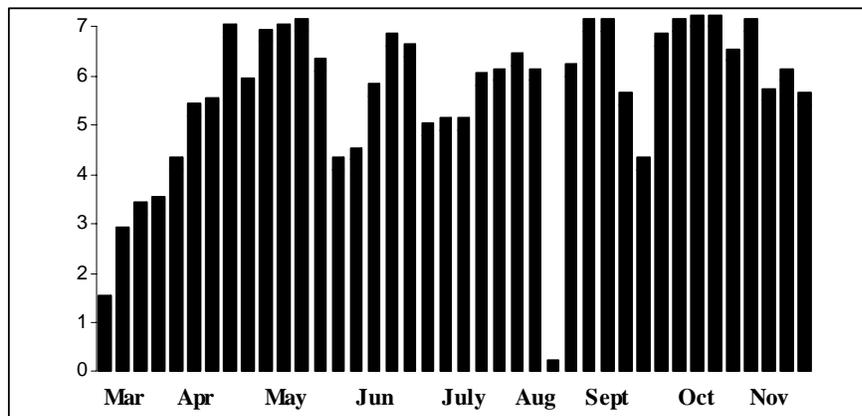
Surplus - Soil wet. Fields may be muddy and will generally be unable to absorb additional moisture. Young developing crops may be yellowing from excess moisture.

Days suitable for fieldwork measures how many days during the week were “ones where weather and field conditions allowed producers to work in fields for the majority of the day”.

Soil Moisture Supplies



Days Suitable for Fieldwork



Soil Moisture Supplies and Number of Days Suitable for Fieldwork: Louisiana, 2005

Date	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Number of Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	-----Percentage-----				Days
02/28/05 - 03/06/05	0	0	43	57	1.3
03/07/05 - 03/13/05	0	3	49	48	2.7
03/14/05 - 03/20/05	0	0	51	49	3.2
03/21/05 - 03/27/05	0	0	51	49	3.3
03/28/05 - 04/03/05	0	3	69	28	4.1
04/04/05 - 04/10/05	0	5	75	20	5.2
04/11/05 - 04/17/05	0	7	83	10	5.3
04/18/05 - 04/24/05	7	29	64	0	6.8
04/25/05 - 05/01/05	2	36	60	2	5.7
05/02/05 - 05/08/05	25	42	33	0	6.7
05/09/05 - 05/15/05	41	45	14	0	6.8
05/16/05 - 05/22/05	50	34	16	0	6.9
05/23/05 - 05/29/05	38	32	22	8	6.1
05/30/05 - 06/05/05	8	30	47	15	4.1
06/06/05 - 06/12/05	6	23	52	19	4.3
06/13/05 - 06/19/05	11	18	65	6	5.6
06/20/05 - 06/26/05	21	42	37	0	6.6
06/27/05 - 07/03/05	38	40	22	0	6.4
07/04/05 - 07/10/05	16	39	40	5	4.8
07/11/05 - 07/17/05	13	28	52	7	4.9
07/18/05 - 07/24/05	15	26	51	8	4.9
07/25/05 - 07/31/05	9	36	51	4	5.8
08/01/05 - 08/07/05	10	45	37	8	5.9
08/08/05 - 08/14/05	20	42	35	3	6.2
08/15/05 - 08/21/05	22	32	41	5	5.9
08/22/05 - 08/28/05 ¹					
08/29/05 - 09/04/05	26	36	35	3	6.0
09/05/05 - 09/11/05	49	31	20	0	6.9
09/12/05 - 09/18/05	59	33	8	0	6.9
09/19/05 - 09/25/05	0	0	43	57	5.4
09/26/05 - 10/02/05	1	19	55	25	4.1
10/03/05 - 10/09/05	11	32	55	2	6.6
10/10/05 - 10/16/05	34	36	28	2	6.9
10/17/05 - 10/23/05	50	42	8	0	7.0
10/24/05 - 10/30/05	70	29	1	0	7.0
10/31/05 - 11/06/05	53	35	12	0	6.3
11/07/05 - 11/13/05	60	35	5	0	6.9
11/14/05 - 11/20/05	32	44	24	0	5.5
11/21/05 - 11/27/05	26	29	44	0	5.9
11/28/05 - 12/04/05	22	25	50	3	5.4

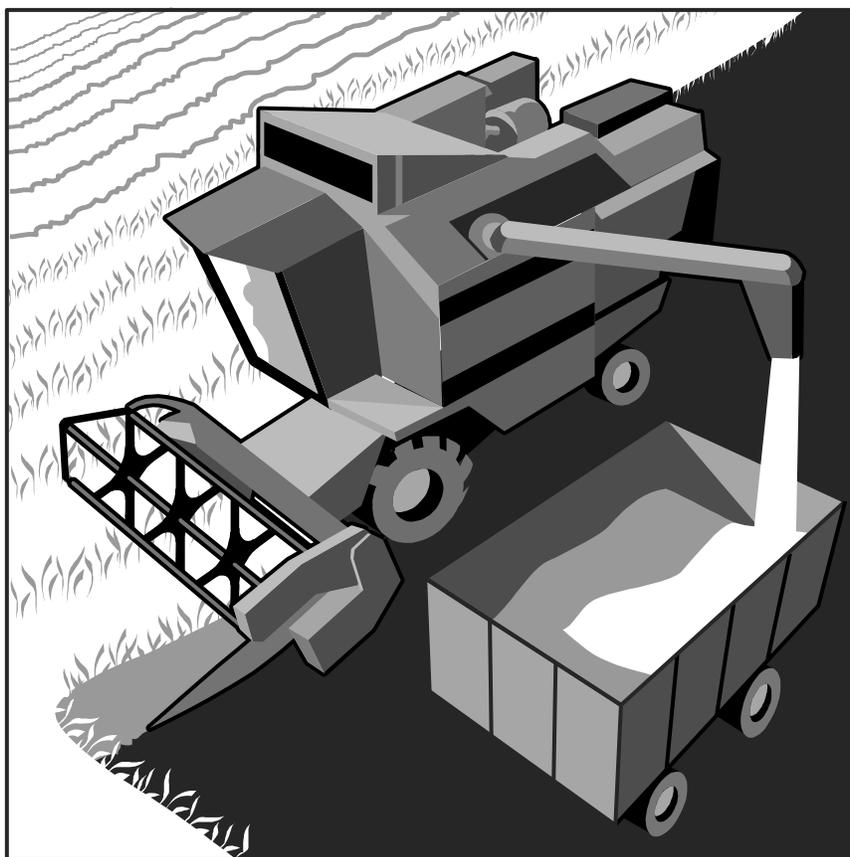
¹ No estimates made for the week due to Hurricane Katrina.

Planting and Harvesting Dates: Louisiana, 2005

Crop	2005 Planting Dates			2005 Harvesting Dates		
	Began	Most Active	Ended	Began	Most Active	Ended
Corn	Mar 14	Mar 21 - Apr 04	Apr 24	Aug 01	Aug 15 - Sept 04	Sept 18
Cotton	Apr 04	April 18 - May 08	June 05	Aug 29	Sept 19 - Oct 16	Nov 06
Rice	Mar 14	April 04 - April 25	June 12	July 25	Aug 08 - Sept 04	Oct 23
Sorghum	Mar 28	Apr 11 - May 15	June 26	Aug 01	Aug 15 - Sept 11	Oct 02
Soybeans	Apr 11	April 25 - June 12	July 03	Aug 15	Aug 29- Oct 09	Nov 06
Sugarcane	Aug 01	Aug 22 - Sept 18	Oct 23	Sept 26	Oct 24 - <u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>
Sweet Potatoes	May 05	May 30 - June 20	July 10	Aug 15	Sept 19 - Oct 23	Nov 20
Wheat, Winter	Oct 03	Oct 03 - <u>1/</u> <u>2/</u>	<u>1/</u>	May 09	May 22 - June 12	June 26

¹Data were not collected after December 4, 2005. Planting or harvesting had not been completed as of that date.

²Plantings for 2006 crop.



Crop Record Highs and Lows for Acreage, Yield and Production: Louisiana

Commodity	Record High	Year	Record Low	Year	Records Kept Since
<u>Corn for Grain</u>					
Acres Harvested	1,700,000 acres	1911	30,000 acres	1980	1866
Yield per Acre	148.0 bu	2001	9.6 bu	1934	1866
Production	67,000,000 bu	2003	1,380,000 bu	1980	1866
<u>Cotton</u>					
Acres Harvested	1,953,000 acres	1930	310,000 acres	1975	1866
Yield per Acre	967 lbs	2003	109 lbs	1919	1866
Production ¹	1,512,000 bales	1994	297,000 bales	1958	1866
<u>All Hay</u>					
Acres Harvested	457,000 acres	1964	170,000 acres	1912	1909
Yield per Acre	3.00 tons	2004	0.81 tons	1924	1909
Production	1,260,000 tons	2001	171,000 tons	1924	1909
<u>All Rice</u>					
Acres Harvested	679,000 acres	1968*	148,000 acres	1896	1895
Yield per Acre	5,900 lbs	2005	855 lbs	1896	1895
Production	30,983,000 cwt	2005	1,265,000 cwt	1896	1895
<u>Sorghum for Grain</u>					
Acres Harvested	410,000 acres	1985	1,000 acres	1946*	1929
Yield per Acre	99.0 bu	2005	11.5 bu	1938	1929
Production	27,880,000 bu	1985	14,000 bu	1946*	1929
<u>Soybeans</u>					
Acres Harvested	3,350,000 acres	1980*	7,000 acres	1933	1924
Yield per Acre	34.0 bu	2005	7.5 bu	1928	1924
Production	93,800,000 bu	1979	64,000 bu	1924	1924
<u>Sugarcane for Sugar & Seed</u>					
Acres Harvested	500,000 acres	2000	89,000 acres	1927	1909
Yield per Acre	32.7 net tons	1999	6.8 net tons	1926	1909
Production	15,206,000 net tons	1999	1,088,000 net tons	1926	1909
<u>Sweet Potatoes</u>					
Acres Harvested	125,000 acres	1946	13,000 acres	1870*	1868
Yield per Acre	175.0 cwt	2003	22.0 cwt	1881*	1868
Production	6,699,000 cwt	1945	330,000 cwt	1881*	1868
<u>Wheat, Winter</u>					
Acres Harvested	500,000 acre	1982	15,000 acres	1978	1955
Yield per Acre	53.0 bu	2000	15.0 bu	1958*	1955
Production	19,000,000 bu	1982	320,000 bu	1975	1955

¹480 lb net weight bales.

*Most current year with this record high or low.

Louisiana Crop Summary: 2002-2005

Crop Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield per Acre	Unit	Total Production	Season Average Price	Total Value of Production
	---Acres---	-----Acres-----			--1,000 Units--	--Dollars--	----1,000 Dollars----
<u>All Corn</u>							
2002	580,000	550,000	---		---	---	---
2003	520,000	510,000	---		---	---	---
2004	420,000	415,000	---		---	---	---
2005	340,000	335,000	---		---	---	---
<u>Corn for Grain</u>							
2002	---	540,000	121.0	bushels	65,340	2.40	156,816
2003	---	500,000	134.0	bushels	67,000	2.40	160,800
2004	---	410,000	135.0	bushels	55,350	2.45	135,608
2005	---	330,000	136.0	bushels	44,880	2.25	100,980
<u>Corn Silage</u>							
2002	---	10,000	12.0	tons	120	---	---
2003	---	10,000	16.0	tons	160	---	---
2004	---	5,000	12.0	tons	60	---	---
2005	---	5,000	18.0	tons	90	---	---
<u>Upland Cotton¹</u>							
2002	520,000	495,000	717	lbs: bales	739	0.440	156,077
2003	525,000	510,000	967	lbs: bales	1,027	0.609	300,213
2004	500,000	490,000	867	lbs: bales	885	0.414	175,867
2005	610,000	600,000	878	lbs: bales	1,098	0.469	247,182
<u>All Hay</u>							
2002	---	420,000	2.50	tons	1,050	45.00	47,250
2003	---	380,000	2.90	tons	1,102	51.00	56,202
2004	---	370,000	3.00	tons	1,110	55.00	61,050
2005	---	350,000	2.30	tons	805	57.00	45,885
<u>All Rice</u>							
2002	540,000	535,000	5,500	lbs: cwt	29,400	4.14	121,716
2003	455,000	450,000	5,870	lbs: cwt	26,397	7.68	202,729
2004	538,000	533,000	5,390	lbs: cwt	28,730	7.77	223,232
2005	530,000	525,000	5,900	lbs: cwt	30,983	7.40	229,274
<u>Rice - Long Grain</u>							
2002	530,000	525,000	5,500	lbs: cwt	28,875	---	---
2003	435,000	430,000	5,870	lbs: cwt	25,241	---	---
2004	525,000	520,000	5,400	lbs: cwt	28,080	---	---
2005	520,000	515,000	5,900	lbs: cwt	30,385	---	---
<u>Rice - Medium Grain</u>							
2002	10,000	10,000	5,250	lbs: cwt	525	---	---
2003	20,000	20,000	5,780	lbs: cwt	1,156	---	---
2004	13,000	13,000	5,000	lbs: cwt	650	---	---
2005	10,000	10,000	5,980	lbs: cwt	598	---	---

Louisiana Crop Summary: 2002-2005 (continued)

Crop Year	Planted ----Acres----	Harvested -----Acres-----	Yield per Acre	Unit	Total Production --1,000 Units--	Season Average Price --Dollars--	Total Value of Production ----1,000 Dollars----
<u>Sorghum</u>							
2002	180,000	166,000	81.0	bushels	13,365	2.41	32,183
2003	170,000	165,000	85.0	bushels	14,025	2.41	33,772
2004	85,000	80,000	65.0	bushels	5,200	2.13	11,066
2005	90,000	88,000	99.0	bushels	8,712	2.13	18,539
<u>Soybeans</u>							
2002	800,000	660,000	32.0	bushels	21,120	5.52	116,582
2003	760,000	740,000	34.0	bushels	25,160	6.80	171,088
2004	1,100,000	990,000	33.0	bushels	32,670	6.29	205,494
2005	880,000	850,000	34.0	bushels	28,900	5.85	169,065
<u>Sugarcane for Sugar & Seed</u>							
2002	---	495,000	28.3	net tons	14,009	23.50	329,212
2003	---	490,000	26.2	net tons	12,838	25.80	331,220
2004	---	465,000	23.8	net tons	11,067	25.30	279,995
2005	---	455,000	22.9	net tons	10,420	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
<u>Sweet Potatoes</u>							
2002	21,000	15,000	125	cwt	1,875	14.50	27,188
2003	19,000	18,000	175	cwt	3,150	20.00	63,000
2004	16,000	15,500	150	cwt	2,325	17.70	41,153
2005	18,000	17,000	145	cwt	2,465	18.70	46,096
<u>Wheat, Winter</u>							
2002	230,000	220,000	40.0	bushels	8,800	3.00	26,400
2003	155,000	140,000	41.0	bushels	5,740	3.30	18,942
2004	180,000	165,000	50.0	bushels	8,250	3.40	28,050
2005	110,000	100,000	48.0	bushels	4,800	3.20	15,360

¹ Cotton production is in 480 pound net weight bales.

