

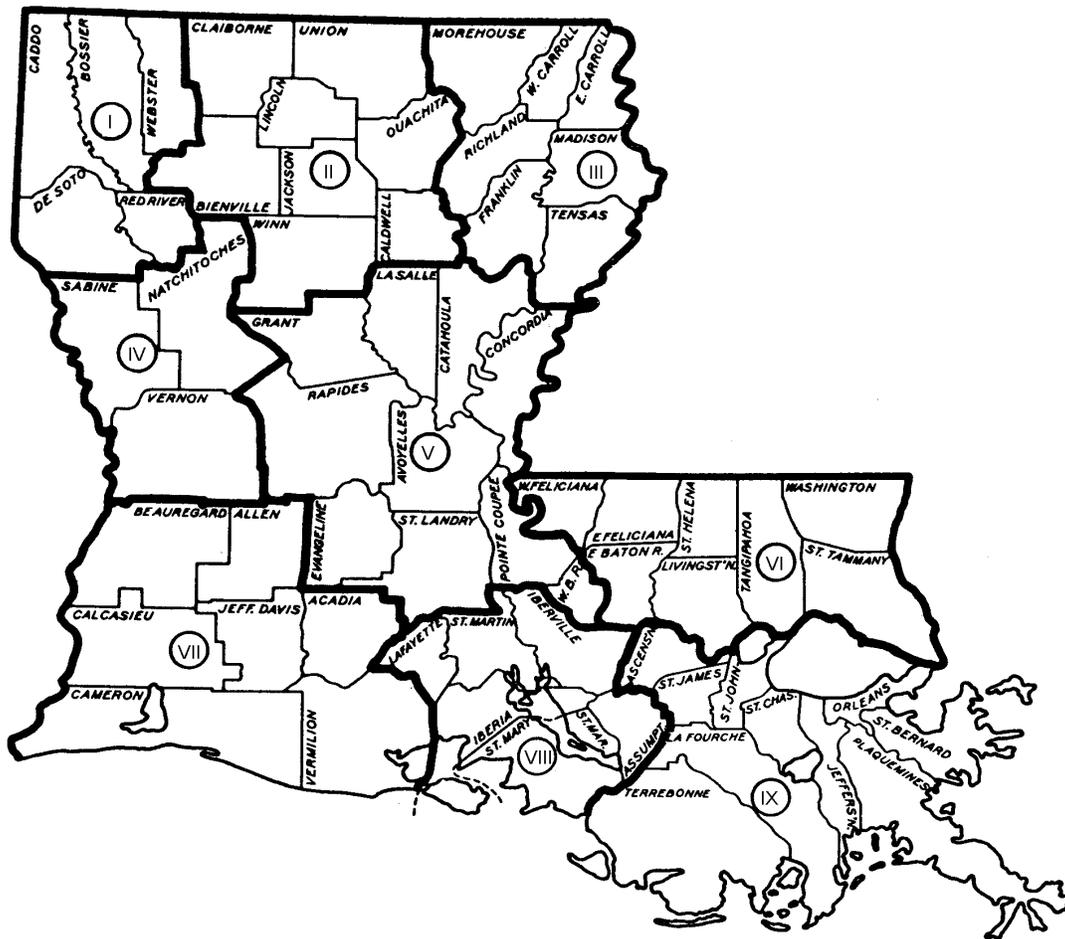
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The 2008 Louisiana Agricultural Statistics bulletin provides a wealth of economic, crop, livestock and weather data for the state as a whole. Additionally, for major commodities, the bulletin provides 2008 parish level estimates.

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Message from Commissioner Strain

In 2008, Louisiana agri-businesses generated more than \$28 billion in food and fiber products and services to the state's economy. The value-added from the food and fiber sectors amount to more than \$9.1 billion to our economy.

Louisiana commodities range from sweet potatoes, crawfish, cattle, catfish, rice, cotton, soybeans, sugarcane and a prosperous forestry industry.

Unfortunately, Louisiana agricultural producers suffered tremendous losses due to hurricanes Gustav and Ike. Based on LSU AgCenter statistics, economic losses amounted to more than 76 percent of the cotton, 73 percent of the sweet potato and 10 percent of the sugarcane crop due to the storms. Other commodities suffered significant losses as well.

The family farm plays a significant role in creating economic security for our country and provides the nation and world with safe food and renewable energy. In 2007, 243,000 Louisiana workers earned more than \$4.5 billion from the food and fiber

sectors. More than nine percent of our workers are employed in agriculture.

Maintaining a strong agricultural base is vital to Louisiana's economy. In many of Louisiana's rural parishes, agriculture is the major economic driver. The LSU AgCenter reported that approximately 55 percent of Louisiana parishes are considered non-metropolitan or rural. These parishes contribute more than \$31 billion to our overall economy and 15 percent of the state's gross domestic product.

The production of agricultural commodities affects the economy of every parish in the state. We must always remember that the preservation of our farm economy is not only a matter of economic development but also our national security.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Strain".

Mike Strain, DVM
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Hurricanes Gustav and Ike ripped through the state last fall devastating crops in their paths. The cotton crop was one of the hardest hit in the north central and north eastern part of the state. Rice producers were not able to get most of their ratoon crop harvested while corn and sugarcane growers faced substantial wind and water damages. Soybean producers reported notable differences in yield with high moisture content or a sharp decline in quality. The sweet potato crop was virtually wiped out by the heavy rains and flooding. Pecan producers lost most of their crop including a large number of trees. Livestock damages with some losses were reported as a result of the storms.

Producers saw slightly lesser prices for their grains as energy became less of a factor as the world recession continued to take its toll on the US economy. Oil prices continued to decline through most of 2008, therefore, decreasing the demand for ethanol as an alternative fuel.

We thank all Louisianans who have participated in the March, June, September, 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. Producers were under tremendous amount of stress making decisions on whether or not to plant crops or which crops to plant depending on land conditions and crop prices. USDA-NASS, Louisiana Field Office was able to provide valuable information to producers during critical decision-making periods because of your cooperation on the annual and monthly surveys that are conducted by this office.

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-business and private industry these data series would not be possible. Thank you again for your participation.

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

Sincerely,

Nathan L. Crisp

Director

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Gross Farm Income, Expenses, and Net Income: Louisiana, 2005-2008

Item	2005	2006	2007	2008
-----Million Dollars-----				
Cash Receipts, Farm Marketings +	2,215.5	2,196.3	2,818.4	3,034.7
Direct Government Payments ¹ +	338.8	341.0	286.0	219.9
Other Farm Income ² +	88.4	113.2	102.7	106.0
Non-Cash Income ³ +	180.4	192.0	192.1	215.1
Value of Inventory Adjustment ⁴ + (-)	(61.7)	98.1	(31.8)	(98.6)
Gross Value Added Farm Income ⁵	2,761.4	2,940.6	3,367.4	3,477.1
Production Expenses (-)	1,982.4	2,202.4	2,527.4	2,687.2
Net Farm Income ⁵	779.0	738.2	840.0	789.9

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, 2005-2008¹

Item	2005	2006	2007	2008
-----Million Dollars-----				
Feed Purchased	187.6	238.8	268.9	284.6
Livestock & Poultry Purchased	36.3	39.6	43.2	41.0
Seed Purchased	118.5	138.4	155.9	164.1
Fertilizer & Lime	158.6	150.5	218.7	263.1
Pesticides	165.1	172.5	196.0	205.7
Petroleum Fuel & Oils	143.4	153.8	207.6	218.4
Electricity	29.8	36.1	51.8	37.9
Repair & Maintenance	132.2	120.1	131.1	115.5
Contract & Hired Labor	164.0	189.8	241.5	227.0
Capital Consumption	250.5	260.9	268.7	285.6
Net Rent (to Non-operator landlords)	80.3	100.8	110.7	156.7
Interest (Real estate & Non-real estate)	125.4	142.4	149.4	143.8
Other Miscellaneous ²	208.0	254.1	266.9	328.3
Total Production Expenses ³	1,799.7	1,993.8	2,310.4	2,471.7

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, 2005-2008

Commodity	2005	2006	2007	2008
-----Thousand Dollars-----				
All Commodities	2,215,453	2,196,259	2,818,412	3,034,689
Total Crops	1,254,459	1,286,497	1,837,528	1,984,873
Corn	87,904	85,513	305,494	389,162
Cotton (Lint & Seed)	282,749	216,900	345,220	127,058
Fruits and Nuts	17,954	19,260	29,235	25,060
Hay (All)	9,581	16,822	25,102	27,809
Peaches	1,125	952	1,140	1,040
Pecans	5,750	20,650	11,300	4,750
Rice	209,601	211,171	232,656	399,663
Sorghum Grain	12,780	22,889	67,570	56,677
Soybeans	167,834	167,906	195,973	272,424
Sugarcane	281,785	334,243	354,095	327,720
Sweet Potatoes	40,356	39,026	50,603	33,125
Winter Wheat	15,849	21,414	57,768	159,916
Other Crops (All) ¹	121,191	129,751	161,372	160,469
Total Livestock & Products	960,994	909,762	980,884	1,049,816
Aquaculture	122,098	169,500	n/a	n/a
Cattle & Calves	232,772	195,900	193,891	191,012
Dairy Products	66,568	55,584	68,680	64,377
Poultry/Eggs	500,868	449,476	504,254	530,373
Hogs	2,583	1,933	1,820	1,709
Other Livestock & Products (All) ²	36,105	37,369	212,239	262,345

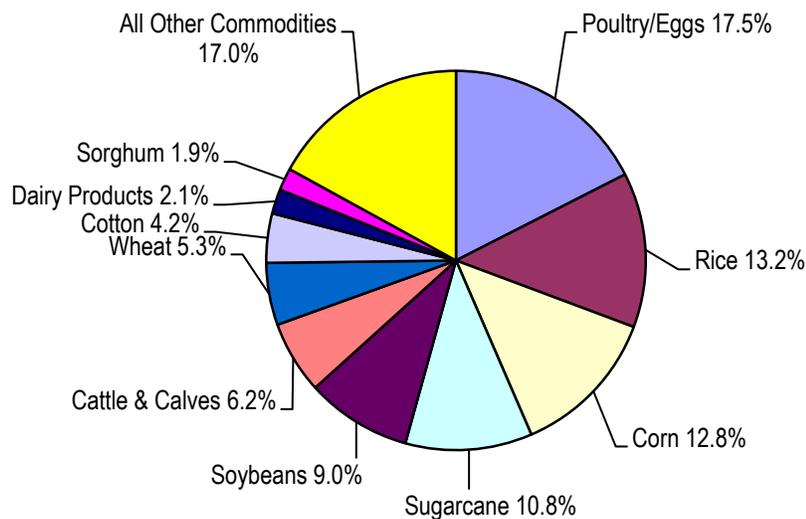
¹ Includes sunflowers, cucumbers, green peppers, tomatoes, other vegetables, berries, miscellaneous fruits and nuts, forestry products and other field crops.

² Includes horses, honey, wool and all other livestock. For 2007 and 2008 aquaculture is also included.

Cash Receipts From Sales: Louisiana, 2008

Rank	Commodity	Cash Receipts Dollars	Percent of Total
1	Poultry/Eggs	530,373,000	17.5
2	Rice	399,663,000	13.2
3	Corn	389,162,000	12.8
4	Sugarcane	327,720,000	10.8
5	Soybeans	272,424,000	9.0
6	Cattle & Calves	191,012,000	6.2
7	Wheat	159,916,000	5.3
8	Cotton	127,058,000	4.2
9	Dairy Products	64,377,000	2.1
10	Sorghum	56,677,000	1.9
	All Other Commodities	516,307,000	17.0
Total Cash Receipts		3,034,689,000	

Louisiana Cash Receipts by Commodity



Farm Numbers, Cash Rents and Land Values: Louisiana, 2005-2008

Item	Unit	2005	2006	2007	2008
Farms	Number	26,800	26,800	30,000	30,000
Land in Farms	Acres	8,000,000	8,000,000	8,100,000	8,050,000
Average Size of Farm	Acres	299	299	270	268
Cash Rent for Irrigated Cropland	Dollars/Acre	70.00	81.00	82.00	97.00
Cash Rent for Non-Irrigated Cropland	Dollars/Acre	62.00	66.00	66.00	67.00
Cash Rent for Pasture	Dollars/Acre	16.50	19.00	23.00	27.00
Land Value for Irrigated Cropland	Dollars/Acre	1,300.00	1,320.00	1,470.00	1,560.00
Land Value for Non-Irrigated Cropland	Dollars/Acre	1,490.00	1,580.00	1,740.00	1,890.00
Land Value for Pasture	Dollars/Acre	1,600.00	1,690.00	1,980.00	2,060.00