² Data not available until February 2007.

Data not available.

Crop Summary: United States, 2002-2005

Crop Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield per Acre	Unit	Total Production	Season Average Price	Total Value of Production
	--Acres--	--Acres--			--1,000 Units--	---Dollars---	--1,000 Dollars--
<u>Corn for Grain</u>							
2002	78,894	69,330	129.3	bushels	8,966,787	2.32	20,882,448
2003	78,603	70,944	142.2	bushels	10,089,222	2.42	24,476,803
2004	80,930	73,632	160.4	bushels	11,807,086	2.06	24,381,294
2005	81,759	75,107	147.9	bushels	11,112,072	1.90	21,040,707
<u>Upland Cotton¹</u>							
2002	13,714	12,174	652	lbs: bales	16,530	0.445	3,497,123
2003	13,301	11,826	723	lbs: bales	17,823	0.618	5,266,078
2004	13,409	12,809	843	lbs: bales	22,505	0.416	4,539,616
2005	13,975	13,534	825	lbs: bales	23,260	0.469	5,236,291
<u>All Rice</u>							
2002	3,240	3,207	6,578	lbs: cwt	210,960	4.49	979,628
2003	3,022	2,997	6,670	lbs: cwt	199,897	8.08	1,628,948
2004	3,347	3,325	6,988	lbs: cwt	232,362	7.33	1,701,822
2005	3,384	3,364	6,636	lbs: cwt	223,235	7.80	1,789,225
<u>Sorghum</u>							
2002	9,589	7,125	50.6	bushels	360,713	2.32	855,140
2003	9,420	7,798	52.7	bushels	411,237	2.39	964,978
2004	7,486	6,517	69.6	bushels	453,654	1.79	843,464
2005	6,454	5,736	68.7	bushels	393,893	1.70	715,327
<u>Soybeans</u>							
2002	73,963	72,497	38.0	bushels	2,756,147	5.53	15,252,691
2003	73,404	72,476	33.9	bushels	2,453,665	7.34	18,013,753
2004	75,208	73,958	42.5	bushels	3,123,686	5.10	17,894,948
2005	72,142	71,361	43.3	bushels	3,086,432	5.50	16,927,898
<u>Sugarcane for Sugar & Seed</u>							
2002	---	1,023.2	34.7	net tons	35,553	28.40	1,007,142
2003	---	992.3	34.1	net tons	33,858	29.50	998,269
2004	---	938.2	30.9	net tons	29,013	2,830	821,118
2005	---	922.9	28.8	net tons	26,604	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
<u>Wheat, All</u>							
2002	60,318	45,824	35.0	bushels	1,605,878	3.56	5,637,416
2003	62,141	53,063	44.2	bushels	2,344,760	3.40	7,929,039
2004	59,674	49,999	43.2	bushels	2,158,245	3.40	7,283,324
2005	57,229	50,119	42.0	bushels	2,104,690	3.40	7,140,357

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**State Rankings - Harvested Acres, Selected Crops:
Louisiana and 10 Leading States, 2005**

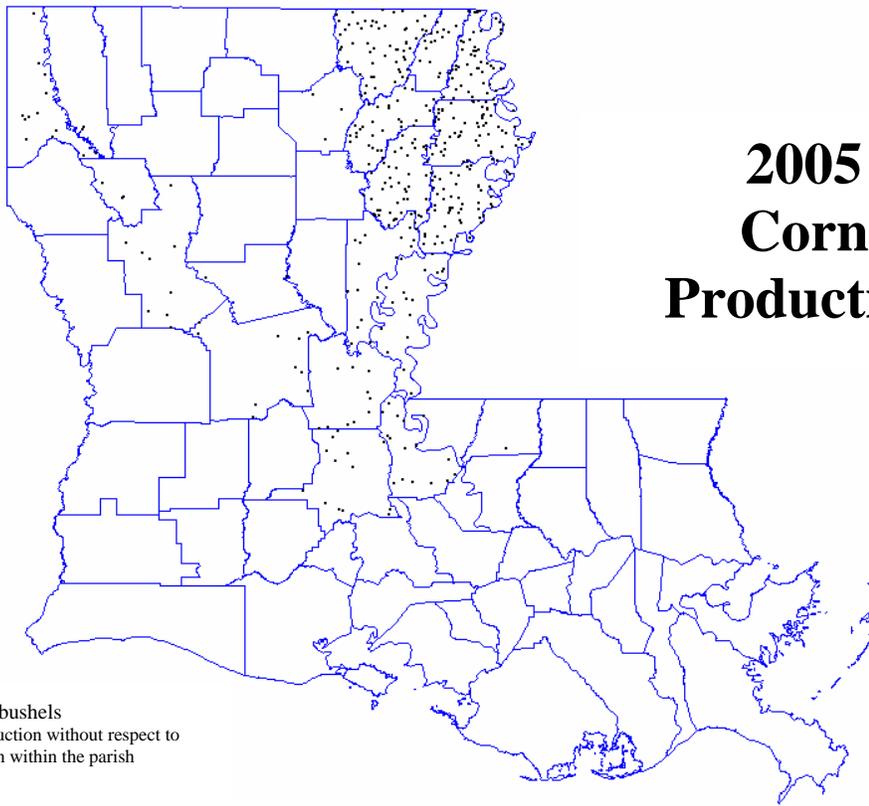
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Corn for Grain	IA	IL	NE	MN	IN	SD	KS	OH	MO	WI	23
Upland Cotton	TX	GA	MS	AR	NC	TN	LA	AL	MO	CA	7
All Rice	AR	CA	LA	MS	MO	TX					3
Sorghum for Grain	KS	TX	NE	OK	MO	CO	NM	LA	SD	IL	8
Soybeans	IA	IL	MN	IN	MO	NE	OH	SD	AR	ND	18
Sugarcane	LA	FL	TX	HI							1
Sweet Potatoes	NC	LA	MS	CA	TX	AL	NJ	SC	VA		2
All Wheat	KS	ND	MT	OK	SD	TX	WA	CO	NE	MN	32
Total Acres of Principal Crops Harvested¹	IA	IL	KS	ND	MN	TX	NE	SD	MO	IN	26

¹ Crops included are corn, sorghum, oats, barley, winter wheat, rye, durum wheat, other spring wheat, rice, soybeans, peanuts, sunflowers, cotton, dry edible beans, potatoes, canola, proso millet and sugarbeets. Harvested acreage is used for all hay, tobacco and sugarcane in computing total area planted. Includes double cropped acres and unharvested small grains planted as cover crops.

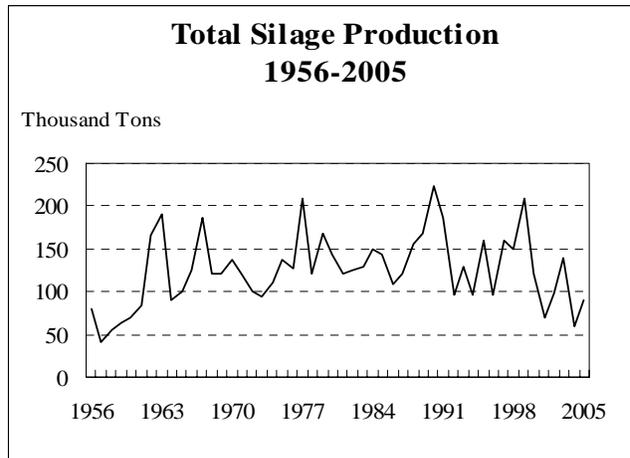
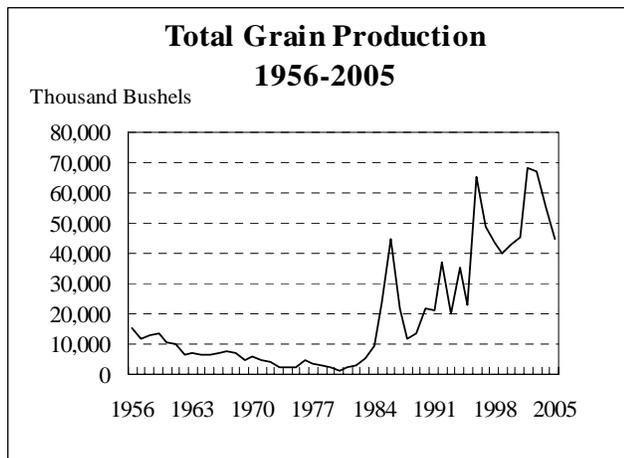
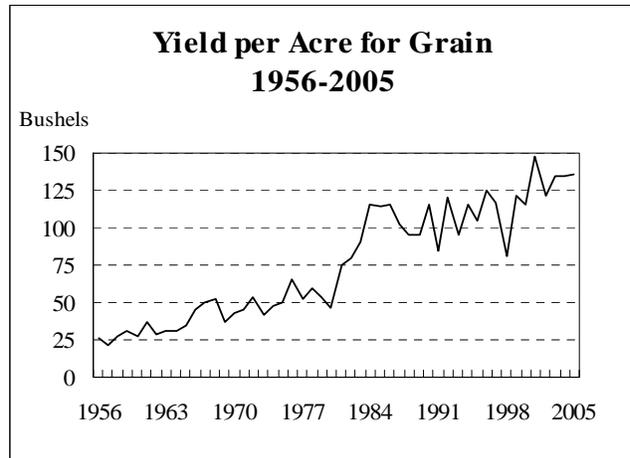
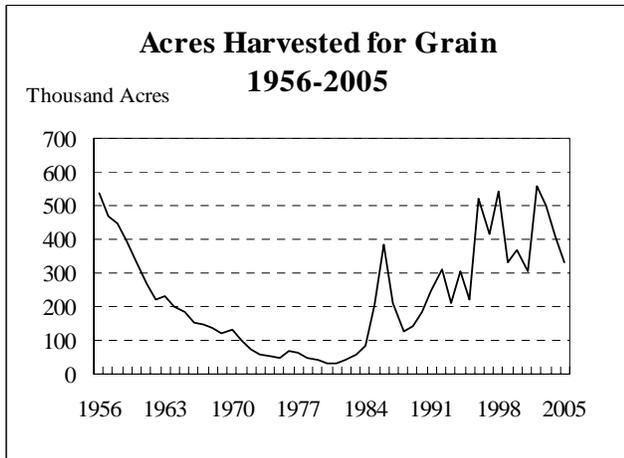
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Corn for Grain	IA	IL	NE	MN	IN	SD	KS	OH	WI	MO	22
Upland Cotton	TX	AR	MS	GA	CA	NC	TN	LA	MO	AL	8
All Rice	AR	CA	LA	MS	MO	TX					3
Sorghum for Grain	KS	TX	NE	OK	MO	LA	IL	AR	SD	NM	6
Soybeans for Beans	IA	IL	MN	IN	NE	OH	MO	SD	ND	KS	18
Sugarcane	FL	LA	HI	TX							2
Sweet Potatoes	NC	CA	MS	LA	AL	TX	NJ	SC	VA		4
All Wheat	KS	ND	MT	WA	SD	OK	ID	TX	MN	NE	33

2005 Corn Production



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Dots indicate production without respect to geographic location within the parish



2005 Corn Parish Estimates

District and Parish	Planted for all Purposes	Harvested for Grain	Yield per Acre	Total Production	District and Parish	Planted for all Purposes	Harvested for Grain	Yield per Acre	Total Production
	-----Acres-----		-----Bushels-----			-----Acres-----		-----Bushels-----	
Bossier	3,100	3,000	86.7	260,000	East Feliciana	1,200	1,100	90.9	100,000
Caddo	15,900	15,600	85.3	1,330,000	Other Parishes ¹	4,800	2,200	102.3	225,000
Red River	3,200	3,100	109.7	340,000	District VI	6,000	3,300	98.5	325,000
Other Parishes ¹	800	800	100.0	80,000					
District I	23,000	22,500	89.3	2,010,000	Other Parishes ¹	1,500	1,500	133.3	200,000
					District VII	1,500	1,500	133.3	200,000
Ouachita	2,900	2,600	119.2	310,000					
Other Parishes ¹	1,600	1,400	128.6	180,000	Other Parishes ¹	1,500	1,400	110.7	155,000
District II	4,500	4,000	122.5	490,000	District VIII	1,500	1,400	110.7	155,000
East Carroll	37,000	36,200	147.0	5,320,000	State Total	340,000	330,000	136.0	44,880,000
Franklin	30,500	29,800	161.1	4,800,000					
Madison	45,000	44,200	132.4	5,850,000					
Morehouse	37,300	36,500	157.8	5,760,000					
Richland	23,500	23,300	133.0	3,100,000					
Tensas	36,500	36,000	141.7	5,100,000					
West Carroll	12,200	12,000	137.5	1,650,000					
District III	222,000	218,000	144.9	31,580,000					
Natchitoches	8,500	8,300	120.5	1,000,000					
District IV	8,500	8,300	120.5	1,000,000					
Avoyelles	8,000	7,700	140.3	1,080,000					
Catahoula	19,200	18,800	106.4	2,000,000					
Concordia	14,800	14,400	120.1	1,730,000					
Grant	1,900	1,800	119.4	215,000					
Pointe Coupee	10,700	10,500	161.0	1,690,000					
Rapides	6,800	6,600	139.4	920,000					
St. Landry	10,100	9,800	132.7	1,300,000					
Other Parishes ¹	1,500	1,400	132.1	185,000					
District V	73,000	71,000	128.5	9,120,000					