Trends in Farmland Acreage, Use and Value: Louisiana, 1992-2007

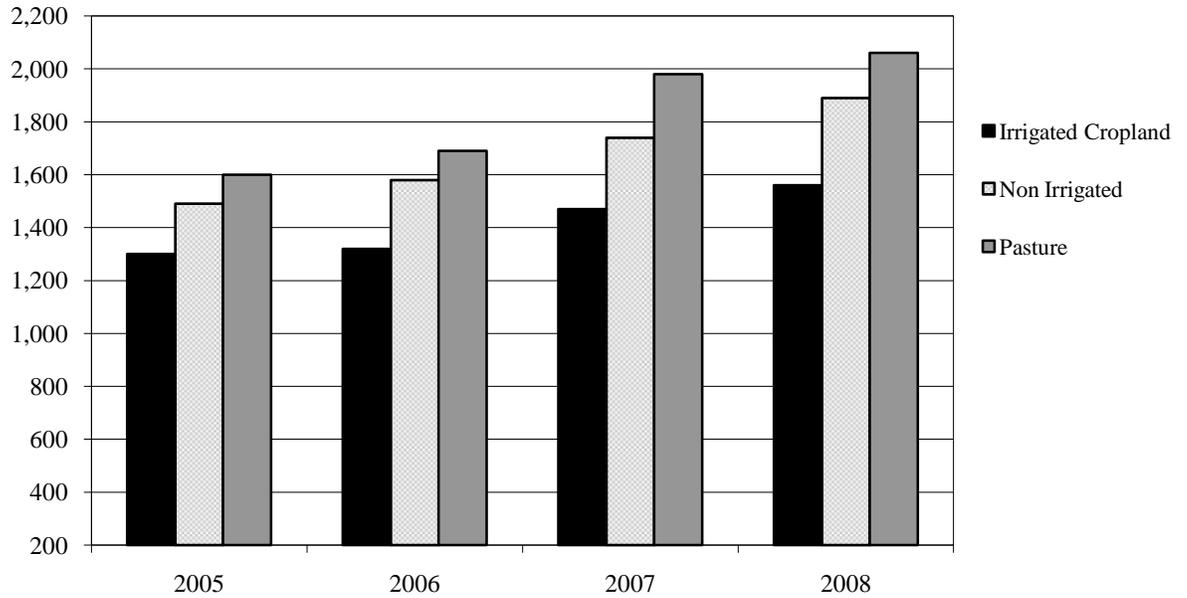
Item	Unit	1992 ¹	1997 ²	2002 ²	2007 ²
Farms	Number	25,652	30,425	27,413	30,106
Land in Farms	Acres	7,837,545	8,367,843	7,830,664	8,109,975
Average Size of Farms	Acres	306	275	286	269
Average Per Farm Value of Land & Buildings	Dollars	291,332	338,828	444,007	554,270
Average Per Acre Value of Land & Buildings	Dollars	972	1,236	1,534	2,058
Total Cropland	Acres	5,552,733	5,567,627	5,071,537	4,691,344
Harvested Cropland	Acres	3,810,690	4,022,664	3,332,146	3,342,048
Cropland Used for Pasture or Grazing	Acres	876,372	908,024	841,621	635,317
All Other Cropland	Acres	865,671	636,939	897,770	713,979
Irrigated Land	Acres	897,641	960,831	938,841	954,353
Farms, Under 10 Acres	Number	1,934	2,525	2,526	3,282
Farms, 10-179 Acres	Number	14,786	19,018	16,866	18,851
Farms, 180-999 Acres	Number	7,024	6,775	6,030	6,051
Farms, 1,000-1,999 Acres	Number	1,345	1,386	1,253	1,103
Farms, 2,000 Acres & Over	Number	563	721	738	819
Farms by Tenure of Operator, Full-Owner	Number	13,751	17,769	17,184	20,472
Farms by Tenure of Operator, Part-Owner	Number	8,018	8,753	7,358	7,024
Farms by Tenure of Operator, Tenants	Number	3,883	3,903	2,871	2,610

¹ From The Census of Agriculture, 1992 Department of Commerce, Census Bureau. 1992 totals unadjusted for non-coverage and non-response.

² The Census of Agriculture, 1997, 2002 and 2007, Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, totals adjusted for non-coverage and non-response.

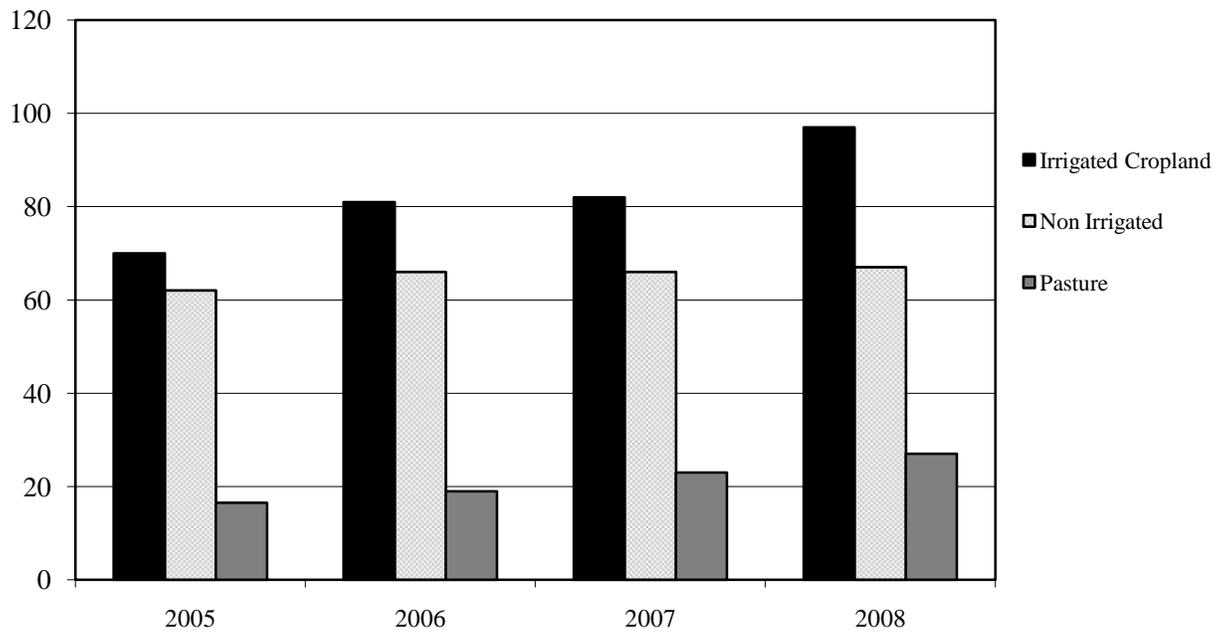
Land Values for Cropland and Pasture: Louisiana, 2005-2008

Dollars Per Acre



Cash Rents for Cropland and Pasture: Louisiana, 2005-2008

Dollars per Acre



Monthly Crop Prices – Cotton Lint, Rice and Soybeans: Louisiana, 2005-2008

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Season Average
<i>Cotton Lint (Cents per Pound)</i>													
2005	40.1	38.8	41.4	38.2	37.7	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	39.8	45.9	47.7	48.5	47.3	47.0
2006	49.2	47.9	46.8	46.4	45.5	45.5	46.4	44.0	<u>1/</u>	47.3	47.2	49.1	46.1
2007	49.5	45.9	45.5	45.0	42.7	43.9	45.5	51.1	<u>1/</u>	56.3	56.1	57.0	57.0
2008	60.5	64.3	64.3	64.7	67.5	65.5	66.7	58.0	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	52.0	44.8	58.9
<i>Rice (Dollars per Cwt)</i>													
2005	7.81	7.63	7.53	7.29	7.14	7.21	6.85	6.43	6.47	6.63	6.98	7.31	7.47
2006	7.64	8.12	7.96	8.20	8.41	8.55	8.68	9.14	9.42	10.10	10.30	10.30	9.83
2007	10.10	10.10	9.94	10.10	9.84	9.86	10.30	9.39	9.85	10.70	10.90	11.70	12.70
2008	11.80	12.70	14.30	15.30	16.80	17.80	16.30	16.70	16.70	17.80	17.40	17.40	16.40
<i>Soybeans (Dollars per Bushel)</i>													
2005	5.93	5.59	6.51	6.11	6.22	6.92	<u>1/</u>	6.17	6.02	5.94	5.90	5.93	5.97
2006	6.03	5.92	5.74	5.54	5.85	5.78	5.81	5.68	5.50	5.87	6.21	6.34	5.94
2007	6.29	6.92	<u>1/</u>	7.12	6.82	7.37	7.25	7.41	8.12	8.25	8.46	8.82	8.43
2008	8.89	9.31	11.60	11.70	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	11.00	9.85	9.89	9.22	9.59	9.12	9.30

¹ Data not published due to insufficient sales.

Season Average Price – Selected Commodities: Louisiana, 2005 – 2008

Item	Unit	2005	2006	2007	2008
-----Dollars per Unit-----					
Corn for Grain	Bushel	2.25	2.80	3.80	4.45
All Hay	Ton	57.00	63.00	79.00	87.00
Sorghum for Grain	Bushel	2.15	2.75	3.65	4.00
Sugarcane for Sugar	Ton	27.10	29.60	27.80	<u>1/</u>
Sweet Potatoes	Cwt	16.20	17.30	19.00	18.30
Winter Wheat	Bushel	3.20	3.60	5.20	5.50

¹ Data not available until February 2010.

Livestock Prices Received – Monthly and Season Average Prices: Louisiana, 2005-2008

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Season Average
<i>Beef Cattle (Dollars per Cwt)¹</i>													
2005	65.80	66.30	68.70	70.00	72.10	70.70	68.10	70.20	67.20	63.30	62.90	62.30	67.20
2006	64.00	68.00	65.60	62.90	62.70	61.90	63.20	65.30	65.10	61.80	56.80	56.30	63.40
2007	59.90	61.00	61.70	64.30	65.50	62.50	67.50	69.60	65.70	61.60	58.90	59.80	63.50
2008	59.30	65.30	64.20	63.20	65.70	64.10	66.20	68.80	63.30	58.20	52.30	51.00	62.60
<i>Calves (Dollars per Cwt)</i>													
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
2006	128.00	134.00	129.00	121.00	118.00	118.00	116.00	118.00	121.00	115.00	105.00	106.00	120.00
2007	108.00	112.00	120.00	121.00	117.00	111.00	116.00	118.00	114.00	106.00	102.00	106.00	111.00
2008	100.00	109.00	108.00	100.00	103.00	97.40	98.80	102.00	99.50	91.00	90.30	84.20	99.50
<i>Steers and Heifers (Dollars per Cwt)</i>													
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
2006	107.00	111.00	107.00	101.00	102.00	103.00	102.00	102.00	103.00	95.60	84.90	86.70	102.00
2007	92.90	95.10	102.00	103.00	100.00	95.30	101.00	102.00	99.50	92.50	87.80	92.70	98.10
2008	87.40	98.70	95.20	89.70	94.00	89.60	90.70	93.40	86.10	78.40	76.20	73.50	88.60
<i>Cows (Dollars per Cwt)²</i>													
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
2006	45.50	51.30	49.50	47.30	45.10	43.50	43.20	43.80	42.90	41.90	41.00	42.00	45.40
2007	45.80	47.80	46.00	48.50	50.00	47.80	50.30	50.60	45.90	43.40	42.70	44.30	47.00
2008	47.20	52.30	52.20	52.40	53.00	52.70	53.60	54.50	49.90	46.30	38.90	40.40	50.30
<i>Milk Cows (Dollars per Head)³</i>													
2005													1,520
2006													1,550
2007													1,650
2008													1,750

¹ Cows and steers and heifers combined.

² Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

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

Index of Prices Received by Farmers: United States, 2005-2008
1990-92=100

Item	2005	2006	2007	2008
Food Grains	111	134	186	258
Feed Grains and Hay	95	109	152	206
Cotton	70	78	82	100
Oil Bearing Crops	106	100	137	202
All Fruit and Nuts	128	154	158	147
All Commercial Vegetables	130	136	158	151
Potatoes and Dry Beans	109	125	126	161
All Crops	110	120	142	168
Meat Animals	118	116	118	117
Dairy Products	116	99	146	140
Poultry and Eggs	123	111	140	151
All Livestock and Products	119	111	130	130
All Farm Products	114	115	136	149

**Index of Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes,
Wage Rates and Parity Ratio¹: United States, 2005-2008**
1990-1992=100

Item	2005	2006	2007	2008
Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes and Wage Rates	142	150	161	184
Production Items	140	148	160	190
Interest	114	139	154	164
Taxes	154	174	187	203
Wage Rates	165	171	177	183
Production Items, Interest, Taxes and Wage Rates	142	151	162	189
Parity Ratio ¹	81	77	85	82

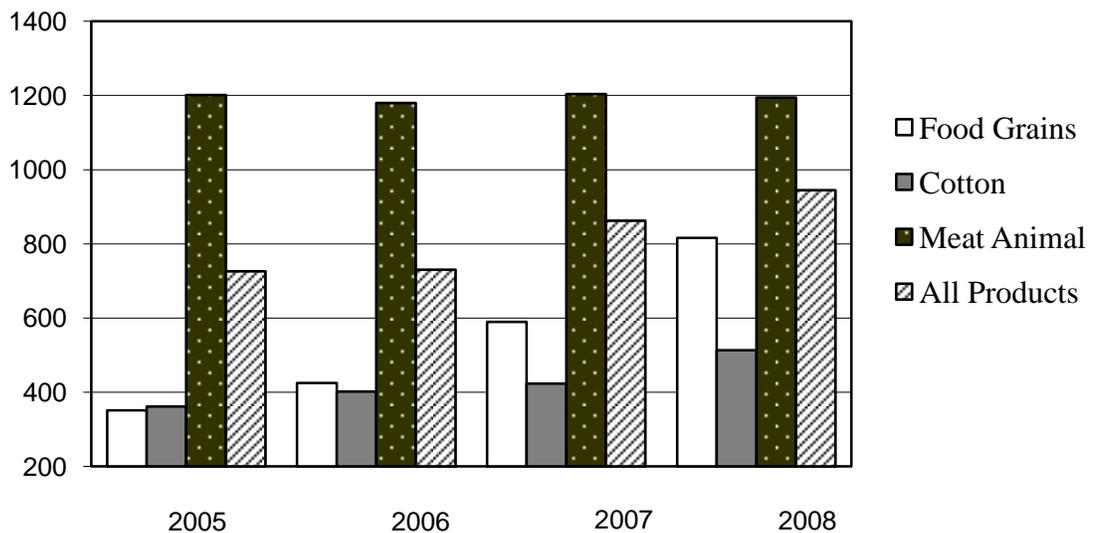
¹ Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers for All Farm Products to Index of Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes and Wage Rates.