Top 5 Corn Producing Parishes

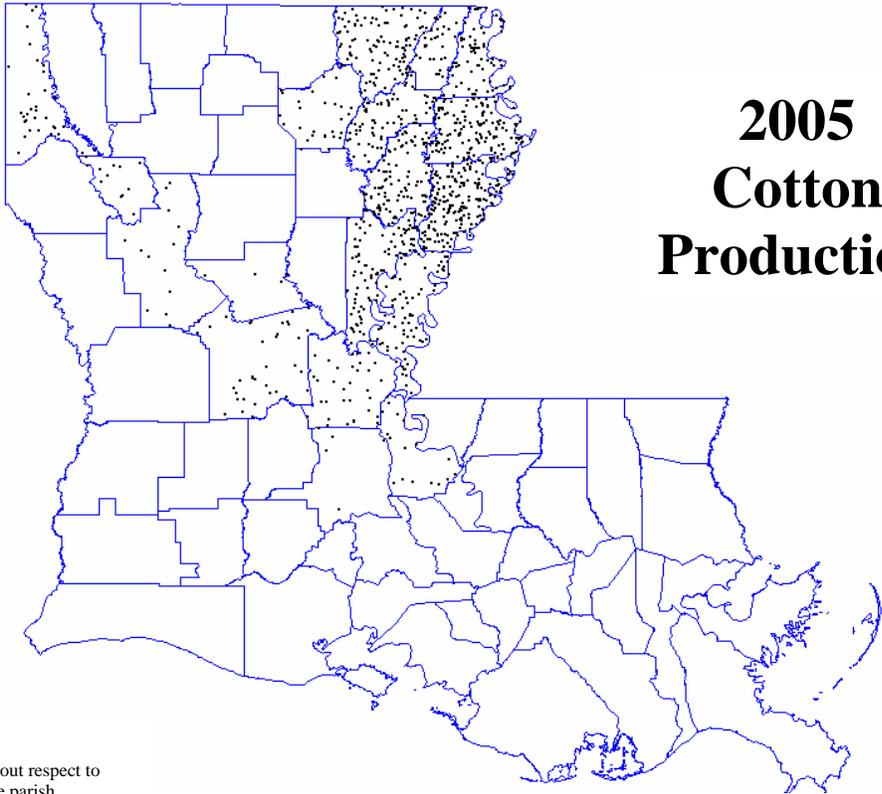
(Bushels)

Madison	5,850,000
Morehouse	5,760,000
East Carroll	5,320,000
Tensas	5,100,000
Franklin	4,800,000

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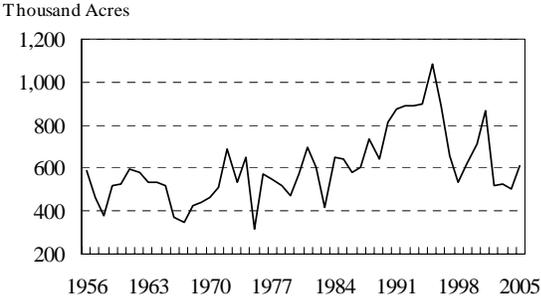
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2005 Cotton Production

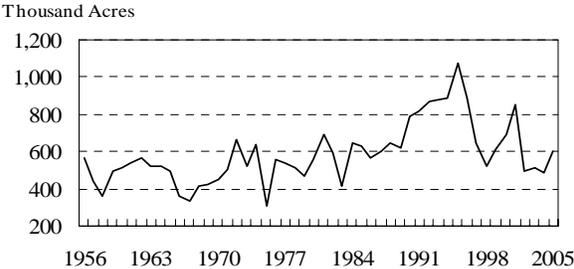


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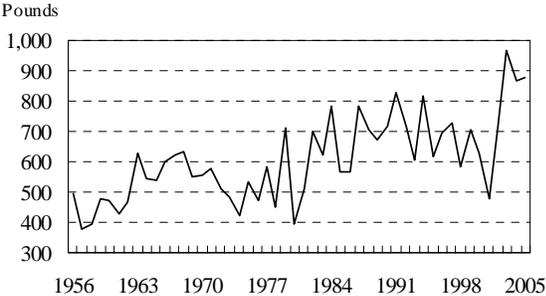
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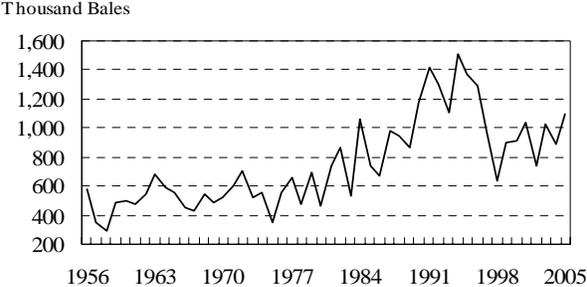
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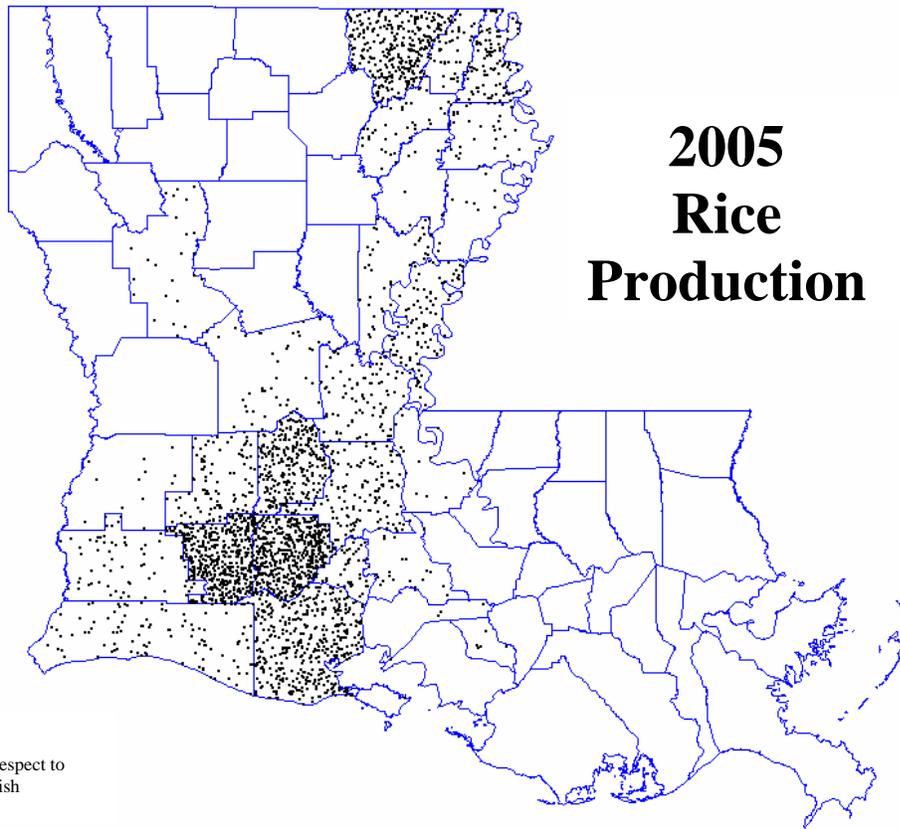
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1956-2005**



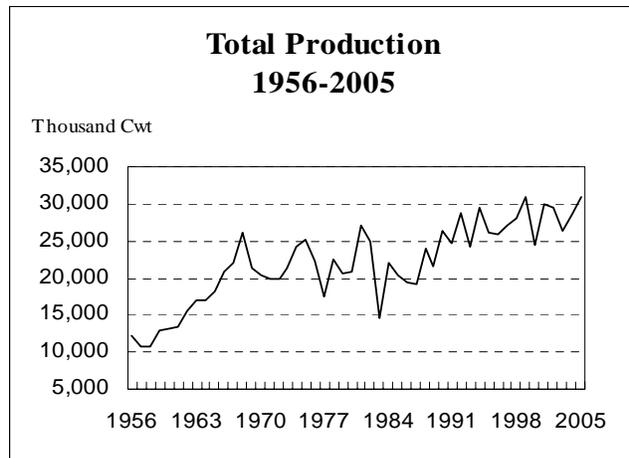
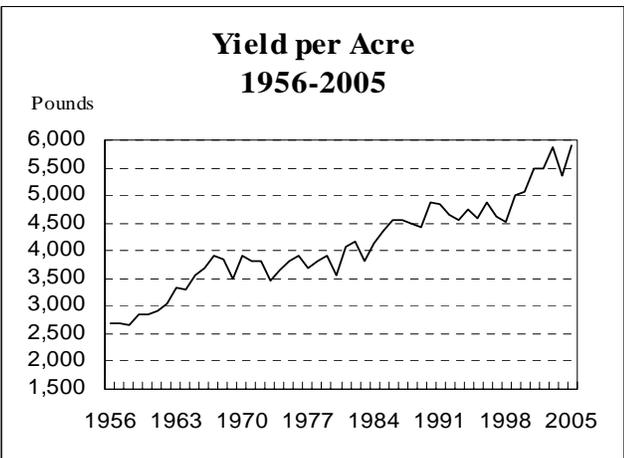
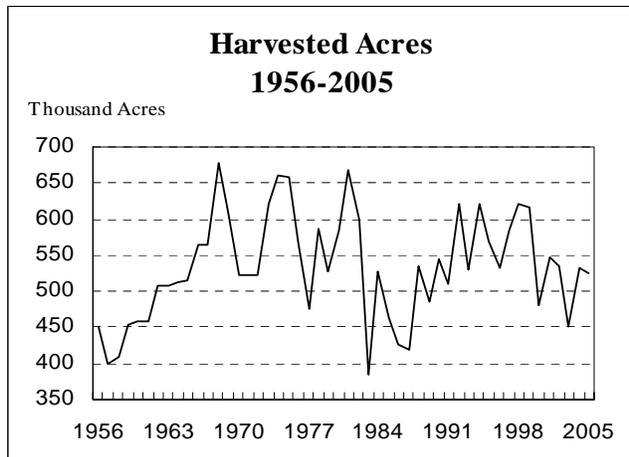
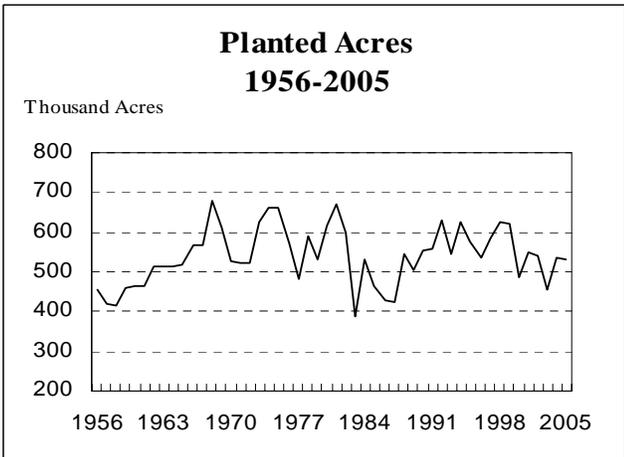
**Total Production
1956-2005**



2005 Rice Production



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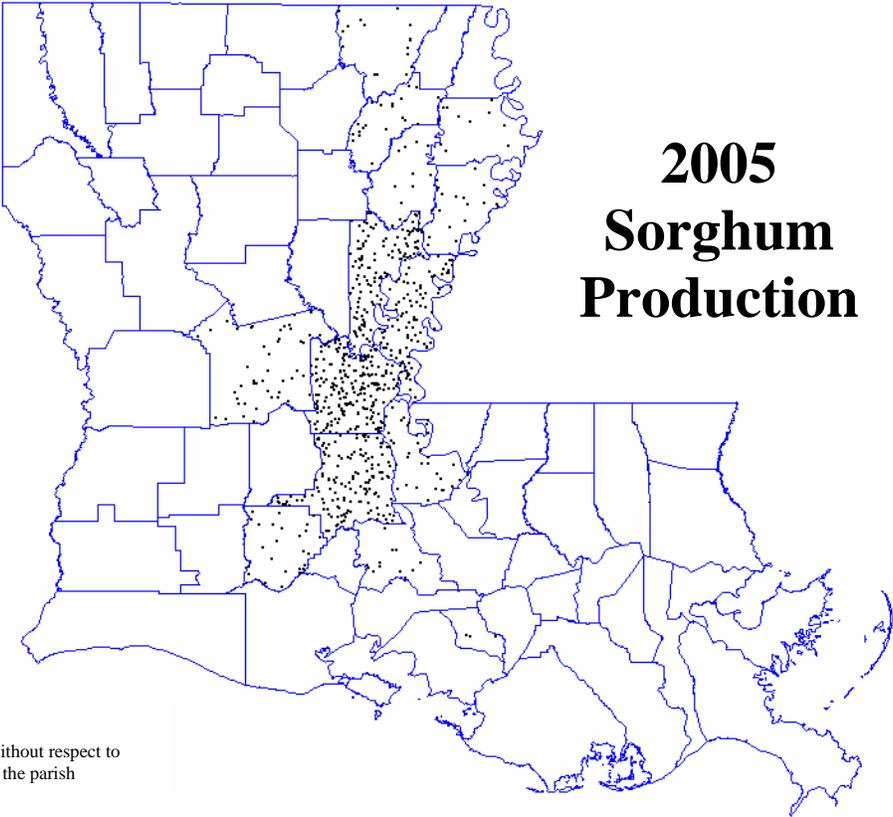
2005 Rice Parish Estimates

District and Parish	Planted for all Purposes	Harvested for Grain	Yield per Acre	Total Production	District and Parish	Planted for all Purposes	Harvested for Grain	Yield per Acre	Total Production
	-----Acres-----		Pounds	---Cwt---		-----Acres-----		Pounds	---Cwt---
Other Parishes ¹	400	300	6,000	18,000	Acadia	82,800	82,600	6,070	5,010,000
District I	400	300	6,000	18,000	Allen	18,200	17,900	5,590	1,000,000
Other Parishes ¹	10,800	10,700	6,590	705,000	Beauregard	2,300	2,200	6,140	135,000
District II	10,800	10,700	6,590	705,000	Calcasieu	11,400	11,200	5,850	655,000
East Carroll	15,900	15,900	6,540	1,040,000	Cameron	18,300	18,100	5,640	1,020,000
Franklin	1,900	1,400	5,710	80,000	Jeff Davis	82,500	81,300	5,830	4,740,000
Madison	5,500	5,400	6,480	350,000	Vermilion	76,500	76,400	5,640	4,310,000
Morehouse	50,400	50,200	6,200	3,110,000	District VII	292,000	289,700	5,820	16,870,000
Richland	6,400	6,000	6,330	380,000	Iberia	1,000	1,000	5,500	55,000
Tensas	1,800	1,800	6,390	115,000	Lafayette	6,600	6,500	5,690	370,000
West Carroll	7,100	7,000	6,210	435,000	St. Martin	5,100	5,000	5,500	275,000
District III	89,000	87,700	6,280	5,510,000	District VIII	12,700	12,500	5,600	700,000
Natchitoches	4,100	4,000	6,250	250,000	State Total	530,000	525,000	5,900	30,983,000
District IV	4,100	4,000	6,250	250,000					
Avoyelles	14,900	14,800	5,880	870,000	<u>Top 5 Rice Producing Parishes</u>				
Catahoula	7,300	7,300	5,750	420,000	(Cwt)				
Concordia	14,800	14,700	6,390	940,000	Acadia			5,010,000	
Evangeline	48,400	48,200	5,680	2,740,000	Jeff Davis			4,740,000	
Pointe Coupee	2,200	2,200	5,680	125,000	Vermilion			4,310,000	
Rapides	8,000	7,800	5,450	425,000	Morehouse			3,110,000	
St. Landry	25,400	25,100	5,620	1,410,000	Evangeline			2,740,000	
District V	121,000	120,100	5,770	6,930,000					

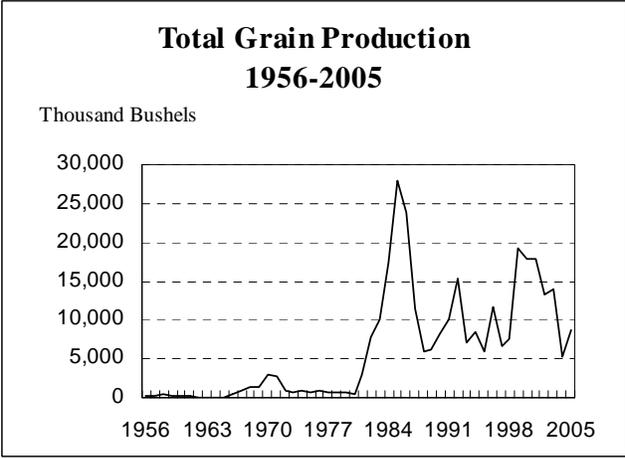
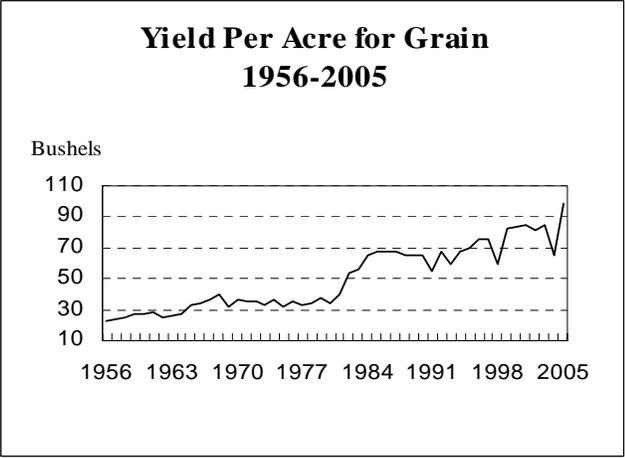
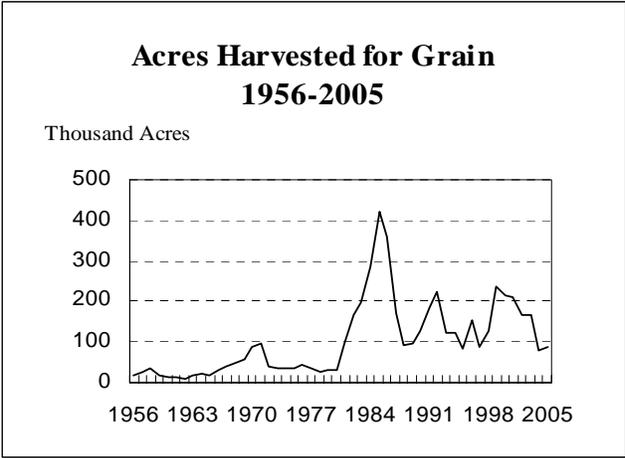
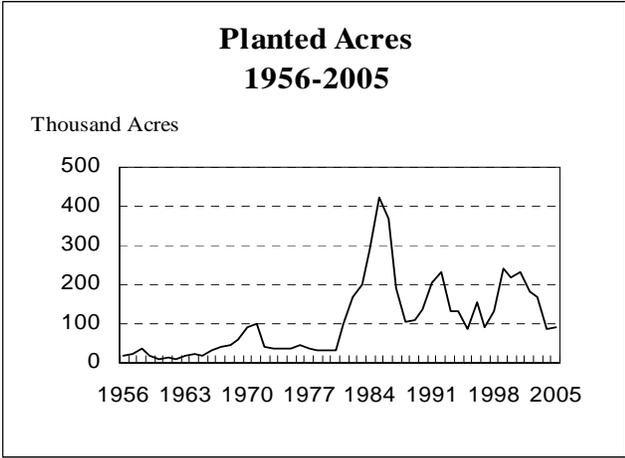
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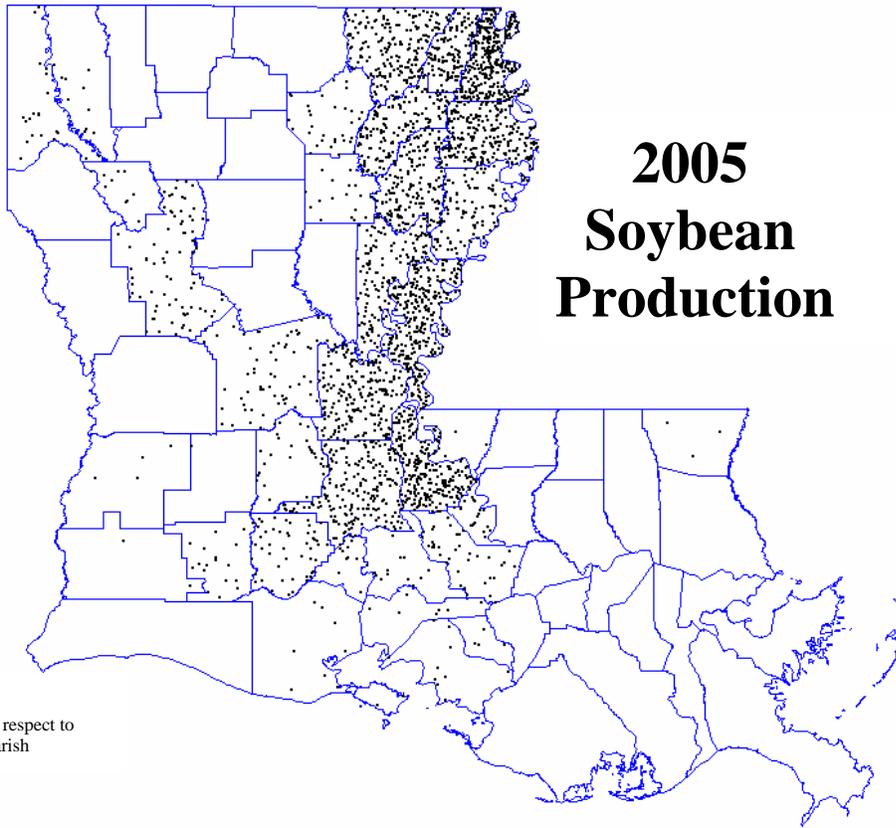
2005 Sorghum Production



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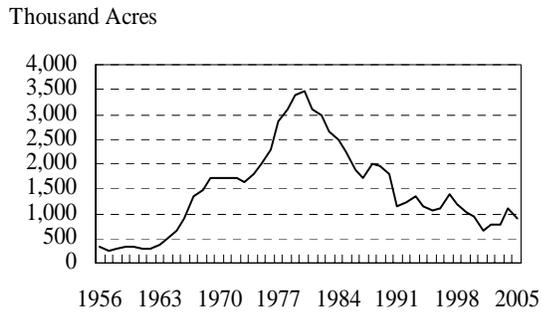


2005 Soybean Production

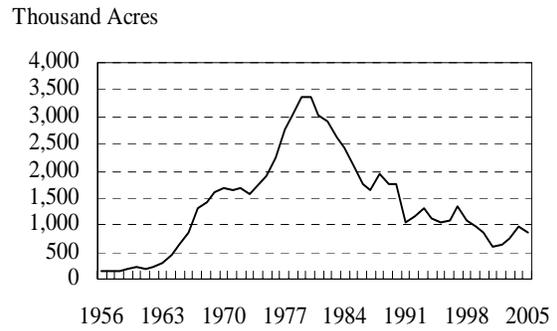


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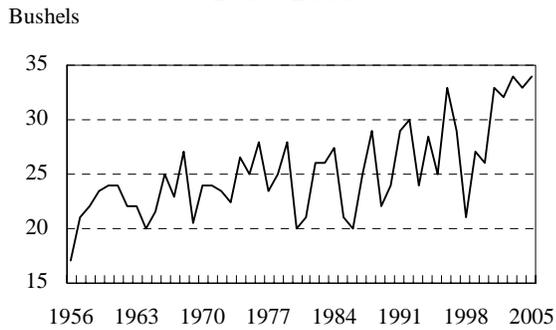
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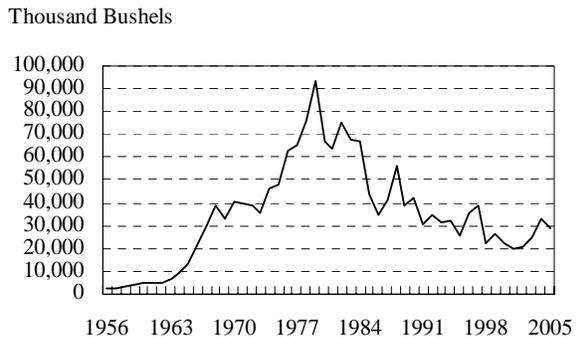
Harvested Acres 1956-2005



Yield per Acre 1956-2005



Total Production 1956-2005



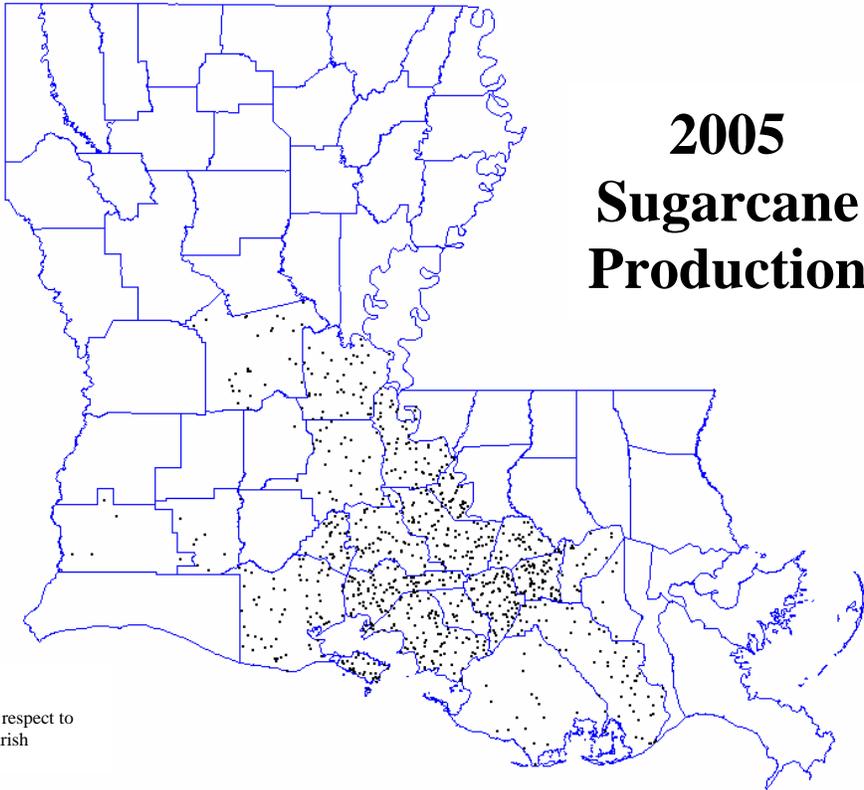
2005 Soybean Parish Estimates

District and Parish	Planted for all Purposes	Harvested for Beans	Yield per Acre	Total Production	District and Parish	Planted for all Purposes	Harvested for Beans	Yield per Acre	Total Production
	-----Acres-----		-----Bushels-----			-----Acres-----		-----Bushels-----	
Bossier	5,200	5,100	19.6	100,000	Washington	1,200	1,100	27.3	30,000
Caddo	8,100	7,800	26.9	210,000	West Feliciana	1,600	1,500	30.0	45,000
Red River	4,200	4,100	24.4	100,000	Other Parishes ¹	1,700	1,700	32.4	55,000
Other Parishes ¹	1,000	1,000	35.0	35,000	District VI	4,500	4,300	30.2	130,000
District I	18,500	18,000	24.7	445,000	Acadia	18,600	17,000	28.8	490,000
Caldwell	5,000	4,800	34.4	165,000	Beauregard	2,900	2,500	22.0	55,000
Ouachita	12,500	12,200	26.6	325,000	Calcasieu	1,500	1,200	20.8	25,000
District II	17,500	17,000	28.8	490,000	Jeff Davis	6,700	6,000	30.0	180,000
East Carroll	77,000	75,000	44.0	3,300,000	Vermilion	3,400	2,700	31.5	85,000
Franklin	52,000	50,000	34.0	1,700,000	Other Parishes ¹	1,400	1,100	31.8	35,000
Madison	68,000	66,500	34.6	2,300,000	District VII	34,500	30,500	28.5	870,000
Morehouse	64,000	62,500	30.9	1,930,000	Iberia	3,000	2,700	42.6	115,000
Richland	46,000	45,000	32.0	1,440,000	Iberville	10,000	9,900	36.4	360,000
Tensas	24,000	23,000	42.2	970,000	Lafayette	4,100	3,800	28.9	110,000
West Carroll	40,000	39,000	31.8	1,240,000	St. Martin	5,900	5,700	28.1	160,000
District III	371,000	361,000	35.7	12,880,000	St. Mary	2,500	2,300	37.0	85,000
Natchitoches	20,500	20,000	39.0	780,000	District VIII	25,500	24,400	34.0	830,000
District IV	20,500	20,000	39.0	780,000	Other Parishes ¹	2,000	1,800	36.1	65,000
Avoyelles	68,000	66,500	32.6	2,170,000	District IX	2,000	1,800	36.1	65,000
Catahoula	53,000	51,000	27.5	1,400,000	State Totals	880,000	850,000	34.0	28,900,000
Concordia	89,000	86,500	33.4	2,890,000	Top 5 Soybean Producing Parishes				
Evangeline	12,000	11,000	26.4	290,000	(Bushels)				
Pointe Coupee	60,000	58,500	43.9	2,570,000	East Carroll				3,300,000
Rapides	21,000	20,000	33.0	660,000	Concordia				2,890,000
St. Landry	72,000	69,000	30.1	2,080,000	Point Coupee				2,570,000
West Baton Rouge	5,900	5,500	36.4	200,000	Madison				2,300,000
Other Parishes ¹	5,100	5,000	30.0	150,000	Avoyelles				2,170,000
District V	386,000	373,000	33.3	12,410,000					