Index of Prices Received by Farmers: United States, 2005-2008 1910-14=100

Item	2005	2006	2007	2008
Food Grains	351	425	590	816
Feed Grains and Hay	338	388	541	735
Cotton	361	402	423	513
Oil Bearing Crops	579	550	748	1,107
All Fruit and Nuts	894	1,074	1,100	1,023
All Commercial Vegetables	932	974	1,128	1,076
Potatoes and Dry Beans	554	634	640	816
All Crops	546	593	706	835
Meat Animals	1,201	1,180	1,204	1,194
Dairy Products	931	793	1,177	1,126
Poultry and Eggs	347	312	393	424
All Livestock and Products	910	850	994	999
All Farm Products	726	730	862	945

Index of Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Items: United States, 2005-2008

Index Value 1910-14=100



Weather Review: Louisiana, 2008

Louisiana's weather highlights for 2008 featured Hurricanes Gustav and Ike, snow, drought, heavy rainfall, and tornadoes. Statewide, annual temperature averaged 66.7° F. which was slightly below normal. Louisiana again experienced a drier-than-normal year with the annual rainfall totaling 56.03 inches, 4.06 inches below normal.

January: The first week of January brought unseasonable temperatures- even reaching into the low 80's F. Two tornadoes touched down in northern Louisiana on the 10th. Wintry weather ventured into Louisiana on the 14th, and snow was even recorded in northern parishes on the 19th. The latter portion of the month ended with dreary overcast conditions.

February: The first week of February was relatively warm and uneventful. However, several cold fronts that crossed the state this month produced severe weather. On the 12th, multiple tornadoes were produced in southern parishes, and hail and wind damage was documented statewide. There were more tornadoes recorded on the 16th and 17th, with one in Point Coupee having a track eight miles in length. There was also wind damage in northern parishes. Tornadoes were also confirmed on the 21st and there were additional damaging winds across the state on the 25th.

March: The cycle of fronts and severe weather continued for the first two weeks of March, bringing additional bouts of severe weather. A cold front on the 3rd was particularly prolific in producing rainfall, with one to two inches reported nearly statewide. The latter half of the month was mostly dry, though another heavy rainfall event on the 30th capped off the mostly arid month.

April: The first half of the month brought more fronts and severe weather, including hail and damaging winds. Two tornadoes were reported on the 4th in Winn Parish, with one having a track of seven miles in length. There was more severe weather on 11th, including three additional tornadoes. The middle of the month brought relatively cool conditions statewide. Nearer the end of the month, heavy rains pelted southeastern parishes, including daily rain totals over five inches in Algiers and eight inches in Terrytown on the 26th.

May: Severe weather struck the state on the 2nd, with three tornadoes, but otherwise the first half of the month was relatively quiet, though dry. On the 14th, a cold front induced two EF1 tornadoes that caused two injuries in Beauregard Parish and one injury in St. Martin. The very next day, two more EF1 tornadoes were spawned, one in St. Tammany that had a path six miles in length, and the other in Washington Parish. In this weather event, there was also thunderstorm wind damage that caused one fatality in Iberville from a falling tree. There were numerous locations with heavy rain, with several sites exceeding nine inches of rain. A second heavy rainfall event hit the southern half of the state with rain totals between three and five inches. The month ended with summer-like conditions – hot and humid.

June: The summer kicked off with sweltering temperatures over the first week. On June 10th, a front ventured into northern parishes triggering more heavy rainfall (over five inches). Flash flooding was also a problem in Jefferson Parish on the 15th, when nearly six inches of rain fell in only a few hours. High pressure brought in less humid conditions on the 18th and 19th, and June closed out with a steady diet of typical scattered thunderstorms.

July: Scattered thunderstorms were common in the first week of the month. During the second week, however, a ridge of high pressure formed over LA in the upper atmosphere that prevented rain, thereby allowing some triple digit temperatures. Drought then set in over the latter half of the month, especially in central and northern LA, though some tropical rains arrived along the coast from Hurricane Dolly, which passed close enough to the state to bring some feeder-band rain, as well as rains from a tropical wave on the 29th.

August: Tropical Storm Edouard made landfall near the LA-TX border on the 5th, arriving with little fanfare. The middle third of the month was influenced by a pesky front that oscillated over the state bringing widespread rains and drought relief. The month ended with Tropical Storm Faye bringing more rain to the Florida Parishes.

September: Hurricane Gustav slammed into south-central LA on the 1st. Gustav's impact was felt throughout the entire state, with surge in coastal parishes in the southeast, high winds in south-central and southwestern parishes, and heavy "drought-busting" rains in the northern half of the state. This single event was the biggest weather story of the year in LA. Hurricane Ike then passed south of LA on its way to a landfall near Galveston, TX, but it brought impressive storm surge to the entire LA coastline – 15 feet of surge near the LA-TX border. Typical fall weather then occurred over the remainder of the month.

October: The state's driest month, on average, lived up to its billing. The state only averaged 1.51 inches of rain for the entire month. Although drought was not yet declared, most Louisianans were coping with the arid conditions.

November: The first week of November continued the arid pattern of October, but the second week broke out with some frontally-induced rains. The third and fourth weeks of month repeated the pattern of weeks one and two, with a dry week three and rainy week four.

December: December opened with cold and dry conditions. On December 11th, south Louisiana had the perfect set-up for a snow event, whereby the entire southern half of the state was covered in snow – up to 8 inches at Amite. The latter half of the month was mostly warm and dry.

Average Temperature and Precipitation Summary: Louisiana, 2008¹

District		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Temperature (Degrees Fahrenheit)														
Northwest	2008	44.5	51.4	58.7	64.5	72.4	81.1	84.1	82.2	73.7	64.5	54.5	47.5	64.93
	Norm	-0.6	1.7	1.9	0.5	0.6	2.3	1.9	0.6	-1.9	-0.4	-0.5	0.4	64.40
North Central	2008	49.3	50.4	57.8	63.5	71.6	80.6	83.6	80.7	73.6	62.9	52.6	47.3	64.49
	Norm	-1.1	0.7	0.8	-0.5	-0.3	1.8	1.6	-0.5	-1.8	-1.7	-2.4	0.0	64.30
Northeast	2008	44.4	51.3	58.2	64.7	72.4	80.6	83.2	80.1	74.9	64.4	54.3	49.6	64.84
	Norm	-1.0	1.4	0.8	0.1	-0.2	1.2	0.9	-1.4	-1.0	-1.0	-1.7	1.6	64.90
West Central	2008	46.8	53.4	59.2	65.9	73.2	81.4	83.2	81.9	75.0	65.7	56.9	51.5	66.18
	Norm	-0.1	2.2	1.0	1.2	0.9	2.6	1.4	0.7	-0.9	0.4	0.5	2.7	65.10
Central	2008	48.0	54.8	60.0	66.3	74.2	81.3	83.1	81.2	75.6	65.7	56.5	51.5	66.52
	Norm	-0.7	2.1	0.3	0.1	0.4	1.5	0.8	-0.5	-1.4	-1.3	-1.6	0.6	66.50
East Central	2008	49.2	55.7	59.9	67.0	74.5	80.6	82.2	80.7	76.5	66.2	57.3	55.1	67.08
	Norm	-0.9	2.2	-0.3	0.7	0.8	1.2	0.6	-0.5	-0.6	-1.1	-1.3	2.9	66.80
Southwest	2008	49.8	57.4	61.5	68.0	75.4	82.0	82.9	82.0	76.8	67.6	59.3	54.4	68.09
	Norm	-0.9	3.1	0.5	0.8	0.8	1.9	0.8	0.2	-0.9	-0.9	-0.8	1.5	67.60
South Central	2008	50.7	58.3	61.3	68.3	75.0	81.2	82.3	81.1	76.9	67.5	58.9	56.2	68.14
	Norm	-1.1	3.3	-0.1	0.7	0.1	1.0	0.2	-0.7	-1.1	-1.5	-1.7	2.1	68.00
Southeast	2008	52.7	59.4	62.2	69.4	76.4	82.3	83.3	82.3	78.4	70.5	61.3	58.6	69.73
	Norm	-0.3	3.3	0.0	1.3	1.0	1.8	0.9	0.1	-0.4	0.5	-0.7	3.1	68.90
Statewide	2008	48.4	54.7	59.9	66.4	73.9	81.2	83.1	81.4	75.7	66.1	56.8	52.4	66.7
	Norm	49.0	53.0	60.0	66.0	74.0	80.0	83.0	82.0	77.0	67.0	59.0	51.0	67.0
Precipitation (Inches)														
Northwest	2008	2.28	5.72	4.41	2.59	7.68	5.24	0.76	4.64	3.96	1.87	5.18	3.31	47.64
	Norm	-2.71	1.32	-0.22	-2.00	2.66	0.35	-3.18	1.74	0.57	-2.53	0.30	-1.52	52.86
North Central	2008	2.46	5.32	3.00	2.64	5.96	3.35	1.40	7.38	8.96	2.14	4.35	6.37	53.33
	Norm	-3.35	0.54	-2.57	-2.41	0.42	-1.40	-2.52	4.33	5.29	-2.10	-0.56	0.83	56.83
Northeast	2008	2.98	6.68	2.75	3.71	7.00	2.20	1.11	9.02	14.27	1.25	5.86	8.81	65.64
	Norm	-3.02	1.70	-3.45	-1.97	1.40	-2.24	-2.64	6.02	11.22	-2.72	0.76	3.03	57.55
West Central	2008	3.61	5.71	4.91	2.97	4.18	2.15	1.76	5.39	6.97	2.04	5.64	6.80	52.13
	Norm	-2.09	1.19	-0.27	-1.53	-1.42	-2.52	-2.37	1.93	3.26	-2.01	0.78	1.02	56.16
Central	2008	5.47	7.37	3.53	3.16	5.65	3.45	1.09	5.79	12.87	1.32	4.68	7.09	61.47
	Norm	-0.83	2.55	-2.20	-1.89	0.08	-1.36	-3.54	1.69	8.54	-3.06	-0.89	1.17	61.03
East Central	2008	7.40	4.31	3.43	3.96	8.09	2.78	3.84	8.56	8.10	0.99	1.66	4.99	58.11
	Norm	1.14	-1.01	-2.61	-1.65	2.47	-2.35	-2.14	3.05	3.34	-2.61	-3.35	-0.22	64.05
Southwest	2008	6.39	4.50	3.67	3.00	4.68	3.74	4.02	5.78	5.97	1.28	3.11	4.03	50.17
	Norm	0.35	0.54	-0.76	-1.21	-0.97	-2.12	-1.84	0.61	0.50	-3.06	-2.06	-1.37	61.56
South Central	2008	6.83	2.99	2.60	2.11	5.48	4.40	3.19	8.69	11.13	0.66	2.31	3.80	54.19
	Norm	1.07	-1.29	-2.09	-2.65	0.38	-1.84	-3.63	2.45	5.49	-3.27	-2.42	-1.25	63.24
Southeast	2008	5.64	4.74	2.51	5.98	5.91	5.07	4.29	10.53	10.08	2.01	2.17	2.67	61.60
	Norm	-0.14	-0.14	-3.03	1.24	0.78	-0.79	-2.68	4.23	3.93	-1.34	-2.74	-1.99	64.27
Statewide	2008	4.78	5.26	3.42	3.35	6.07	3.60	2.38	7.31	9.15	1.51	3.88	5.32	56.03
	Norm	5.90	6.59	5.32	4.89	5.45	5.19	6.67	4.50	4.45	4.04	5.06	5.38	60.09

¹Norm=1971-2000 Divisional Normals.