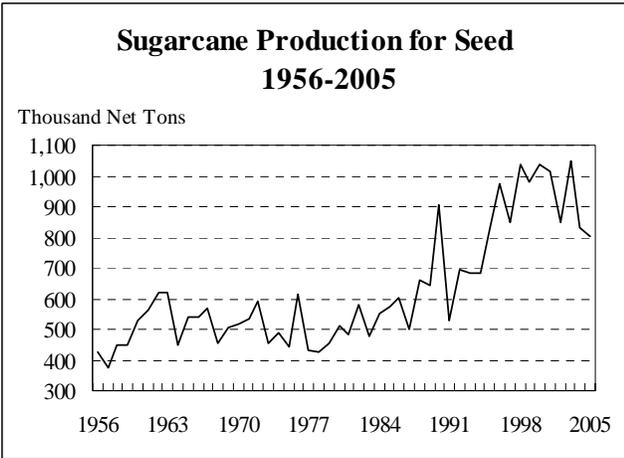
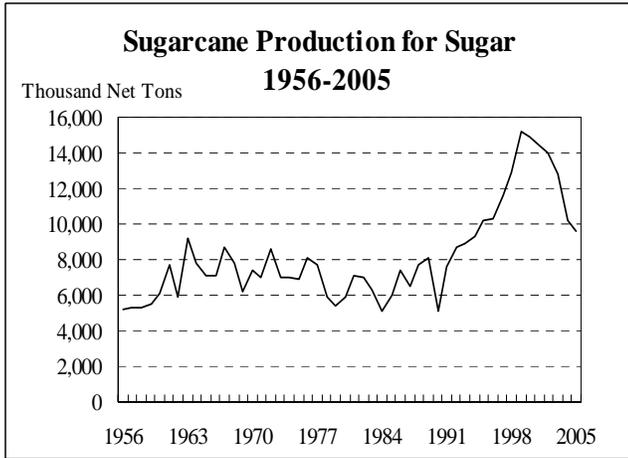
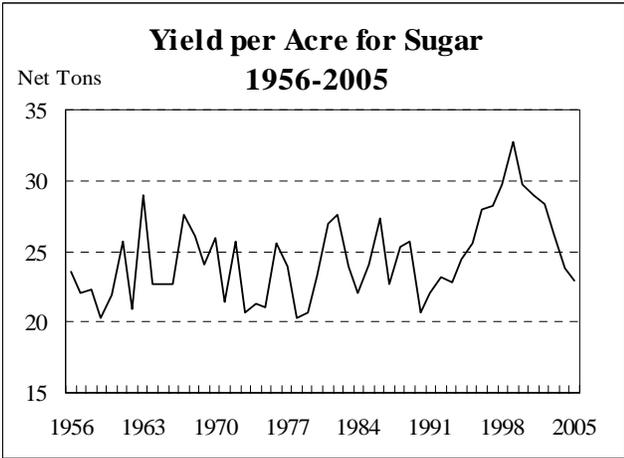
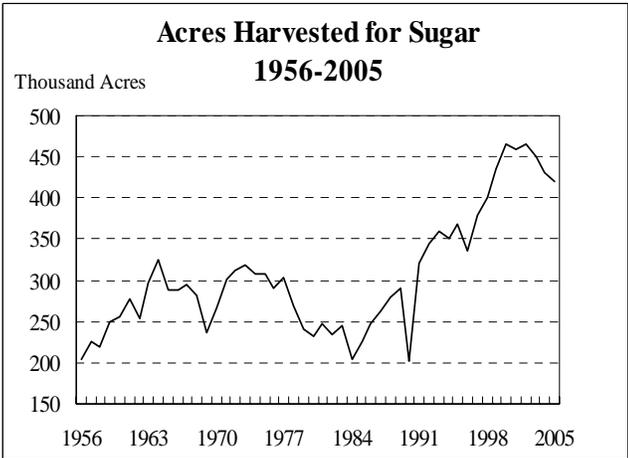
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2005 Sugarcane Production



1 dot = 10,000 net tons
Dots indicate production without respect to geographic location within the parish



2005 Sugarcane For Sugar Parish Estimates

District and Parish	Harvested for Sugar	Yield per Acre	Total Production	District and Parish	Harvested for Sugar	Yield per Acre	Total Production
	---Acres---	-----Net Tons-----			-----Acres-----	-----Net Tons-----	
Avoyelles	18,300	24.0	440,000	Ascension	17,300	21.4	370,000
Evangeline	1,000	20.0	20,000	Lafourche	25,200	23.8	600,000
Pointe Coupee	30,000	21.3	640,000	St. Charles	1,900	26.3	50,000
Rapides	11,900	23.1	275,000	St. James	26,600	23.5	625,000
St. Landry	16,000	17.5	280,000	St. John	6,300	27.0	170,000
West Baton Rouge	14,300	25.9	370,000	Terrebonne	8,700	23.0	200,000
District V	91,500	22.1	2,025,000	District IX	86,000	23.4	2,015,000
Other parishes ¹	500	26.0	13,000	State Totals	420,000	22.9	9,618,000
District VI	500	26.0	13,000				
Calcasieu	2,500	20.0	50,000				
Jeff Davis	4,700	18.1	85,000				
Vermilion	29,200	21.4	625,000				
Other parishes ¹	2,600	21.2	55,000				
District VII	39,000	20.9	815,000				
Assumption	31,500	25.1	790,000				
Iberia	53,900	23.4	1,260,000				
Iberville	32,500	24.2	785,000				
Lafayette	13,200	24.6	325,000				
St. Martin	30,700	21.5	660,000				
St. Mary	41,200	22.6	930,000				
District VIII	203,000	23.4	4,750,000				

Top 5 Sugarcane Producing Parishes

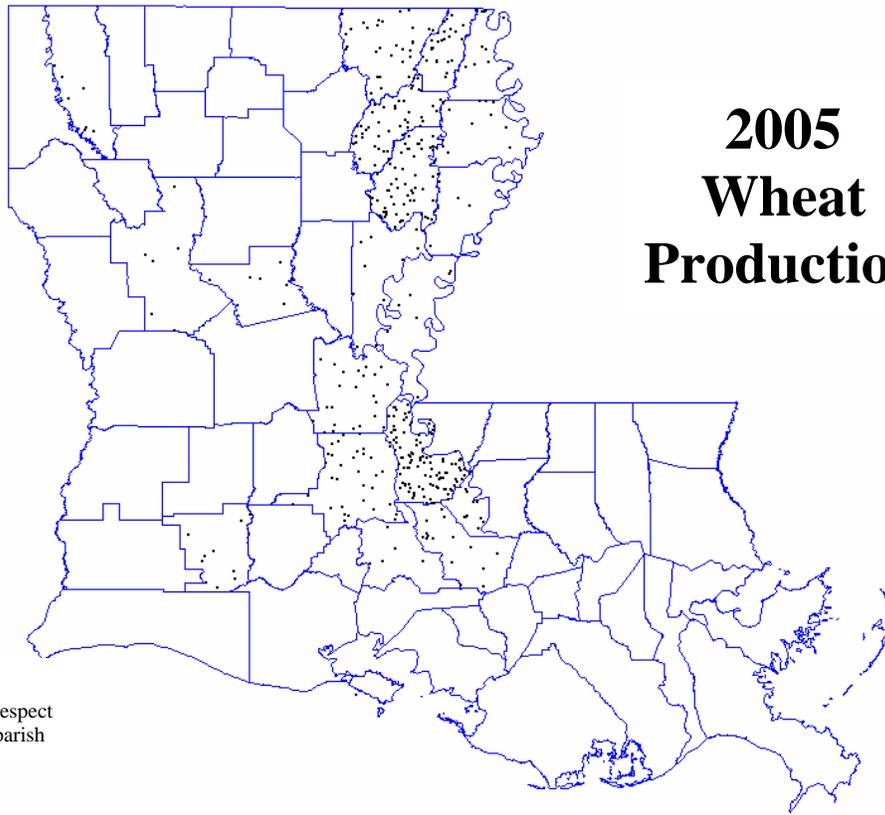
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Iberia	1,260,000
St. Mary	930,000
Assumption	790,000
Iberville	785,000
St. Martin	660,000

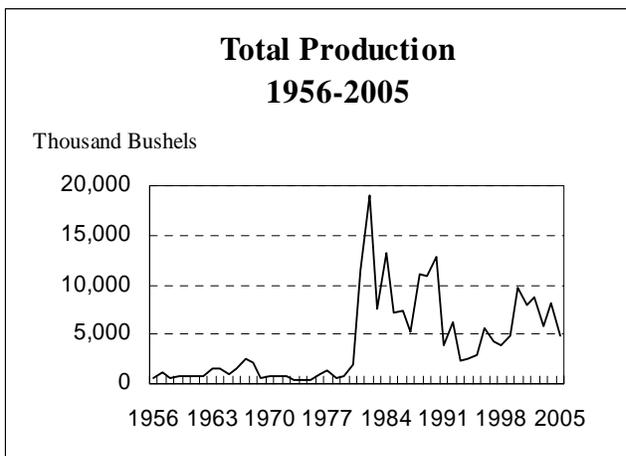
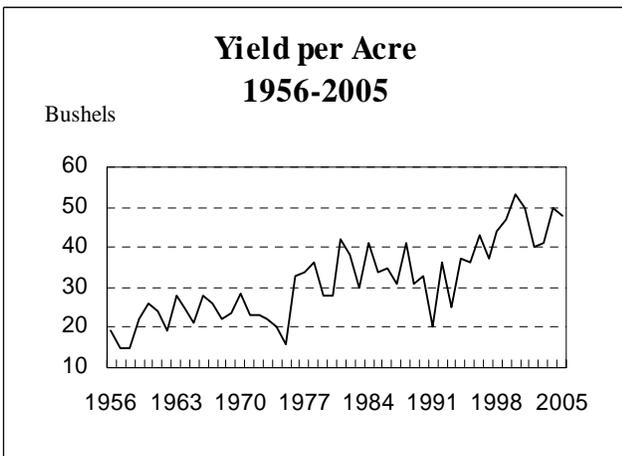
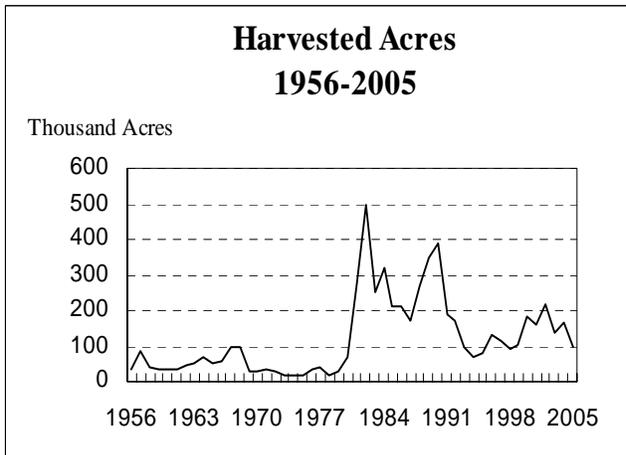
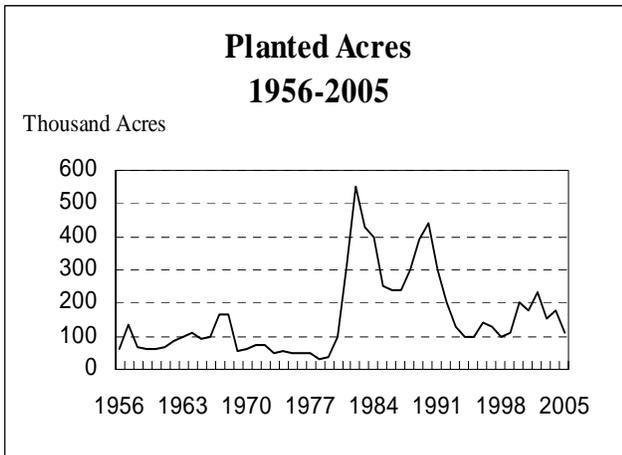
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2005 Wheat Production



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Dots indicate production without respect to geographic location within the parish



2005 Wheat Parish Estimates

Parish and District	Planted for all Purposes	Harvested for Grain	Yield per Acre	Total Production	Parish and District	Planted for all Purposes	Harvested for Grain	Yield per Acre	Total Production
	-----Acres-----		-----Bushels-----			-----Acres-----		-----Bushels-----	
Bossier	2,300	2,000	37.5	75,000	Other Parishes ¹	2,300	2,200	43.2	95,000
Other Parishes ¹	1,900	1,500	36.7	55,000	District VI	2,300	2,200	43.2	95,000
District I	4,200	3,500	37.1	130,000	Jeff Davis	2,200	2,100	47.6	100,000
Other Parishes ¹	2,400	2,100	42.9	90,000	Other Parishes ¹	1,500	1,300	38.5	50,000
District II	2,400	2,100	42.9	90,000	District VII	3,700	3,400	44.1	150,000
East Carroll	3,200	2,900	43.1	125,000	Iberville	3,000	2,900	51.7	150,000
Franklin	12,500	12,100	52.1	630,000	St. Martin	1,200	1,100	50.0	55,000
Madison	2,200	2,000	42.5	85,000	Other Parishes ¹	700	700	42.9	30,000
Morehouse	9,000	8,200	39.0	320,000	District VIII	4,900	4,700	50.0	235,000
Richland	12,500	10,700	41.1	440,000					
Tensas	1,200	1,000	45.0	45,000					
West Carroll	6,900	6,400	42.2	270,000					
District III	47,500	43,300	44.2	1,915,000	State Total	110,000	100,000	48.0	4,800,000
Natchitoches	2,500	2,200	34.1	75,000					
District IV	2,500	2,200	34.1	75,000					
Avoyelles	4,800	4,300	53.5	230,000					
Catahoula	3,000	2,600	46.2	120,000					
Concordia	1,700	1,400	50.0	70,000					
Grant	1,600	1,500	46.7	70,000					
Pointe Coupee	21,700	20,000	56.0	1,120,000					
St. Landry	6,500	6,000	56.7	340,000					
West Baton Rouge	2,000	1,800	58.3	105,000					
Other Parishes ¹	1,200	1,000	55.0	55,000					
District V	42,500	38,600	54.7	2,110,000					

Top 5 Wheat Producing Parishes

(Bushels)

Pointe Coupee	1,120,000
Franklin	630,000
Richland	440,000
St. Landry	340,000
Morehouse	320,000

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Peaches



Commercial peach production was valued at 1.13 million dollars in 2005, compared to 1.14 million dollars in 2004. Yield per acre averaged 2.41 tons, down .63 tons from the 2004 peach crop. The number of acres of bearing age trees continued its decline, dropping from 280 acres to 270 acres, a 4 percent decrease from 2004. This represents a drop of 63 percent over the past 10 years.

Peaches - Production, Price and Value of Production: Louisiana, 2002-2005

Year	Acres of Bearing Age	Yield per Acre	Total Production	Utilized Production	Season Average Prices	Value of Utilized Production
		---Tons---	-----Tons-----	-----Tons-----	--Dollars per Ton-	-1,000 Dollars-
2002	300	2.50	750	700	1,500	1,051
2003	290	2.76	800	750	1,630	1,223
2004	280	3.04	850	800	1,420	1,136
2005	270	2.41	650	650	1,730	1,125

Pecans

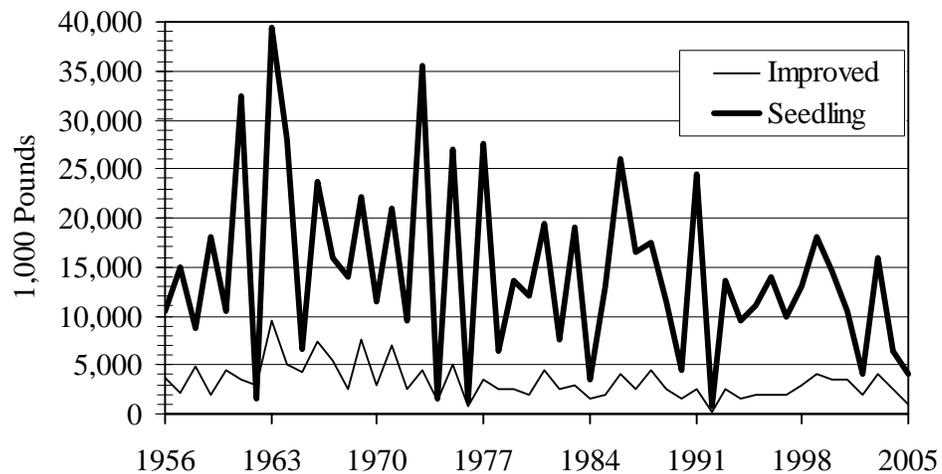
Louisiana's total pecan production was valued at 5.75 million dollars in 2005. Of this total, native and seedling varieties represented 70 percent of the value, while improved varieties represented 30 percent. Production of all pecans totaled 5 million pounds, compared to 9 million pounds the previous year. Of the total, native and seedling varieties represented 80 percent of the poundage, while improved varieties represented 20 percent.



Pecans - Production, Price and Value of Production: Louisiana, 2002 - 2005

Crop Year	Total Production -----1,000 Pounds-----	Season Average Price ----Cents per Pounds----	Total Value of Production -----1,000 Dollars-----
<i><u>All Pecans</u></i>			
2002	6,000	63.0	3,780
2003	20,000	76.0	15,200
2004	9,000	108.0	9,675
2005	5,000	115.0	5,750
<i><u>Improved Varieties</u></i>			
2002	2,000	89.0	1,780
2003	4,000	108.0	4,320
2004	2,500	140.0	3,500
2005	1,000	175.0	1,750
<i><u>Native and Seedling</u></i>			
2002	4,000	50.0	2,000
2003	16,000	68.0	10,880
2004	6,500	95.0	6,175
2005	4,000	100.0	4,000

Pecan Production: Louisiana, 1956-2005



Floriculture
Flats, Pots and Hanging Baskets: Louisiana, 2005
Number of Producers, Quantity Sold, Price and Value of Wholesale Sales

Item	Producers --Number--	Total Quantity Sold ¹ --1,000 Units--	Wholesale Price ² --Dollars per Unit--	Value of Sales at Wholesale --1,000 Dollars --
Hardy/Garden Chrysanthemums				
Pots, all	15	228	1.53	348
Pots < 5 Inches	<u>3/</u>	96	0.82	79
Pots > 5 Inches	<u>3/</u>	132	2.04	269
Foliage				
Hanging Baskets	20	199	5.76	1,146
Geraniums (cuttings)				
Pots, all	16	56	3.18	178
Geraniums (seed)				
Pots, all	7	83	1.89	157
Impatiens				
Flats	16	62	8.90	552
Pots, all	10	159	0.96	153
Pots < 5 Inches	<u>3/</u>	129	0.72	93
Pots > 5 Inches	<u>3/</u>	30	2.02	61
Hanging Baskets	14	28	3.92	110
Impatiens (New Guinea)				
Pots, all	15	77	2.06	159
Pots < 5 Inches	<u>3/</u>	10	1.26	13
Pots > 5 Inches	<u>3/</u>	67	2.19	147
Hanging Baskets	8	8	5.59	45
Petunias				
Flats	17	48	8.89	427
Pots, all	10	318	0.96	304
Pots < 5 Inches	<u>3/</u>	267	0.79	211
Pots > 5 Inches	<u>3/</u>	51	1.83	93
Hanging Baskets	11	14	4.49	63
Poinsettias				
Pots, all	23	261	4.77	1,244
Pots < 5 Inches	<u>3/</u>	34	2.34	80
Pots > 5 Inches	<u>3/</u>	227	5.13	1,165
Vegetable Bedding Plants				
Flats	8	38	8.08	307

¹ The quantity sold for all pots is a derived number. The total number of pots sold was derived by adding the total number of pots <5 inches and pots >5 inches together.

² The average wholesale price for all pots is derived by dividing the value of sales at wholesale by the total quantity sold.

³ Not available for the break-out of pot sizes.

Louisiana Timber Production and Resources

Overview*

Louisiana's forest lands cover 14 million acres -- about 50 percent of the state's land area -- the state's single greatest land use. Fifty-nine of the state's 64 parishes contain land capable of producing sufficient timber to support forest-industry activities as well as provide wildlife habitat, recreational opportunity, scenic beauty and other environmental benefits. There are 148,000 owners of Louisiana forest land. Private non-industrial landowners own 62 percent of the state's forest land; forest-products industries own 29 percent and the public owns 9 percent. In 2005, forestry accounted for 50 percent of the gross farm value of all plant commodities grown in Louisiana. Forestry contributes 38 percent of the gross farm value of Louisiana's combined plant and animal agricultural commodities.

* Prepared annually by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry from multiple sources.

Louisiana Saw Timber, Pulpwood and Chip-N-Saw Harvested, 1991 - 2005

Year	Saw Timber Harvested		Pulpwood Harvested		Chip-N-Saw Harvested
	Pine	Hardwood	Pine	Hardwood	Pine
	-----1,000 board feet-----		-----1,000 standard cords-----		1,000 standard cords
2005	1,015,090	169,740	3,942	1,401	1,144
2004	1,059,954	161,371	3,962	1,274	1,102
2003	1,071,031	195,152	4,182	1,563	993
2002	1,006,167	148,184	3,568	1,379	853
2001	984,603	171,016	3,512	1,403	898
2000	1,122,673	189,698	3,669	1,551	846
1999	1,148,459	191,086	3,731	1,677	842
1998	1,153,231	219,908	3,769	1,549	631
1997	1,230,898	193,861	3,630	1,604	387
1996	1,165,814	211,439	3,793	1,666	376
1995	1,265,872	206,197	3,711	1,855	453
1994	1,298,784	215,371	3,789	1,992	307
1993	1,434,875	225,098	3,656	1,709	n/a
1992	1,285,906	178,192	3,661	1,525	n/a
1991	1,223,172	157,282	3,781	1,470	n/a

SOURCE: Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry.
n/a - not available.

Louisiana Saw Timber, Pulpwood and Chip-N-Saw Income to Landowner, 1991-2005

Year	Saw Timber Income		Pulpwood Income		Chip-N-Saw Income
	Pine	Hardwood	Pine	Hardwood	Pine
	-----1,000 Dollars-----		-----1,000 Dollars-----		-1,000 Dollars-
2005	331,549	53,210	74,102	21,022	101,827
2004	343,955	48,124	75,903	20,498	104,614
2003	347,550	58,198	80,130	25,143	94,337
2002	347,661	42,735	74,777	19,236	84,032
2001	338,260	42,150	76,007	16,547	86,418
2000	414,401	43,325	92,307	19,307	84,998
1999	430,626	46,604	101,861	24,674	76,549
1998	485,810	54,113	107,799	30,730	66,146
1997	428,353	36,558	86,935	24,142	34,327
1996	405,703	39,873	90,854	25,069	33,396
1995	457,436	37,425	90,374	19,295	30,755
1994	381,115	39,060	92,274	20,720	20,845
1993	357,040	28,286	88,472	17,468	n/a
1992	272,651	18,589	98,311	12,613	n/a
1991	234,788	14,141	82,541	13,408	n/a

SOURCE: Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry.

n/a – not available.

Miscellaneous Timber and Forestry Production, 2005

Product	Quantity	Unit
Baled pine needles	36,250	Bales
Christmas trees	24,130	Trees sold
Firewood	21,221	Face cords
Forest seedlings	12,650,000	(1,000)

SOURCE: LSU Ag Summary

Louisiana Timber & Wood Industry Employment and Wages, 2004

	Wood	Furniture	Paper	Forestry and Logging	
	NAICS ¹ 321	NAICS ¹ 337	NAICS ¹ 322	NAICS ¹ 113	Total
	SIC ² 24	SIC ² 25	SIC ² 26	SIC ² 08	
Number Employed (000)	8.3	1.4	9.8	3.4	22.9
Number of Employers	195	220	85	500	1,000
Wages Paid (000) Dollars	288,152	36,099	577,796	98,495	1,000,542

SOURCE: Tabulated from quarterly reports of the Louisiana Department of Labor. 2005 Annual Report not due until Fall 2006.

¹North American Industry Classification System.

²Standard Industrial Code.

Livestock Record Highs and Lows: Louisiana

Item	Record High		Record Low		Year Records Began
	Number of Head	Year	Number of head	Year	
	---1,000---		---1,000---		
<u>Cattle</u>					
All Cattle	1,880	1976	810	1928	1920
Beef cows	980	1965	217	1928	1920
Milk cows	379	1945	36	2005	1867
Beef replacement heifers 500 + pounds	221	1954	50	1929	1920
Milk replacement heifers 500 + pounds	101	1944	9	2005	1920
Other heifers 500 + pounds	122	1943	12	1995	1920
Steers, heifers, and bulls under 500 pounds	462	1976	158	2004	1970
<u>Hogs</u>					
All Hogs	1,125	1911	16	2004	1866
Breeding hogs ¹	46	1967	2	2004	1963
Market hogs ¹	183	1967	12	2005	1963
Under 60 pounds ¹	89	1967	4	2005	1963
60-119 pounds ¹	60	1963	3	2005	1963
120-179 pounds ¹	27	1971*	2	2005*	1963
180 pounds and over ¹	26	1971	3	2005*	1963
<u>Sheep and Lambs²</u>					
All Sheep and Lambs	296	1942	6.0	1998	1867
Market sheep and lambs ³	2	1996	1.0	1999*	1995
Breeding sheep and lambs	231	1940	5.0	1998	1925
Replacement lambs less than 1 year	35	1942	0.7	1998	1925
Ewes 1 year or older	180	1940	3.8	1998	1920
Rams 1 year or older	16	1942*	0.5	1998	1920
<u>Chickens</u>					
All Chickens	7,259	1944	1,850	1991	1924
Total hens & pullets of laying age	5,746	1944	1,045	1991	1924
Hens of laying age	4,119	1927	440	2003*	1924
Pullets of laying age	3,470	1944	575	1991	1930
Pullets not of laying age	1,371	1969	470	1993	1965
Pullets 13-20 weeks	856	1969	165	1997	1965
Pullets under 13 weeks	640	1972	95	1998	1965
Other Chickens	1,576	1943	53	2000	1924

¹ Inventory breakout data series began in 1963.

² Sheep and lamb estimates were discontinued in Louisiana in 2000.

³ Data series began in 1994.

* Most current year with this record high or low.

Cattle – Number of Head, By Class: Louisiana: January 1, 2002-2006

Class	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
	-----1,000 head-----				
All Cattle	850	860	850	860	820
Beef cows	466	475	489	494	468
Milk cows and heifers	54	45	41	36	32
Bulls 500 + pounds	32	33	33	32	32
Beef replacement heifers 500 + pounds	81	86	81	82	82
Milk replacement heifers 500 + pounds	11	10	10	9	9
Other heifers 500 + pounds	17	17	17	18	18
Steers, heifers and bulls under 500 lb.	165	170	158	167	159

Hogs - Number of Head, By Class: Louisiana: December 1, 2001-2005

Class	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
	-----1,000 head-----				
All Hogs	26	20	20	16	14
Breeding hogs	3	3	3	2	2
Market hogs	23	17	17	14	12
Under 60 pounds	8	6	6	5	4
60 - 119 pounds	6	4	5	4	3
120 - 179 pounds	4	4	3	2	2
180 pounds and over	5	3	3	3	3

Chickens – Number of Head, By Class: Louisiana: December 1, 2001-2005

Class	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
	-----1,000 head-----				
All Chickens	2,700	2,560	2,590	2,574	2,535
Total hens & pullets of laying age	2,056	1,874	1,909	1,883	1,864
Hens of laying age	945	850	440	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Pullets of laying age	1,111	1,024	1,469	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Pullets not of laying age	558	610	557	585	568
Pullets 13 - 20 weeks	231	295	267	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Pullets under 13 weeks	327	315	290	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Other Chickens	86	76	124	106	103

¹ No longer published due to program change.

Cattle and Calves

Inventory, Supply and Disposition: Louisiana, 2002-2006¹

Year	Inventory January 1	Calf Crop	Inshipments	Marketings ²		Farm Slaughter ³	Deaths	
				Cattle	Calves		Cattle	Calves
-----1,000 Head-----								
2002	850	415	2	136	230	2	19	20
2003	860	415	2	143	246	2	17	19
2004	850	415	2	137	234	2	15	19
2005	860	400	2	150	244	2	26	20
2006	820	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

¹ Sum of inventory January 1 of previous year, calf crop, and inshipments is equal to the sum of marketings, farm slaughter, deaths, and inventory January 1 current year.

² Includes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and state outshipments; excludes interfarm sales within the state.

³ Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments.

---Data not available.