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

Soil Moisture Supply and Number of Days Suitable for Fieldwork: Louisiana, 2008¹

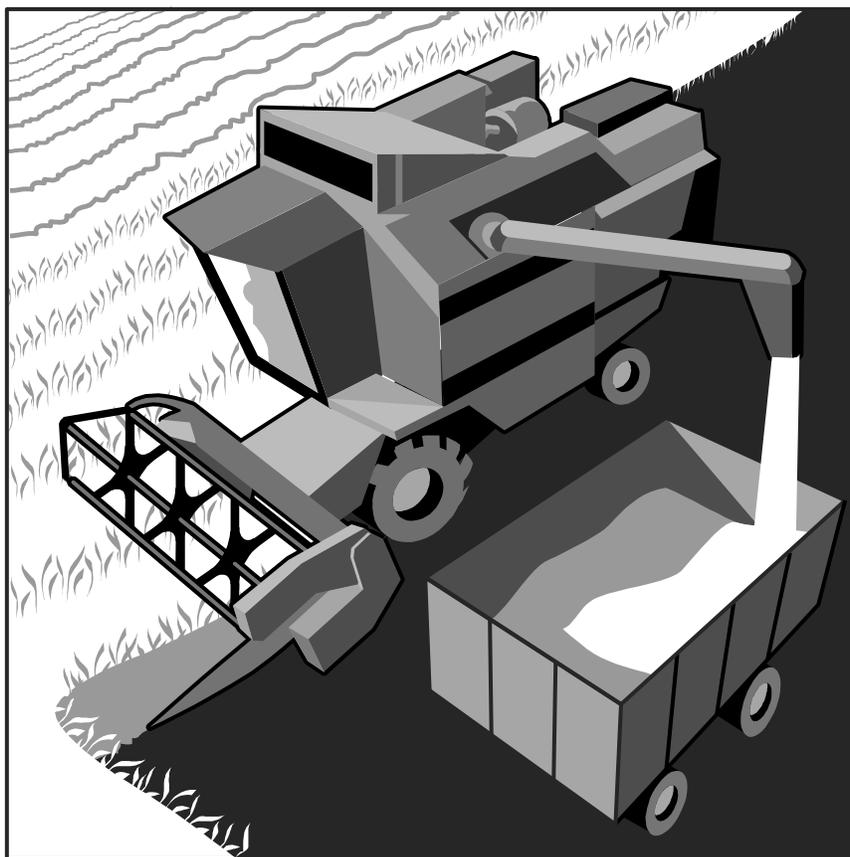
Week	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Number of Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	----- Percentage -----				Days
03/03/08 – 03/09/08	0	2	52	46	1.9
03/10/08 – 03/16/08	0	1	50	49	2.9
03/17/08 – 03/23/08	0	2	83	15	5.2
03/24/08 – 03/30/08	0	14	83	3	6.5
03/31/08 – 04/06/08	0	10	61	29	4.6
04/07/08 – 04/13/08	1	14	71	14	5.5
04/14/08 – 04/20/08	3	21	68	8	5.7
04/21/08 – 04/27/08	7	20	63	10	5.9
04/28/08 – 05/04/08	3	22	66	9	5.6
05/05/08 – 05/11/08	6	22	68	4	6.1
05/12/08 – 05/18/08	1	3	45	51	3.6
05/19/08 – 05/25/08	2	5	62	31	4.3
05/26/08 – 06/01/08	6	13	73	8	5.9
06/02/08 – 06/08/08	14	39	46	1	6.8
06/09/08 – 06/15/08	15	43	38	4	6.1
06/16/08 – 06/22/08	15	42	35	8	6.0
06/23/08 – 06/29/08	6	28	55	11	4.6
06/30/08 – 07/06/08	10	34	48	8	5.7
07/07/08 – 07/13/08	13	38	46	3	6.4
07/14/08 – 07/20/08	20	45	34	1	6.3
07/21/08 – 07/27/08	24	46	29	1	6.4
07/28/08 – 08/03/08	25	36	34	5	6.0
08/04/08 – 08/10/08	22	29	39	10	5.5
08/11/08 – 08/17/08	11	22	47	20	4.1
08/18/08 – 08/24/08	1	13	51	35	3.1
08/25/08 – 08/31/08	3	13	63	21	5.0
09/01/08 – 09/07/08	0	0	31	69	1.3
09/08/08 – 09/14/08	0	2	46	52	3.8
09/15/08 – 09/21/08	0	2	70	28	4.8
09/22/08 – 09/28/08	0	9	83	8	6.5
09/29/08 – 10/05/08	5	29	63	3	6.8
10/06/08 – 10/12/08	5	34	58	3	6.5
10/13/08 – 10/19/08	5	32	60	3	6.1
10/20/08 – 10/26/08	8	33	56	3	6.3
10/27/08 – 11/02/08	11	50	35	4	6.9
11/03/08 – 11/09/08	20	47	32	1	6.7
11/10/08 – 11/16/08	4	30	62	4	4.9
11/17/08 – 11/23/08	6	36	53	5	6.1
11/24/08 – 11/30/08	3	17	64	16	4.7

¹ A "suitable" day is one during which weather and field conditions allowed producers to work in fields a major portion of the day.

Planting and Harvesting Dates: Louisiana, 2008

Crop	2008 Planting Dates			2008 Harvesting Dates		
	Began	Most Active	Ended	Began	Most Active	Ended
Corn	Mar 16	Mar 23-Apr 06	Apr 20	July 27	Aug 10-Sept 14	Oct 05
Cotton	Apr 13	Apr 20-May 25	Jun 15	Sept 14	Sept 28-Oct 26	Nov 16
Rice	Mar 16	Mar 30-May 04	Jun 08	Jul 27	Aug 10-Sept 28	Oct 26
Sorghum	Mar 30	Apr 06-May 11	Jun 15	Aug 07	Aug 10-Sept 14	Oct 19
Soybeans	Apr 13	Apr 20-Jun 01	Jul 06	Aug 24	Sept 07-Oct 12	Nov 09
Sugarcane	Aug 10	Aug 24-Oct 05	Nov 02	Oct 05	Nov 02 - <u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>
Sweet Potatoes	May 18	June 01-Jun 22	Jul 20	Aug 24	Sept 21-Nov 09	<u>1/</u>
Wheat, Winter	Oct 12	Nov 02-Nov 23	<u>1/</u>	May 17	May 24-June 07	June 21

¹Data were not collected after November 30, 2008. Planting or harvesting had not been completed as of that date.



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	163.0 bu	2007	9.6 bu	1934	1866
Production	118,990,000 bu	2007	1,380,000 bu	1980	1866
<u>Cotton</u>					
Acres Harvested	1,953,000 acres	1930	234,000 acres	2008	1866
Yield per Acre	1,017 lbs	2007	109 lbs	1919	1866
Production ¹	1,512,000 bales	1994	281,000 bales	2008	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	6,140 lbs	2007	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	97.0 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	43.0 bu	2007	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	11,000 acres	2008*	1868
Yield per Acre	200.0 cwt	2007	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	57.0 bu	2008	15.0 bu	1958*	1955
Production	21,945,000 bu	2008	320,000 bu	1975	1955

¹ 480 lb net weight bales.

* Most current year with this record high or low.

Louisiana Crop Summary: 2005-2008

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>All Corn</u>							
2005	340,000	335,000	---		---	---	---
2006	300,000	295,000	---		---	---	---
2007	740,000	735,000	---		---	---	---
2008	520,000	515,000	---		---	---	---
<u>Corn for Grain</u>							
2005	---	330,000	136.0	bushels	44,880	2.25	100,980
2006	---	290,000	140.0	bushels	40,600	2.80	113,680
2007	---	730,000	163.0	bushels	118,990	3.80	452,162
2008	---	510,000	144.0	bushels	73,440	4.45	326,808
<u>Corn Silage</u>							
2005	---	5,000	18.0	tons	90	---	---
2006	---	5,000	14.0	tons	70	---	---
2007	---	5,000	18.0	tons	90	---	---
2008	---	5,000	14.0	tons	70	---	---
<u>Upland Cotton¹</u>							
2005	610,000	600,000	878	lbs: bales	1,098	0.470	247,709
2006	635,000	630,000	946	lbs: bales	1,241	0.461	274,608
2007	335,000	330,000	1,017	lbs: bales	699	0.570	191,246
2008	300,000	234,000	576	lbs: bales	281	0.589	79,444
<u>All Hay</u>							
2005	---	350,000	2.30	tons	805	57.00	45,885
2006	---	390,000	2.50	tons	975	63.00	61,425
2007	---	420,000	2.70	tons	1,134	79.00	89,586
2008	---	430,000	2.50	tons	1,075	87.00	93,525
<u>All Rice</u>							
2005	530,000	525,000	5,900	lbs: cwt	30,983	7.47	231,443
2006	350,000	345,000	5,880	lbs: cwt	20,294	9.83	199,490
2007	380,000	378,000	6,140	lbs: cwt	23,222	12.70	294,919
2008	470,000	464,000	5,830	lbs: cwt	27,037	16.40	443,407
<u>Rice - Long Grain</u>							
2005	520,000	515,000	5,900	lbs: cwt	30,385	---	---
2006	340,000	335,000	5,880	lbs: cwt	19,698	---	---
2007	357,000	355,000	6,150	lbs: cwt	21,833	---	---
2008	455,000	450,000	5,820	lbs: cwt	26,190	---	---
<u>Rice - Medium Grain</u>							
2005	10,000	10,000	5,980	lbs: cwt	598	---	---
2006	10,000	10,000	5,960	lbs: cwt	596	---	---
2007	23,000	23,000	6,040	lbs: cwt	1,389	---	---
2008	15,000	14,000	6,050	lbs: cwt	847	---	---

Louisiana Crop Summary: 2005 - 2008 (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>							
2005	90,000	88,000	97.0	bushels	8,536	2.15	18,352
2006	90,000	87,000	94.0	bushels	8,178	2.75	22,440
2007	250,000	245,000	95.0	bushels	23,275	3.65	84,721
2008	120,000	110,000	87.0	bushels	9,570	4.00	38,050
<u>Soybeans</u>							
2005	880,000	850,000	34.0	bushels	28,900	5.97	172,533
2006	870,000	840,000	36.0	bushels	30,240	5.94	179,626
2007	615,000	600,000	43.0	bushels	25,800	8.43	217,494
2008	1,050,000	950,000	33.0	bushels	31,350	9.30	291,555
<u>Sugarcane for Sugar & Seed</u>							
2005	---	455,000	22.9	net tons	10,420	27.10	282,382
2006	---	435,000	27.3	net tons	11,876	29.60	351,529
2007	---	420,000	30.4	net tons	12,768	27.80	354,951
2008	---	405,000	28.3	net tons	11,462	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
<u>Sweet Potatoes</u>							
2005	18,000	17,000	145	cwt	2,465	16.20	39,933
2006	18,000	13,500	165	cwt	2,228	17.30	38,544
2007	16,000	15,000	200	cwt	3,000	19.00	57,000
2008	15,000	11,000	100	cwt	1,100	18.30	20,130
<u>Wheat, Winter</u>							
2005	110,000	100,000	48.0	bushels	4,800	3.20	15,360
2006	115,000	105,000	53.0	bushels	5,565	3.60	20,034
2007	235,000	220,000	54.0	bushels	11,880	5.20	61,776
2008	400,000	385,000	57.0	bushels	21,945	5.50	120,698

¹ Cotton production is in 480 pound net weight bales.

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United States Crop Summary: 2005 - 2008

Crop Year	Planted --1,000 Acres--	Harvested --1,000 Acres--	Yield per Acre	Unit	Total Production --1,000 Units--	Season Average Price --Dollars--	Total Value of Production --1,000 Dollars--
<u>Corn for Grain</u>							
2005	81,779	75,117	148.0	bushels	11,114,082	2.00	22,198,472
2006	78,327	70,638	149.1	bushels	10,531,123	3.04	32,083,011
2007	93,527	86,520	150.7	bushels	13,037,875	4.20	54,666,959
2008	85,982	78,640	153.9	bushels	12,101,238	3.90	47,377,576
<u>Upland Cotton¹</u>							
2005	13,975	13,534	825	lbs: bales	23,260	0.477	5,318,722
2006	14,948	12,408	806	lbs: bales	20,822	0.465	4,666,741
2007	10,535	10,201	864	lbs: bales	18,355	0.593	5,248,964
2008	9,297	7,400	803	lbs: bales	12,385	0.552	3,281,530
<u>All Rice</u>							
2005	3,384	3,364	6,636	lbs: cwt	223,235	7.65	1,741,721
2006	2,838	2,821	6,898	lbs: cwt	194,585	9.96	1,982,696
2007	2,761	2,748	7,219	lbs: cwt	198,388	11.50	2,273,955
2008	2,995	2,976	6,846	lbs: cwt	203,733	11.50	2,273,955
<u>Sorghum</u>							
2005	6,454	5,736	68.5	bushels	392,933	3.33	737,038
2006	6,522	4,937	56.1	bushels	276,824	5.88	883,204
2007	7,712	6,792	73.2	bushels	497,445	7.28	1,925,312
2008	8,284	7,271	65.0	bushels	472,342	5.70	1,681,558
<u>Soybeans</u>							
2005	72,032	71,251	43.0	bushels	3,063,237	5.66	17,269,138
2006	75,522	74,602	42.9	bushels	3,196,726	6.43	20,468,267
2007	64,741	64,146	41.7	bushels	2,677,117	10.10	26,974,406
2008	75,718	74,641	39.6	bushels	2,959,174	9.25	27,398,638
<u>Sugarcane for Sugar & Seed</u>							
2005	---	921.9	28.9	net tons	26,606	28.40	754,529
2006	---	897.7	32.9	net tons	29,564	30.40	897,601
2007	---	879.6	34.1	net tons	29,969	29.60	887,000
2008	---	868.0	31.8	net tons	27,603	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
<u>Wheat, All</u>							
2005	57,229	50,119	42.0	Bushels	2,104,690	3.42	7,171,441
2006	40,565	31,107	41.6	Bushels	1,294,461	4.26	7,694,734
2007	45,012	35,938	41.7	bushels	1,499,241	6.48	13,289,326
2008	46,281	39,614	47.2	bushels	1,867,903	6.80	16,568,211

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**State Rankings - Harvested Acres, Selected Crops:
Louisiana and 10 Leading States, 2008**

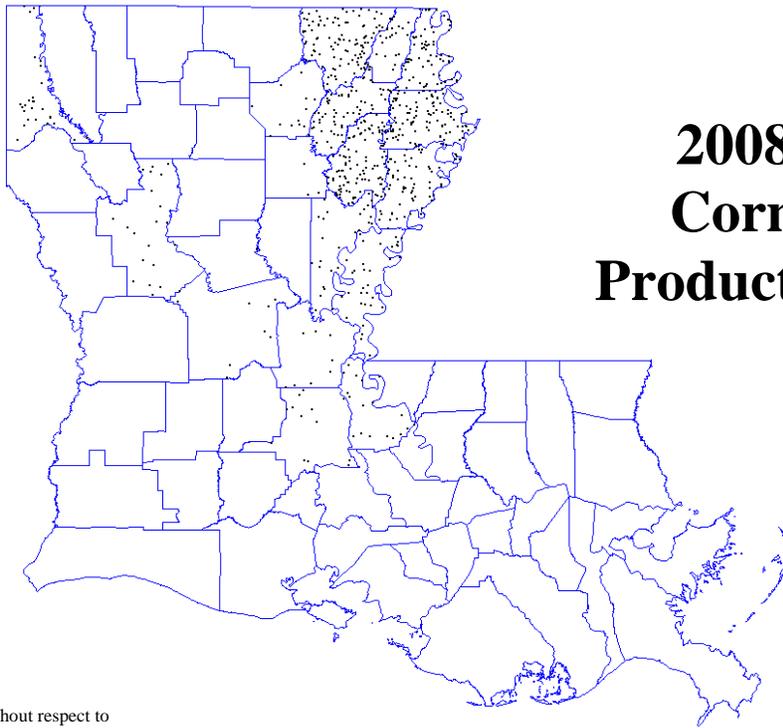
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Corn for Grain	IA	IL	NE	MN	IN	SD	KS	OH	WI	MO	21
Upland Cotton	TX	GA	AR	NC	MS	MO	AL	TN	LA	OK	9
All Rice	AR	CA	LA	MS	MO	TX					3
Sorghum for Grain	TX	KS	OK	NE	CO	AR	SD	LA	MS	MO	8
Soybeans	IA	IL	MN	IN	MO	NE	OH	SD	ND	AR	18
Sugarcane	LA	FL	TX	HI							1
Sweet Potatoes	NC	MS	CA	LA	AL	TX	NJ	SC	VA		4
All Wheat	KS	ND	MT	OK	SD	TX	WA	CO	MN	NE	25
Total Acres of Principal Crops Harvested¹	IA	IL	ND	KS	NM	NE	TX	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, sugarbeets, all hay, tobacco and sugarcane. Includes double cropped acres.