Production and Income: Louisiana, 2002-2005

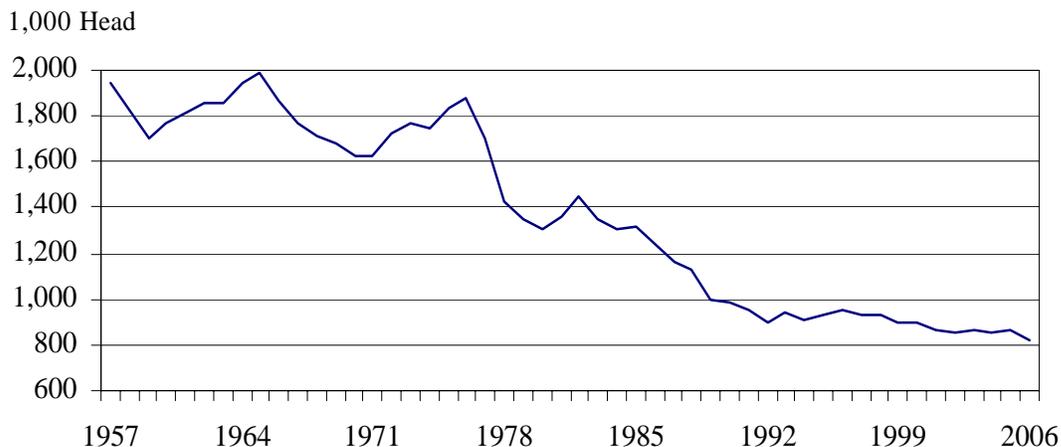
Year	Production ¹	Marketings ²	Average Price per 100 Pounds		Value of Production	Cash Receipts ³	Value of Home Consumption	Gross Income
			Cattle	Calves				
-----1,000 Pounds-----			-----Dollars-----		-----1,000 Dollars-----			
2002	236,853	231,020	49.00	88.00	160,466	157,153	861	158,014
2003	243,459	244,950	53.20	93.00	175,945	178,288	924	179,212
2004	237,631	233,850	63.70	113.00	209,118	205,490	1,100	206,590
2005	224,034	251,560	67.20	123.00	215,953	235,763	1,197	236,960

¹ Adjustments made for changes in inventory and for inshipments.

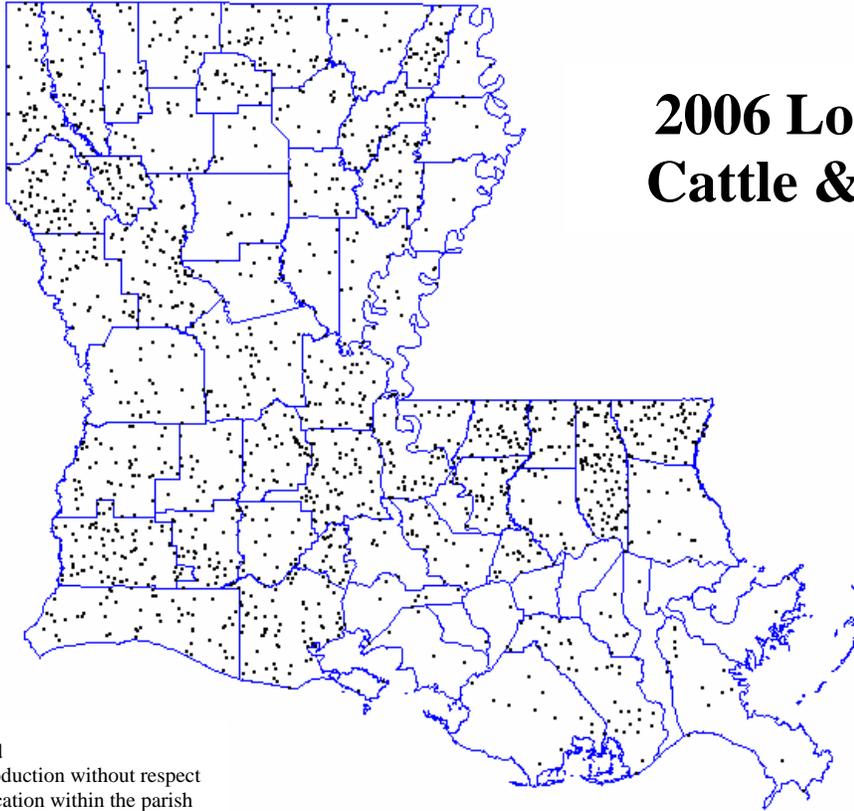
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Total Cattle and Calves: Louisiana, 1957-2006

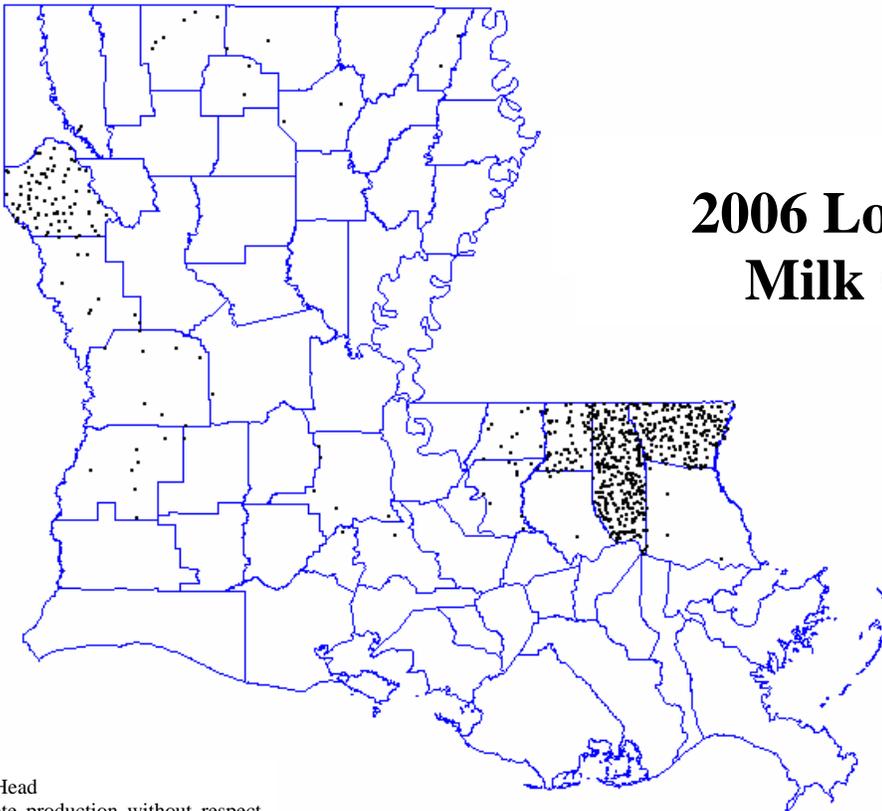


2006 Louisiana Cattle & Calves



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2006 Louisiana Milk Cows



1 dot = 50 Head
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2005-2006 Cattle & Calves and Milk Cows Parish Estimates¹

District and Parish	All Cattle & Calves		Milk Cows		District and Parish	All Cattle & Calves		Milk Cows	
	Jan. 1 2005	Jan. 1 2006	Jan. 1 2005	Jan. 1 2006		Jan. 1 2005	Jan. 1 2006	Jan. 1 2005	Jan. 1 2006
-----Number of Head-----					-----Number of Head-----				
Bossier	18,000	18,000	100	100	East Baton Rouge	20,000	19,500	500	500
Caddo	22,000	21,500	---	---	East Feliciana	22,500	21,500	550	500
DeSoto	33,000	32,500	4,000	3,900	Livingston	8,500	8,500	150	100
Red River	19,500	19,000	---	---	St. Helena	13,500	13,000	3,400	2,500
Webster	10,500	10,000	---	---	St. Tammany	8,500	8,000	200	100
District I	103,000	101,000	4,100	4,000	Tangipahoa	49,000	47,000	15,200	13,500
Bienville	8,500	8,500	---	---	Washington	33,000	31,000	9,600	8,800
Caldwell	7,500	7,500	---	---	West Feliciana	9,000	8,500	---	---
Claiborne	11,500	11,000	350	350	District VI	164,000	157,000	29,600	26,000
Jackson	4,000	4,500	---	---	Acadia	10,000	9,500	---	---
Lincoln	11,000	11,000	100	100	Allen	10,500	9,500	---	---
Ouachita	7,500	7,500	100	100	Beauregard	24,000	23,000	400	400
Union	20,500	20,000	50	50	Calcasieu	40,500	38,000	---	---
Winn	4,500	4,000	---	---	Cameron	28,000	22,000	---	---
District II	75,000	74,000	600	600	Jeff Davis	18,500	16,500	---	---
East Carroll	2,000	2,000	---	---	Vermilion	35,500	32,500	---	---
Franklin	19,000	18,500	---	---	District VII	167,000	151,000	400	400
Madison	3,000	3,000	---	---	Assumption	1,000	1,000	---	---
Morehouse	7,500	7,500	---	---	Iberia	5,000	5,000	---	---
Richland	17,500	17,500	---	---	Iberville	10,500	10,000	---	---
Tensas	1,000	1,000	---	---	Lafayette	12,000	11,500	50	---
West Carroll	14,000	13,500	100	100	St. Martin	3,500	3,500	50	---
District III	64,000	63,000	100	100	St. Mary	2,000	2,000	---	---
Natchitoches	35,500	35,000	---	---	District VIII	34,000	33,000	100	---
Sabine	16,500	16,000	500	300	Ascension	10,000	10,000	---	---
Vernon	13,000	13,000	300	300	Jefferson	1,500	1,000	---	---
District IV	65,000	64,000	800	600	Lafourche	17,000	15,500	---	---
Avoyelles	23,500	24,000	---	---	Orleans	500	---	---	---
Catahoula	8,000	8,000	---	---	Plaquemines	7,000	2,000	---	---
Concordia	5,000	5,000	---	---	St. Bernard	1,000	---	---	---
Evangeline	19,000	19,000	50	50	St. Charles	3,500	3,000	---	---
Grant	5,500	5,500	---	---	St. James	500	500	---	---
LaSalle	5,000	5,000	---	---	St. John	500	500	---	---
Pointe Coupee	18,500	18,000	---	---	Terrebonne	6,500	5,500	---	---
Rapides	23,000	22,500	50	50	District IX	48,000	38,000	---	---
St. Landry	30,000	29,500	200	200	State Total	860,000	820,000	36,000	32,000
West Baton Rouge	2,500	2,500	---	---					
District V	140,000	139,000	300	300					

¹2006 Preliminary data.

See map of Agricultural Statistics Districts on inside front cover.

Milk

Milk Cows and Production of Milk and Milkfat: Louisiana, 2002-2005

Year	Number of Milk Cows	Production per Milk Cow		Percent of Fat	Total Production	
		Milk	Milkfat		Milk	Milkfat
	--1,000 Head--	-----Pounds-----		----Percent----	-----Million Pounds-----	
2002	48	12,063	425	3.52	579	20.4
2003	43	12,070	420	3.48	519	18.1
2004	38	12,605	445	3.53	479	16.9
2005	35	12,371	439	3.55	433	15.4

Production and Disposition: Louisiana, 2002-2005

Year	Total Production	Milk Used Where Produced			Milk Marketed by Producers to Plants and Dealers
		Fed to Calves	Used for Milk, Cream and Butter	Total	
		-----Million Pounds-----			
2002	579	9	2	11	568
2003	519	9	2	11	508
2004	479	9	2	11	468
2005	433	8	2	10	423

Value and Farm Income: Louisiana, 2002-2005

Year	Milk Sold to Plants and Dealers			Value of Milk, Cream and Butter Consumed Where Produced	Gross Producer Income ¹
	Quantity	Price per 100 Pounds	Cash Receipts		
	--Million Pounds--	--Dollars--		-----1,000 Dollars-----	
2002	568	13.00	73,840	260	74,100
2003	508	13.00	66,040	260	66,300
2004	468	16.50	77,220	330	77,550
2005	423	15.70	66,411	314	66,725

¹Cash Receipts from marketings of milk and cream plus value of milk used for home consumption.

Hogs and Pigs

Pig Crop - Sows Farrowed, Pigs Per Litter and Pigs Saved: Louisiana, 2002-2005

Year	Sows Farrowed -----1,000 Head-----	Pigs per Litter -----Number-----	Pigs Saved ----1,000 Head----
2002	4.6	7.0	32
2003	4.6	7.4	34
2004	4.2	7.1	30
2005	3.6	7.5	27

Inventory, Supply and Disposition: Louisiana, 2002-2005¹

Year	Inventory Previous Dec. 1	Pig Crop	Inshipments	Marketings ²	Farm Slaughter ³	Deaths
-----1,000 Head-----						
2002	20	32	2	38.0	1.0	1
2003	20	34	2	33.6	1.0	1
2004	16	30	2	33.9	1.0	1
2005	14	27	2	28.9	1.0	1

¹Sum of inventory December 1, previous year, pig crop, and inshipments is equal to the sum of marketings, farm slaughter, deaths, and inventory December 1, current year.

²Includes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and state outshipments; excludes interfarm sales within the state.

³Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments.

Production and Income: Louisiana, 2002-2005

Year	Production ¹ -----1,000 Pounds-----	Marketings ²	Average Price per 100 lbs --Dollars--	Value of Production ³ -----1,000 Dollars-----	Cash Receipts ^{3,4}	Value of Home Consumption	Gross Income
2002	7,232	7,790	26.20	1,872	2,041	53	2,094
2003	6,930	6,888	31.40	2,166	2,163	63	2,226
2004	6,473	6,950	44.10	2,852	3,065	87	3,152
2005	5,886	5,925	43.60	2,562	2,583	81	2,664

¹Adjustments made for changes in inventory and for inshipments.

²Excludes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and interfarm sales within the state.

³Includes allowance for higher average price of state inshipment and outshipment of feeder pigs.

⁴Receipts from marketings and sales of farm slaughter.

Chickens

Number on Farms, Rate of Lay and Egg Production: Louisiana, 2002-2005¹

Year	Chickens on Farms, December 1		Average Number of Layers During Year	Annual Rate of Lay per Hen ²	Total Egg Production
	All Chickens	Value			
	--1,000 Head--	--1,000 Dollars--	-----1,000 Head-----	---Number---	-----Million-----
2002	2,560	7,424	1,982	249	494
2003	2,590	9,065	1,960	249	487
2004	2,574	10,039	1,944	239	465
2005	2,535	7,098	1,892	248	469

¹Estimates cover the 12 month period December 1, previous year, through November 30 of year referenced.

²Total egg production divided by average number of layers on hand.