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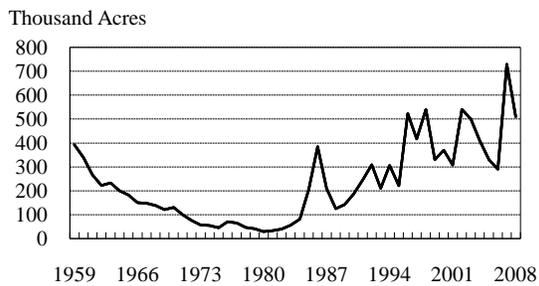
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Upland Cotton	TX	GA	AR	NC	MO	MS	TN	AL	AZ	CA	11
All Rice	AR	CA	LA	MS	MO	TX					3
Sorghum for Grain	KS	TX	NE	OK	AR	LA	IL	MO	SD	MS	6
Soybeans for Beans	IA	IL	MN	IN	NE	MO	OH	SD	AR	KS	18
Sugarcane	FL	LA	HI	TX							2
Sweet Potatoes	NC	CA	MS	LA	AL	TX	NJ	SC	VA		4
All Wheat	KS	ND	SD	OK	MT	WA	MN	TX	ID	OH	26

2008 Corn Production

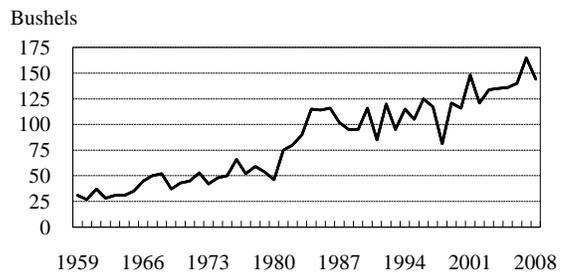


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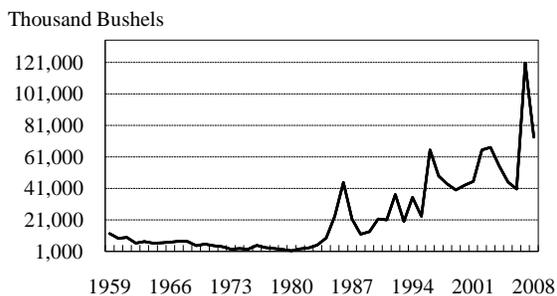
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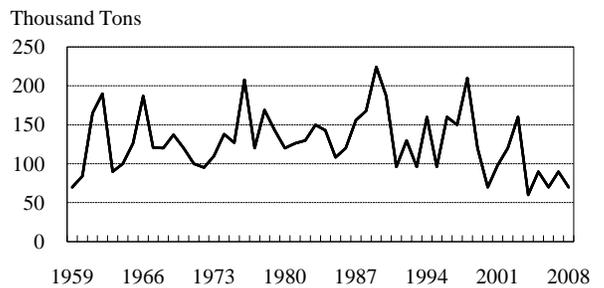
Yield per Acre for Grain 1959-2008



Total Grain Production 1959-2008



Total Silage Production 1959-2008



2008 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-----	
Caddo	20,100	19,800	141.0	2,792,000	Other Parishes ¹	1,600	1,400	108.0	151,000
Other Parishes ¹	10,900	10,800	129.0	1,389,000	District VII	1,600	1,400	108.0	151,000
District I	31,000	30,600	137.0	4,181,000	Other Parishes ¹	7,800	5,600	129.0	725,000
Caldwell	2,800	2,700	141.0	381,000	Combined Districts¹	7,800	5,600	129.0	725,000
Ouachita	9,300	9,000	134.0	1,206,000	State Total	520,000	510,000	144.0	73,440,000
Other Parishes ¹	1,100	1,000	138.0	138,000					
District II	13,200	12,700	136.0	1,725,000					
East Carroll	50,000	49,700	140.0	6,958,000					
Franklin	65,600	65,200	158.0	10,302,000					
Madison	72,800	71,700	144.0	10,325,000					
Morehouse	69,800	69,200	156.0	10,795,000					
Richland	44,500	43,900	149.0	6,541,000					
Tensas	44,700	44,500	137.0	6,097,000					
West Carroll	17,100	16,800	131.0	2,201,000					
District III	364,500	361,000	147.0	53,219,000					
Natchitoches	15,300	15,200	142.0	2,158,000					
District IV	15,300	15,200	142.0	2,158,000					
Avoyelles	6,600	6,400	131.0	838,000					
Catahoula	22,500	21,600	131.0	2,830,000					
Concordia	25,600	25,200	134.0	3,377,000					
Evangeline	1,200	1,100	144.0	158,000					
Grant	1,200	900	143.0	129,000					
Pointe Coupee	11,200	11,100	163.0	1,809,000					
Rapides	8,100	7,300	117.0	854,000					
Saint Landry	9,600	9,300	129.0	1,200,000					
Other Parishes ¹	600	600	143.0	86,000					
District V	86,600	83,500	135.0	11,281,000					

Top 5 Corn Producing Parishes

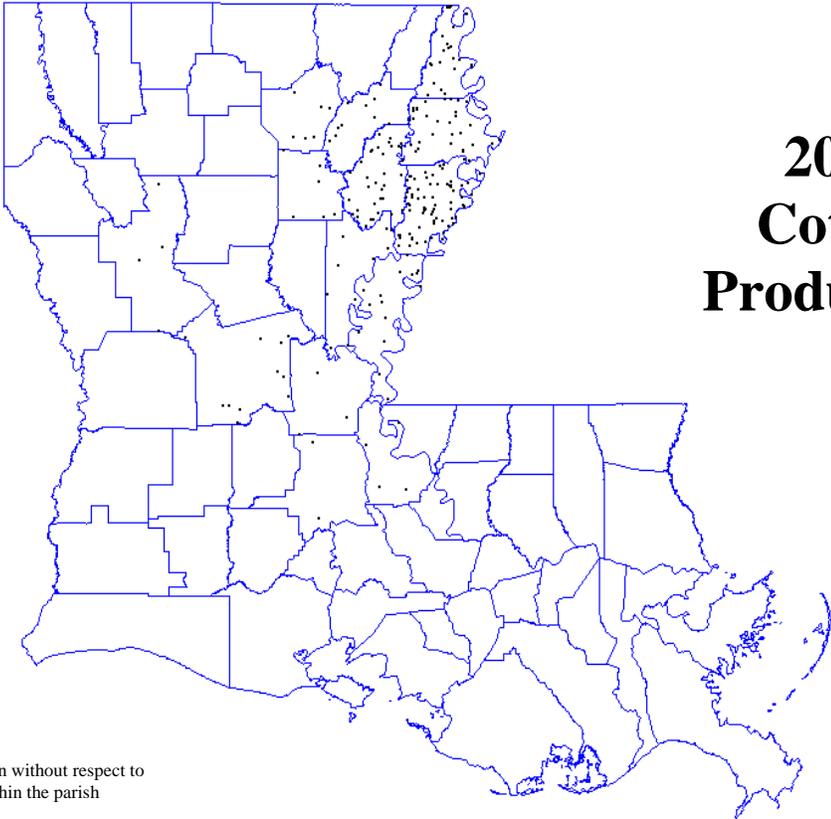
(Bushels)

Morehouse	10,795,000
Madison	10,325,000
Franklin	10,302,000
East Carroll	6,958,000
Richland	6,541,000

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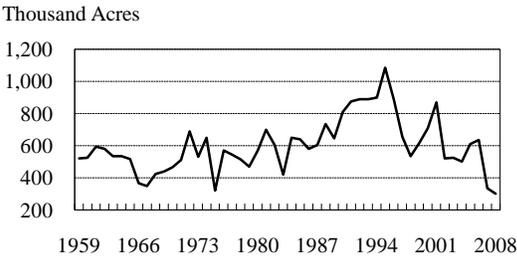
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2008 Cotton Production

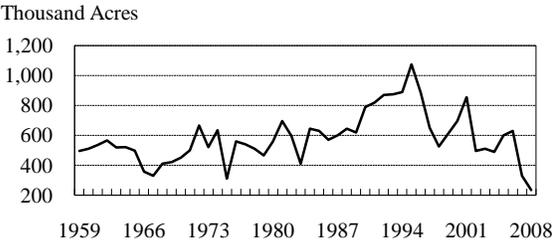


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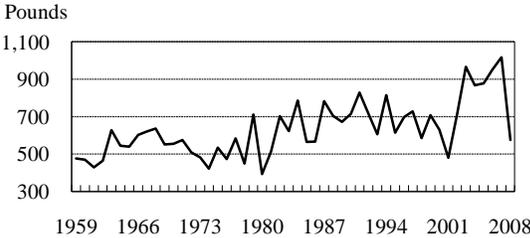
**Planted Acres
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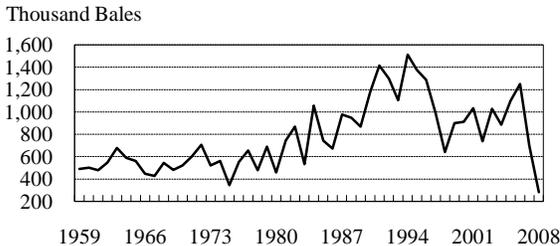
**Harvested Acres
1959-2008**



**Yield per Acre
1959-2008**



**Total Production
1959-2008**



2008 Cotton Parish Estimates

District and Parish	Planted for all Purposes	Harvested	Yield per Acre	Total Production	District and Parish	Planted for all Purposes	Harvested	Yield per Acre	Total Production
	-----Acres-----		Pounds	Bales ¹		-----Acres-----		Pounds	Bales ¹
Caldwell	5,600	5,100	518	5,500	Other Parishes ²	20,000	19,600	568	23,200
Ouachita	6,300	5,900	602	7,400	Combined Districts²	20,000	19,600	568	23,200
District II	11,900	11,000	563	12,900	State Total	300,000	234,000	576	281,000
East Carroll	14,500	14,400	800	24,000					
Franklin	23,000	22,800	695	33,000					
Madison	31,600	30,300	504	31,800					
Richland	10,100	8,800	545	10,000					
Tensas	69,000	66,800	513	71,400					
Other Parishes ²	13,800	12,500	764	19,900					
District III	162,000	155,600	586	190,100					
Natchitoches	3,100	2,900	695	4,200					
District IV	3,100	2,900	695	4,200					
Avoyelles	13,600	3,800	455	3,600					
Catahoula	40,200	11,400	501	11,900					
Concordia	30,200	12,600	549	14,400					
Pointe Coupee	4,000	3,900	591	4,800					
Rapides	11,100	9,700	579	11,700					
Saint Landry	1,700	1,600	630	2,100					
Other Parishes ²	2,200	1,900	531	2,100					
District V	103,000	44,900	541	50,600					

Top 5 Cotton Producing Parishes

(Bales¹)

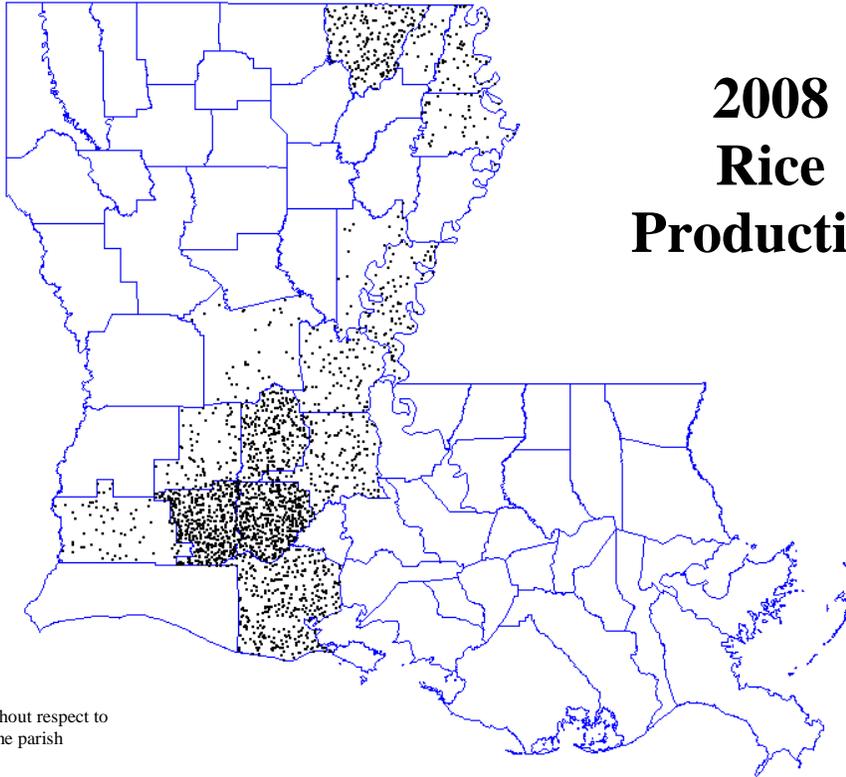
Tensas	71,400
Franklin	33,000
Madison	31,800
East Carroll	24,000
Concordia	14,400

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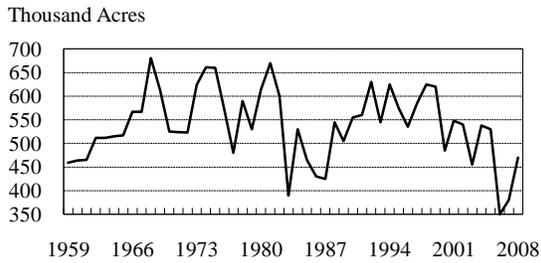
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2008 Rice Production

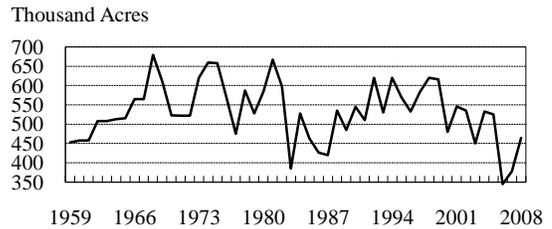


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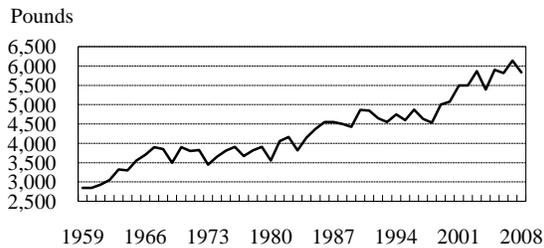
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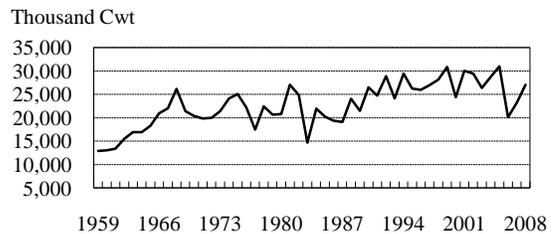
Harvested Acres 1959-2008



Yield per Acre 1959-2008



Total Production 1959-2008



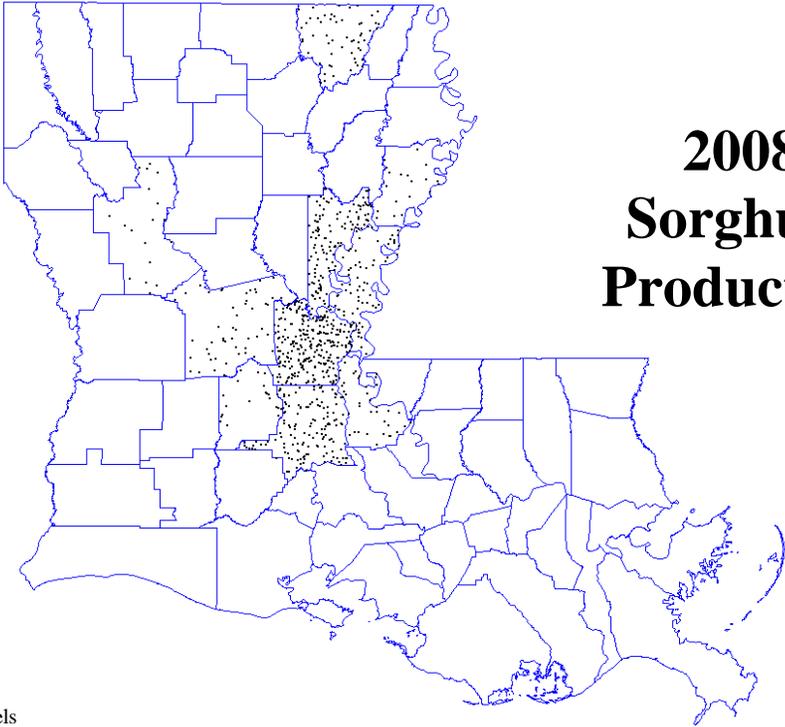
2008 Rice Parish Estimates

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---
East Carroll	9,500	9,500	5,790	550,000	Other Parishes ¹	11,600	11,000	5,040	554,000
Madison	7,200	7,100	5,280	375,000	District VIII	11,600	11,000	5,040	554,000
Morehouse	33,800	33,600	6,100	2,050,000	Other Parishes ¹	15,400	15,400	5,950	916,000
West Carroll	3,200	3,200	6,090	195,000	Combined Districts¹	15,400	15,400	5,950	916,000
Other Parishes ¹	13,800	13,800	5,340	737,000	State Total	470,000	464,000	5,830	27,037,000
District III	67,500	67,200	5,810	3,907,000					
Avoyelles	16,700	16,300	4,880	795,000					
Catahoula	3,700	3,600	5,280	190,000					
Concordia	13,500	13,500	5,930	800,000					
Evangeline	41,000	40,900	6,160	2,520,000					
Rapides	11,000	7,200	4,790	345,000					
Saint Landry	25,400	25,200	5,600	1,410,000					
Other Parishes ¹	2,700	2,700	5,560	150,000					
District V	114,000	109,400	5,680	6,210,000					
Acadia	77,500	77,500	6,120	4,740,000					
Allen	12,700	12,700	6,020	765,000					
Calcasieu	13,500	13,200	5,230	690,000					
Jefferson Davis	77,000	77,000	6,090	4,690,000					
Vermilion	62,000	61,800	5,810	3,590,000					
Other Parishes ¹	18,800	18,800	5,190	975,000					
District VII	261,500	261,000	5,920	15,450,000					

<u>Top 5 Rice Producing Parishes</u>	
(Cwt)	
Acadia	4,740,000
Jefferson	
Davis	4,690,000
Vermilion	3,590,000
Evangeline	2,520,000
Morehouse	2,050,000

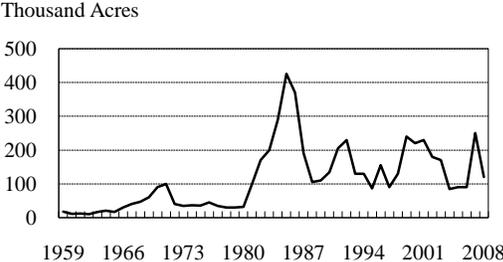
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2008 Sorghum Production

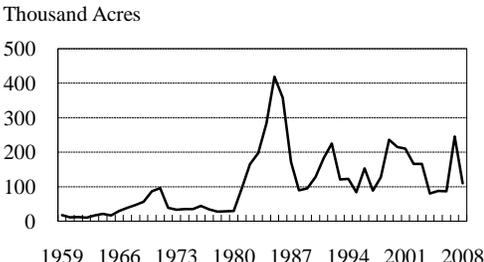


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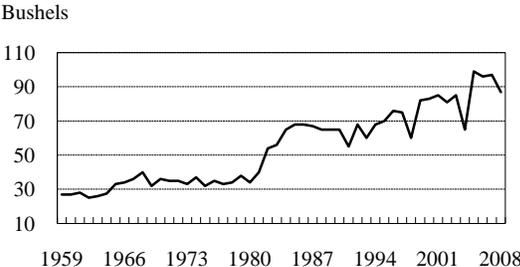
**Planted Acres
1959-2008**



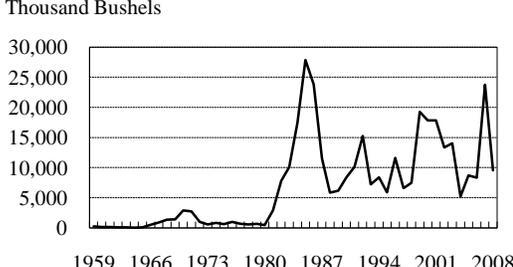
**Acres Harvested for Grain
1959-2008**



**Yield Per Acre for Grain
1959-2008**



**Total Grain Production
1959-2008**



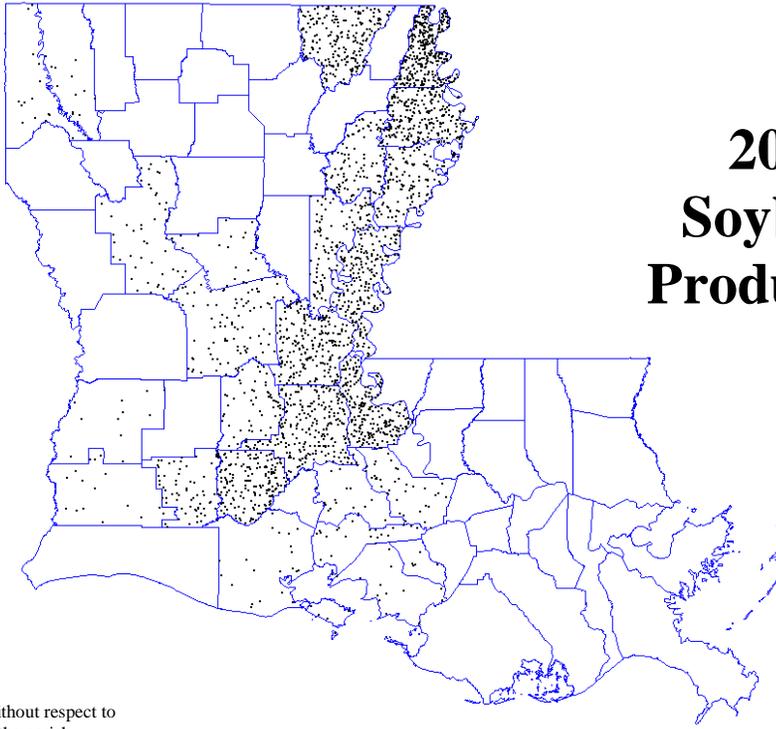
2008 Sorghum Parish Estimates

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-----	
Other Parishes ¹	4,600	3,300	82.0	272,000	Other Parishes ¹	1,800	1,800	69.0	125,000
District II	4,600	3,300	82.0	272,000	District VIII	1,800	1,800	69.0	125,000
Morehouse	7,400	7,100	79.0	561,000	Other Parishes ¹	1,200	1,200	78.0	94,000
Tensas	2,700	2,100	96.0	202,000	Combined Districts¹	1,200	1,200	78.0	94,000
Other Parishes ¹	12,900	8,100	71.0	573,000	State Total	120,000	110,000	87.0	9,570,000
District III	23,000	17,300	77.0	1,336,000					
Natchitoches	2,000	2,000	96.0	192,000					
District IV	2,000	2,000	96.0	192,000					
Avoyelles	28,000	27,400	98.0	2,685,000	<u>Top 5 Sorghum Producing Parishes</u>				
Catahoula	18,700	17,300	77.0	1,332,000	(Bushels)				
Concordia	7,900	7,400	87.0	644,000	Avoyelles	2,685,000			
Evangeline	2,900	2,900	74.0	215,000	Saint Landry	1,424,000			
Pointe Coupee	3,800	3,800	99.0	376,000	Catahoula	1,332,000			
Rapides	5,500	5,400	97.0	524,000	Concordia	644,000			
Saint Landry	16,300	16,000	89.0	1,424,000	Morehouse	561,000			
Other Parishes ¹	1,400	1,400	85.0	119,000					
District V	84,500	81,600	90.0	7,319,000					
Other Parishes ¹	2,900	2,800	83.0	232,000					
District VII	2,900	2,800	83.0	232,000					

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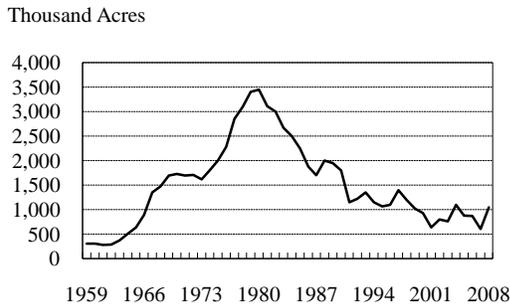
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2008 Soybean Production

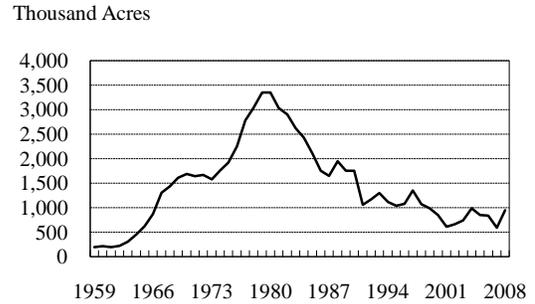


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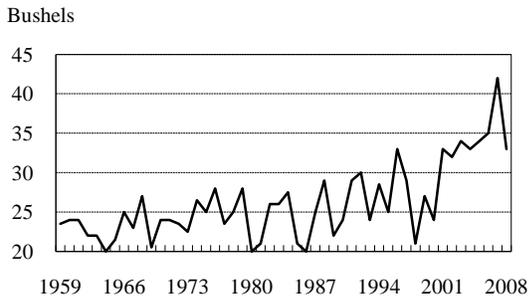
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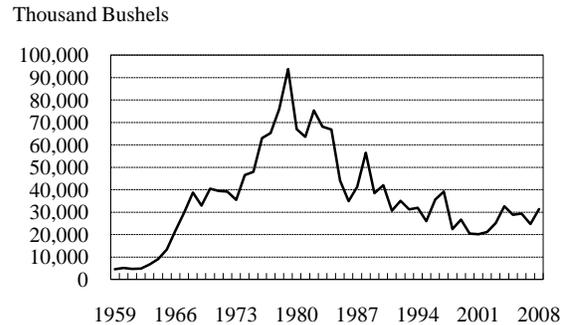
Harvested Acres 1959-2008