Layers

Production and Income: Louisiana, 2002-2005¹

Year	Pounds Sold	Price per Pound	Value of Production
	-----1,000 Pounds-----	-----Dollars-----	-----1,000 Dollars-----
2002	8,237	0.056	461
2003	7,508	0.084	631
2004	8,458	0.090	761
2005	8,747	0.090	787

¹Estimates cover the 12 month period December 1, previous year, through November 30 of year referenced.

Eggs

Production Price and Value: Louisiana, 2002-2005¹

Year	Eggs Produced	Price per Dozen ²	Value of Production
	-----Million-----	-----Dollars-----	-----1,000 Dollars-----
2002	494	.817	33,615
2003	487	.886	35,967
2004	465	.902	34,966
2005	469	.795	31,073

¹Estimates cover the 12 month period December 1, previous year, through November 30 of year referenced.

²Average of all eggs sold by producers, including hatching eggs.



Bees and Honey

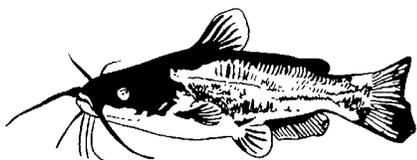
Honey production from Louisiana producers with five or more colonies during 2005 totaled 3.40 million pounds, 1 percent below the 2004 level. Producers harvested honey from 35,000 colonies. Production per colony averaged 97 pounds.

Prices from the 2005 honey crop averaged \$0.71 per pound, down \$0.07 from 2004. Prices were based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and co-ops. Louisiana producers had 611,000 pounds of honey in stock on December 15, 2005, compared with 240,000 pounds on hand the previous year.

Number of Colonies, Production, Stocks and Value: Louisiana, 2002-2005

Year	Number of Colonies	Average Yield per Colony	Production	Stocks Dec 15 th	Average Price per Pound	Value of Production
	---1,000---	---Pounds---	-----1,000 Pounds-----		---Cents---	---\$1,000---
2002	35	124	4,340	347	116.0	5,034
2003	34	90	3,060	275	124.0	3,794
2004	35	98	3,430	240	78.0	2,675
2005	35	97	3,395	611	71.0	2,410

Catfish



Louisiana continues to rank fourth in the nation in foodsize catfish production, water surface acres and total sales of catfish. Mississippi leads the nation in foodsize catfish production, followed by Alabama and Arkansas.

There were 28 commercial catfish operations in the state on January 1, 2006, down from 38 on January 1, 2005. These farms operated 6,600 water acres, down 1,000 acres from the same time in 2005.

Total sales of catfish in Louisiana for the year 2005 were \$14.94 million, up 4 percent from sales in 2004. Of this amount, 98.9% was from sales of foodsize catfish. Farmers sold 21.1 million pounds of foodsize catfish in 2005 compared to 23.0 million pounds in 2004. Sales in 2005 averaged 70 cents per pound, up 8 cents from 2004.

Catfish data come from the January 1, 2006, Catfish Grower's Survey. This survey is conducted every January; a similar survey is conducted every July.

Number and Live Weight of Catfish: Louisiana, July 1, 2005-2006

Size	2005		2006	
	Number -----1,000-----	Live Weight --1,000 pounds--	Number -----1,000-----	Live Weight --1,000 pounds--
Foodsize				
Large ¹	660	2,400	195	670
Medium ²	3,800	7,200	1,860	3,250
Small ³	6,100	5,450	3,950	3,450
Total	10,560	15,050	6,005	7,370
Stockers				
Large ⁴	3,960	1,480	2,290	1,140
Small ⁵	6,820	720	3,420	315
Total	10,780	2,200	5,710	1,455
Broodfish	29	115	20	100
Fingerlings and Fry ⁶	98,000	484	34,100	277

¹Fish weighing over 3 pounds.

²Fish weighing over 1½ pounds to 3 pounds.

³Fish weighing ¾ pound to 1 ½ pounds.

⁴Fish weighing over 180 pounds to 750 pounds per 1,000 fish.

⁵Fish weighing over 60 pounds to 180 pounds per 1,000 fish.

⁶Fish weighing 60 pounds or less per 1,000 fish.

Catfish District Estimates: Louisiana

Number of Producers and Water Acres as of January 1, 2006,

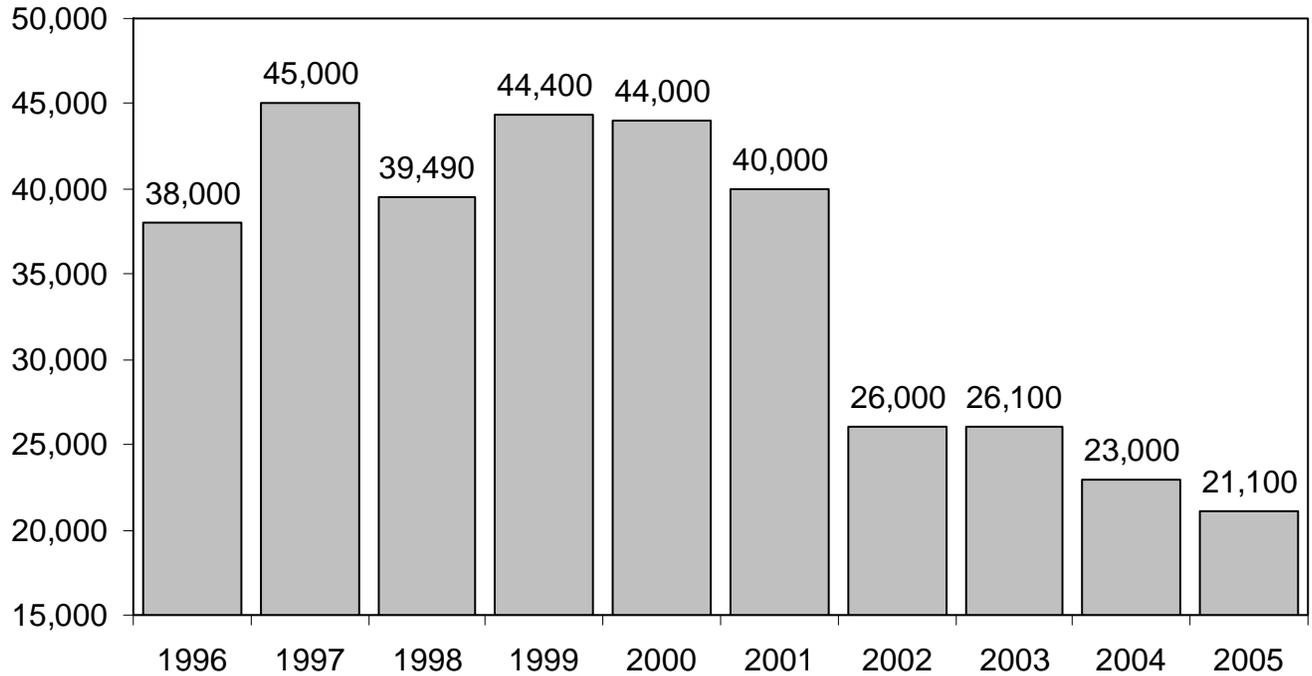
and Total Pounds & Value of Foodsize Fish Sold in 2005

District	Producers ---Number---	Water Area -----Acres-----	Pounds of Foodsize Fish Sold -----1,000 Pounds-----	Value of Foodsize Fish Sold ----1,000 Dollars----
III	16	5,507	18,900	13,318
V	4	545	784	482
IV, VI, VII, VIII, IX ¹	8	548	1,416	970
Total	28	6,600	21,100	14,770

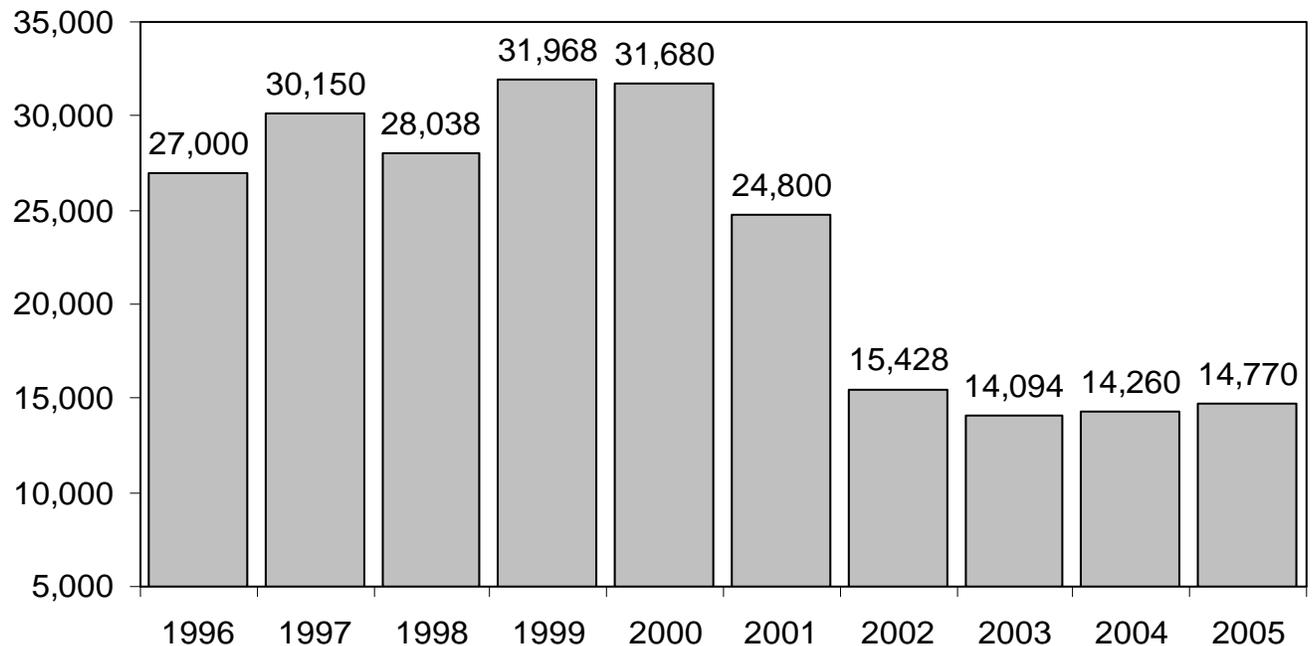
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CATFISH
Pounds of Foodsize Fish Sold:
Louisiana, 1996-2005



CATFISH
Value of Foodsize Fish Sold:
Louisiana, 1996-2005



Commercial Cattle Slaughter: Louisiana, 2002-2005

Number of Head

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
-----1,000 Head-----													
2002	1.7	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.9	1.4	1.1	16.9
2003	1.4	1.4	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.1	1.1	14.9
2004	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.1	13.7
2005	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.0	1.1	0.7	1.0	0.9	1.3	1.1	0.9	13.0

Average Live Weight per Head

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg
-----Pounds-----													
2002	862	913	897	861	815	838	826	893	875	882	895	818	866
2003	881	868	914	909	871	861	849	907	846	895	884	840	877
2004	863	882	861	848	812	845	855	849	824	881	936	930	865
2005	895	862	896	936	903	799	922	903	877	876	850	909	884

Total Live Weight

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
-----1,000 Pounds-----													
2002	1,435	1,134	1,201	1,083	1,154	1,090	1,072	1,380	1,280	1,659	1,235	913	14,637
2003	1,211	1,221	1,021	1,027	1,043	933	991	1,187	1,149	1,358	1,006	911	13,059
2004	1,160	1,175	986	937	966	836	891	885	931	1,077	958	1,020	11,822
2005	976	1,107	1,258	1,134	862	906	678	942	795	1,119	946	790	11,514

Commercial Calf Slaughter: Louisiana, 2002-2005

Number of Head

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
-----1,000 Head-----													
2002	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.7	1.0	1.1	1.1	0.9	10.0
2003	0.9	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.2	0.9	0.8	10.4
2004	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.6	7.8
2005	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.4	5.8

Average Live Weight per Head

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg
-----Pounds-----													
2002	517	473	493	503	507	517	499	502	493	494	489	485	497
2003	498	508	489	487	504	499	498	491	483	478	483	497	492
2004	498	503	512	499	472	471	480	484	475	479	478	491	487
2005	471	487	502	502	491	516	514	484	461	495	473	499	490

Total Live Weight

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
-----1,000 Pounds-----													
2002	369	367	343	402	358	386	385	328	470	566	550	449	4,974
2003	436	311	389	398	370	414	412	459	494	587	417	401	5,090
2004	275	249	331	252	224	369	310	392	353	341	380	300	3,777
2005	289	153	173	237	213	158	284	268	206	419	252	201	2,851

Commercial Hog Slaughter: Louisiana, 2002-2005

Number of Head

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
-----1,000 Head-----													
2002	2.3	2.8	2.8	2.0	2.1	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	2.4	2.6	3.0	27.2
2003	2.0	2.7	2.2	2.3	1.7	1.8	1.4	1.5	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.7	24.1
2004	1.9	2.2	2.4	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.7	2.3	2.7	22.9
2005	1.7	2.0	2.5	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.9	1.8	2.5	21.0

Average Live Weight per Head

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg
-----Pounds-----													
2002	215	233	211	215	205	206	209	215	212	197	193	183	207
2003	207	222	237	209	207	196	202	212	203	197	192	185	206
2004	204	222	223	199	206	194	201	196	197	202	181	159	198
2005	192	211	209	195	188	186	182	199	190	188	173	164	190

Total Live Weight

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
-----1,000 Pounds-----													
2002	497	657	582	424	441	370	384	382	379	463	499	555	5,634
2003	414	607	517	476	353	347	275	318	363	417	398	492	4,975
2004	379	499	537	334	354	327	304	290	323	338	419	423	4,527
2005	334	431	519	265	276	320	227	268	276	350	316	406	3,987

Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter: Louisiana, 2002-2005

Number of Head

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
-----1,000 Head-----													
2002	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	2.2
2003	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	1.9
2004	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.7
2005	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.7

Average Live Weight per Head

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg
-----Pounds-----													
2002	89	123	110	103	91	79	76	86	72	92	70	79	94
2003	75	107	107	100	83	82	72	79	73	79	70	73	87
2004	88	119	108	80	94	82	74	79	84	70	81	82	91
2005	86	125	104	87	97	83	73	77	78	74	81	83	92

Total Live Weight

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
-----1,000 Pounds-----													
2002	12	46	28	17	14	16	13	18	11	10	10	8	203
2003	8	34	24	14	13	12	12	11	8	12	8	6	164
2004	8	35	24	8	9	11	12	13	12	10	8	7	156
2005	9	36	22	10	11	17	8	14	6	8	10	7	157

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