Yield per Acre 1959-2008



Total Production 1959-2008



2008 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	6,500	4,000	30.0	120,000	Acadia	51,200	49,600	35.0	1,736,000
Caddo	6,100	5,600	29.0	162,000	Beauregard	4,200	3,700	30.0	111,000
Other Parishes ¹	5,600	5,400	34.0	183,000	Calcasieu	5,200	4,900	33.0	162,000
District I	18,200	15,000	31.0	465,000	Jefferson Davis	21,200	20,900	31.0	648,000
East Carroll	90,000	82,000	40.0	3,280,000	Vermilion	8,700	8,000	28.0	224,000
Franklin	38,000	33,800	30.0	1,014,000	Other Parishes ¹	4,400	3,900	25.0	98,000
Madison	83,600	74,300	32.0	2,378,000	District VII	94,900	91,000	32.5	2,979,000
Morehouse	73,000	65,000	34.0	2,210,000	Iberia	8,000	6,400	45.0	288,000
Tensas	42,000	39,500	33.0	1,304,000	Iberville	10,200	9,600	38.0	365,000
Other Parishes ¹	89,900	78,400	36.5	2,856,000	Saint Martin	8,500	8,100	28.0	227,000
District III	416,500	373,000	35.0	13,042,000	Saint Mary	3,600	3,300	37.0	122,000
Natchitoches	17,800	16,600	30.0	498,000	Other Parishes ¹	7,400	6,600	40.5	267,000
District IV	17,800	16,600	30.0	498,000	District VIII	37,700	34,000	37.5	1,269,000
Avoyelles	77,800	66,600	33.0	2,198,000	Other Parishes ¹	27,000	24,200	36.5	882,000
Catahoula	52,300	42,400	26.0	1,102,000	Combined Districts¹	27,000	24,200	36.5	882,000
Concordia	77,800	70,000	29.0	2,030,000	State Total	1,050,000	950,000	33.0	31,350,000
Evangeline	24,500	23,400	25.0	585,000					
Grant	8,400	7,800	28.0	218,000					
Pointe Coupee	64,200	63,000	37.0	2,331,000					
Rapides	33,800	27,800	34.0	945,000					
Saint Landry	85,200	82,200	29.0	2,384,000					
Other Parishes ¹	7,000	6,800	30.0	204,000					
District V	431,000	390,000	31.0	11,997,000					
Other Parishes ¹	6,900	6,200	35.0	218,000					
District VI	6,900	6,200	35.0	218,000					

Top 5 Soybean Producing Parishes

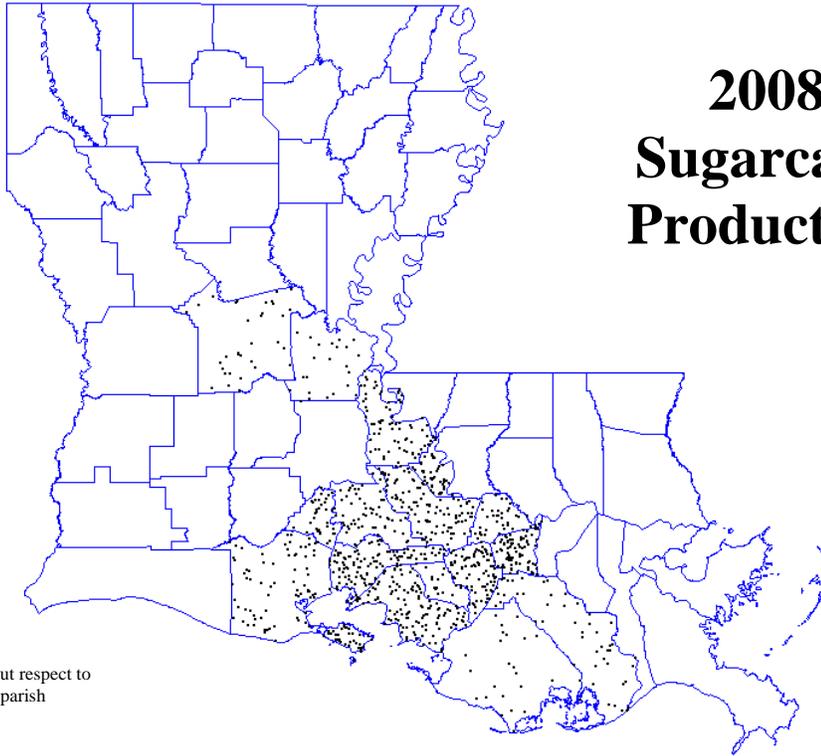
(Bushels)

East Carroll	3,280,000
Saint Landry	2,384,000
Madison	2,378,000
Pointe Coupee	2,331,000
Morehouse	2,210,000

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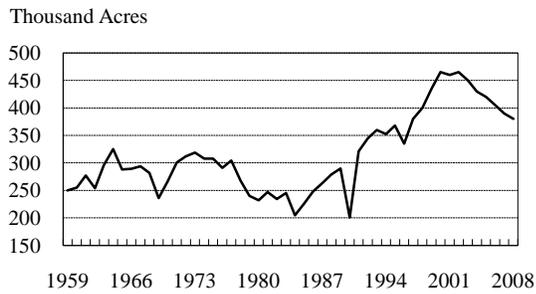
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2008 Sugarcane Production

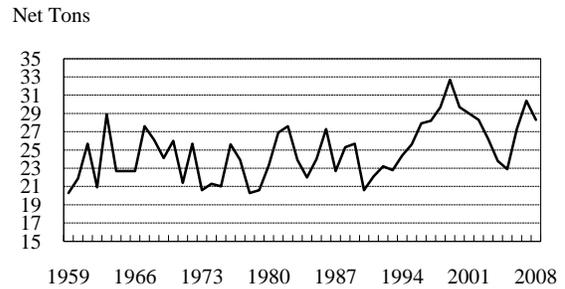


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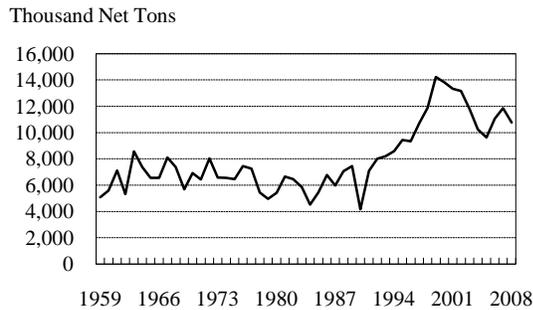
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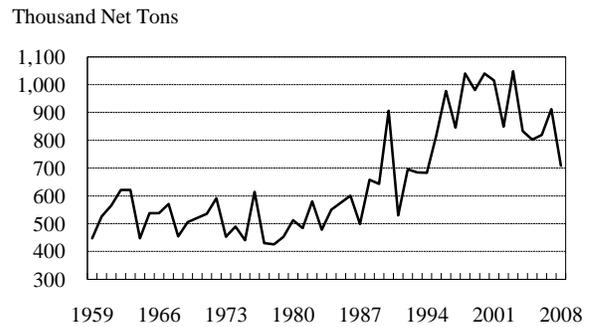
Yield per Acre for Sugar 1959-2008



Sugarcane Production for Sugar 1959-2008



Sugarcane Production for Seed 1959-2008



2008 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	8,700	27.6	240,000	Ascension	17,200	24.7	425,000
Pointe Coupee	30,300	24.8	750,000	Lafourche	20,700	22.7	470,000
Rapides	10,200	32.4	330,000	Saint James	26,300	29.7	780,000
West Baton Rouge	13,400	33.6	450,000	Terrebonne	8,000	30.0	240,000
Other Parishes ¹	6,400	29.7	190,000	Other Parishes ¹	7,800	31.4	245,000
District V	69,000	28.4	1,960,000	District IX	80,000	27.0	2,160,000
Vermilion	29,400	25.7	755,000	State Total	380,000	28.3	10,754,000
Other Parishes ¹	8,100	24.6	199,000				
District VII	37,500	25.4	954,000				
Assumption	28,000	30.7	860,000				
Iberia	50,800	29.5	1,500,000				
Iberville	32,400	29.3	950,000				
Lafayette	11,500	30.9	355,000				
Saint Martin	29,300	26.5	775,000				
Saint Mary	41,500	29.9	1,240,000				
District VIII	193,500	29.4	5,680,000				

Top 5 Sugarcane Producing Parishes

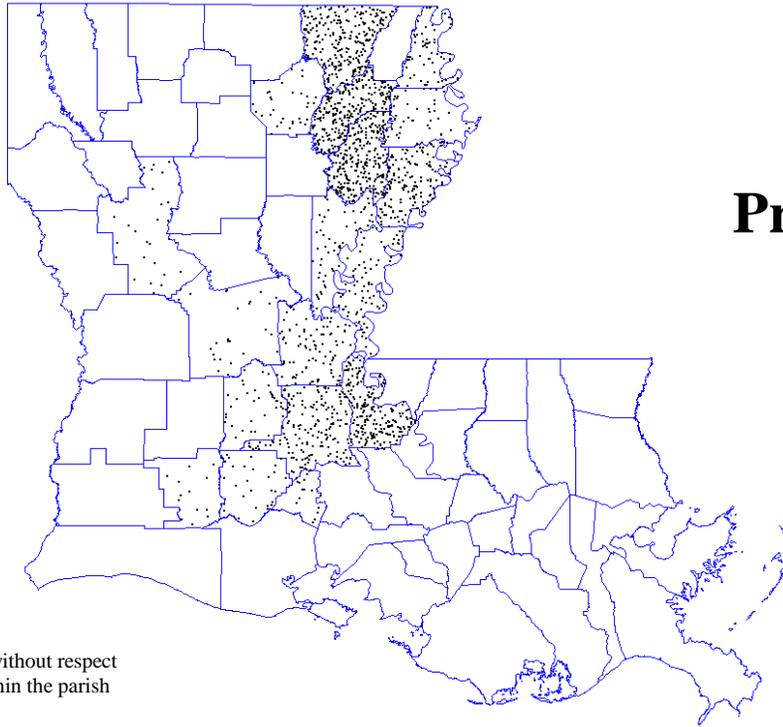
(Net Tons)

Iberia	1,500,000
Saint Mary	1,240,000
Iberville	950,000
Assumption	860,000
Saint James	780,000

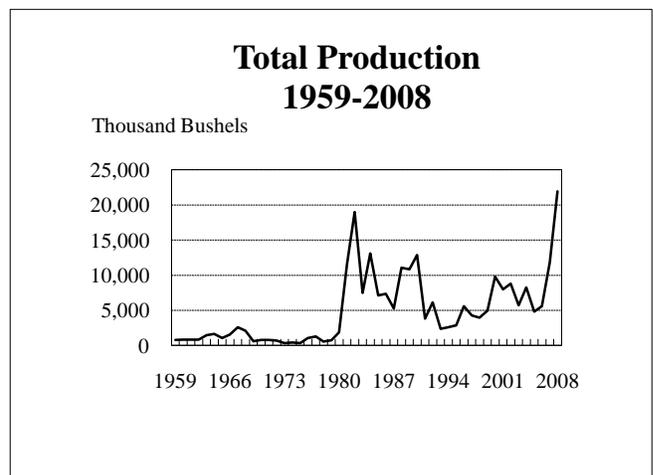
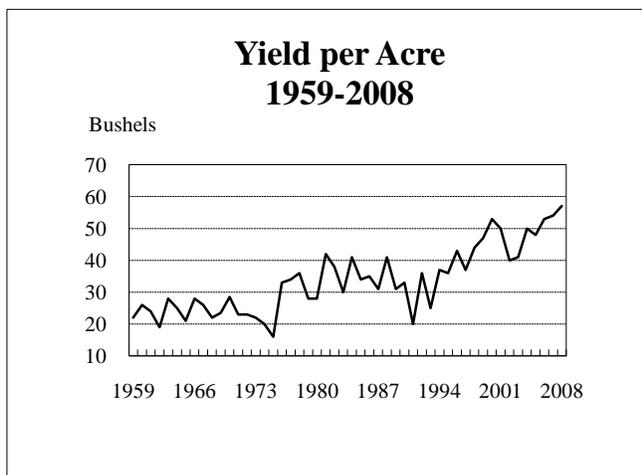
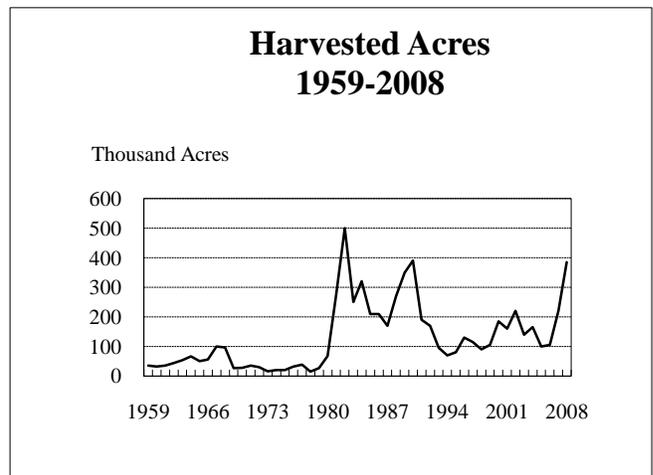
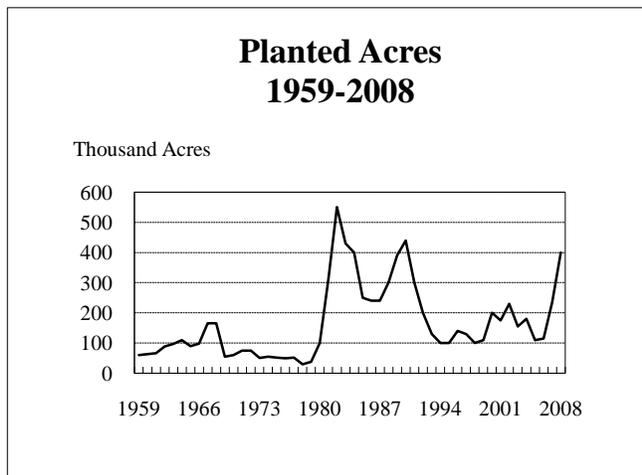
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2008 Wheat Production



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2008 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-----	
Ouachita	6,200	6,000	59.0	354,000	Acadia	6,300	6,100	45.0	275,000
Other Parishes ¹	4,300	4,200	52.5	221,000	Jefferson Davis	4,800	4,500	31.0	140,000
District II	10,500	10,200	56.5	575,000	Other Parishes ¹	4,400	3,800	47.0	178,000
					District VII	15,500	14,400	41.0	593,000
East Carroll	12,000	11,000	64.0	704,000	Lafayette	3,000	3,000	50.0	150,000
Franklin	45,400	44,400	59.0	2,620,000	Other Parishes ¹	12,000	11,800	45.5	536,000
Madison	8,000	7,600	56.0	426,000	District VIII	15,000	14,800	46.5	686,000
Morehouse	41,000	39,500	66.0	2,607,000	Other Parishes ¹	15,000	14,000	54.5	762,000
Richland	40,800	39,700	63.0	2,501,000	Combined Districts¹	15,000	14,000	54.5	762,000
Tensas	23,000	22,300	68.0	1,516,000	State Total	400,000	385,000	57.0	21,945,000
West Carroll	27,800	27,000	56.0	1,512,000					
District III	198,000	191,500	62.0	11,886,000					
Natchitoches	7,000	6,100	46.0	281,000					
District IV	7,000	6,100	46.0	281,000					
Avoyelles	17,600	17,000	57.0	969,000					
Catahoula	11,500	11,200	55.0	616,000					
Concordia	13,900	13,500	57.0	770,000					
Evangeline	7,400	7,100	54.0	383,000					
Pointe Coupee	45,700	43,700	50.0	2,185,000					
Rapides	5,100	4,800	55.0	264,000					
Saint Landry	32,200	31,300	55.0	1,722,000					
Other Parishes ¹	5,600	5,400	47.0	253,000					
District V	139,000	134,000	53.5	7,162,000					

Top 5 Wheat Producing Parishes

(Bushels)

Franklin	2,620,000
Morehouse	2,607,000
Richland	2,501,000
Pointe Coupee	2,185,000
Saint Landry	1,722,000

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Peaches



Commercial peach production was valued at 1.0 million dollars in 2008, compared to 1.1 million dollars in 2007. Yield per acre averaged 1.9 tons, down .52 ton from the 2007 peach crop. The number of acres of bearing age trees continued its decline, dropping from 250 acres to 240 acres, a four percent decrease from 2007. This represents a drop of 47 percent over the past 10 years.

Peaches - Production, Price and Value of Production: Louisiana, 2005-2008

Year	Acres of Bearing Age	Yield per Acre	Total Production	Utilized Production	Season Average Price	Value of Utilized Production
			-----Tons-----		--Dollars per Ton-	-1,000 Dollars-
2005	270	2.41	650	650	1,730	1,125
2006	260	2.12	550	550	1,730	952
2007	250	2.40	600	600	1,900	1,140
2008	240	1.88	450	450	2,310	1,040

Pecans

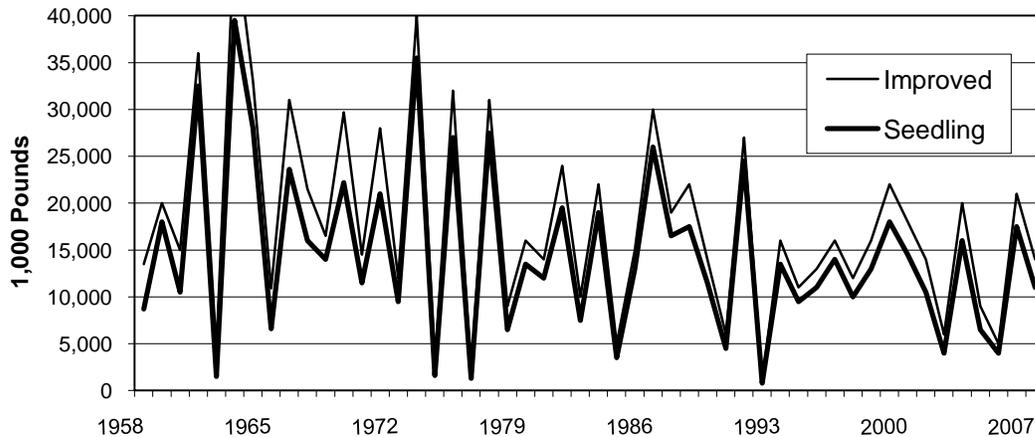
Louisiana's total pecan production was valued at 4.8 million dollars in 2008. Of this total, native and seedling varieties represented 72 percent of the value, while improved varieties represented 28 percent. Production of all pecans totaled five million pounds, compared to 14 million pounds the previous 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, 2005 - 2008

Crop Year	Total Production	Season Average Price	Total Value of Production
	-----1,000 Pounds-----	----Cents per Pounds----	-----1,000 Dollars-----
<i><u>All Pecans</u></i>			
2005	5,000	115.0	5,750
2006	21,000	98.3	20,650
2007	14,000	80.7	11,300
2008	5,000	95.0	4,750
<i><u>Improved Varieties</u></i>			
2005	1,000	175.0	1,750
2006	3,500	140.0	4,900
2007	3,000	120.0	3,600
2008	1,000	135.0	1,350
<i><u>Native and Seedling</u></i>			
2005	4,000	100.0	4,000
2006	17,500	90.0	15,750
2007	11,000	70.0	7,700
2008	4,000	85.0	3,400

Pecan Production: Louisiana, 1958-2007



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 81 percent of the state's forest land; forest-products industries own ten percent and the public owns nine percent. In 2008, forestry accounted for 53 percent of the gross farm value of all plant commodities grown in Louisiana. Forestry contributes 35 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, 1994 - 2008

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
1994	1,298,784	215,371	3,789	1,992	307
1995	1,265,872	206,197	3,711	1,855	453
1996	1,165,814	211,439	3,793	1,666	376
1997	1,230,898	193,861	3,630	1,604	387
1998	1,153,231	219,908	3,769	1,549	631
1999	1,148,459	191,086	3,731	1,677	842
2000	1,122,673	189,698	3,669	1,551	846
2001	984,603	171,016	3,512	1,403	898
2002	1,006,167	148,184	3,568	1,379	853
2003	1,071,031	195,152	4,182	1,563	993
2004	1,059,954	161,371	3,962	1,274	1,102
2005	1,015,090	169,740	3,942	1,401	1,144
2006	1,194,647	181,941	4,610	1,435	985
2007	985,603	171,016	3,512	1,403	898
2008	778,495	129,981	4,723	1,133	751

SOURCE: Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry.

Louisiana Saw Timber, Pulpwood and Chip-n-Saw Income to Landowner, 1994-2008

Year	Saw Timber Income		Pulpwood Income		Chip-n-Saw Income
	Pine	Hardwood	Pine	Hardwood	Pine
	-----1,000 Dollars-----		-----1,000 Dollars-----		-1,000 Dollars-
1994	381,115	39,060	92,274	20,720	20,845
1995	457,436	37,425	90,374	19,295	30,755
1996	405,703	39,873	90,854	25,069	33,396
1997	428,353	36,558	86,935	24,142	34,327
1998	485,810	54,113	107,799	30,730	66,146
1999	430,626	46,604	101,861	24,674	76,549
2000	414,401	43,325	92,307	19,307	84,998
2001	338,260	42,150	76,007	16,547	86,418
2002	347,661	42,735	74,777	19,236	84,032
2003	347,550	58,198	80,130	25,143	94,337
2004	343,955	48,124	75,903	20,498	104,614
2005	331,549	53,210	74,102	21,022	101,827
2006	427,779	61,809	101,558	27,514	109,087
2007	337,322	42,150	76,007	16,547	86,418
2008	251,501	34,753	123,885	18,736	42,352

SOURCE: Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry.

Miscellaneous Timber and Forestry Production, 2008

Product	Quantity	Unit
Baled pine needles	13,800	Bales (40 lbs)
Christmas trees	21,628	Trees sold
Firewood	27,924	Face cords
Forest seedlings	2,500,000	(1,000)

SOURCE: LSU Ag Summary

Louisiana Timber & Wood Industry Employment and Wages, 2007

	Wood	Furniture	Paper	Forestry and Logging	Total
	NAICS ¹ 321 SIC ² 24	NAICS ¹ 337 SIC ² 25	NAICS ¹ 322 SIC ² 26	NAICS ¹ 113 SIC ² 08	
Number Employed (1,000)	8.6	1.7	8.6	3.2	22.1
Number of Employers	205	250	84	448	987
Wages Paid (1,000) Dollars	325,938	47,046	544,767	111,468	1,029,219

SOURCE: Tabulated from quarterly reports of the Louisiana Department of Labor. 2008 Annual Report not due until Fall 2010.

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	25	2009	1867
Beef replacement heifers 500 + pounds	221	1954	50	1929	1920
Milk replacement heifers 500 + pounds	101	1944	7	2009	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	11	2008*	1866
Breeding hogs	46	1967	1.5	2007	1963
Market hogs	183	1967	9	2008	1963
Under 60 pounds	89	1967	3	2008*	1963
60-119 pounds	60	1963	2	2008	1963
120-179 pounds	27	1971*	2	2008*	1963
180 pounds and over	26	1971	1.5	2007	1963
<u>Sheep and Lambs¹</u>					
All Sheep and Lambs	296	1942	6.0	1998	1867
Market sheep and lambs	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 Sheep and lamb estimates were discontinued in Louisiana in 2000.

* Most current year with this record high or low.

Livestock-Number of Head, By Class

Cattle – Number of Head, By Class: Louisiana: January 1, 2005-2009

Class	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	-----1,000 head-----				
All Cattle	860	820	860	890	890
Beef cows	494	463	490	513	520
Milk cows and heifers	36	32	30	27	25
Bulls 500 + pounds	32	32	33	34	34
Beef replacement heifers 500 + pounds	82	82	86	90	87
Milk replacement heifers 500 + pounds	9	9	9	8	7
Other heifers 500 + pounds	18	18	18	20	17
Steers, heifers and bulls under 500 lb.	167	164	173	175	176

Hogs - Number of Head, By Class: Louisiana: December 1, 2004-2008

Class	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	-----1,000 head-----				
All Hogs	16	14	14	11	11
Breeding hogs	2	2	2	1.5	2
Market hogs	14	12	12	9.5	9
Under 60 pounds	5	4	4	3	3
60 - 119 pounds	4	3	3	3	2
120 - 179 pounds	2	2	2	2	2
180 pounds and over	3	3	3	1.5	2

Chickens – Number of Head, By Class: Louisiana: December 1, 2004-2008

Class	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	-----1,000 head-----				
All Chickens	2,874	2,835	2,790	2,689	2,365
Total hens & pullets of laying age	2,083	2,064	2,034	1,911	1,785
Pullets not of laying age	685	668	654	678	467
Other Chickens	106	103	102	100	113

Cattle and Calves

Inventory, Supply and Disposition: Louisiana, 2005-2009¹

Year	Inventory January 1	Calf Crop	Inshipments	Marketings ²		Farm Slaughter ³	Deaths	
				Cattle	Calves		Cattle	Calves
-----1,000 Head-----								
2005	860	395	2	148	241	2	26	20
2006	820	415	2	129	212	2	16	18
2007	860	425	2	132	224	2	19	20
2008	890	420	2	142	241	2	18	19
2009	890	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/

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.

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⁴ Data will be available in February, 2010.

Production and Income: Louisiana, 2005-2008

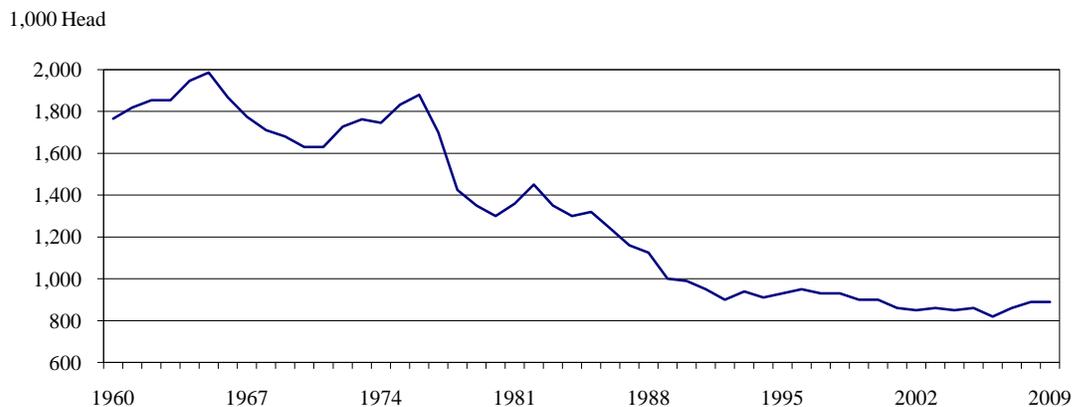
Year	Production ¹	Marketings ²	Average Price per 100 Pounds		Value of Production	Cash Receipts ³	Value of Home Consumption	Gross Income
			Cattle	Calves				
-----1,000 Pounds-----	-----1,000 Pounds-----	-----1,000 Pounds-----	-----Dollars-----		-----1,000 Dollars-----	-----1,000 Dollars-----	-----1,000 Dollars-----	-----1,000 Dollars-----
2005	218,254	248,330	67.20	123.00	212,057	232,772	1,197	233,969
2006	242,112	214,360	63.40	120.00	214,944	195,900	1,119	197,019
2007	244,877	221,560	63.50	111.00	208,881	193,891	1,073	194,964
2008	233,885	234,100	62.60	99.50	190,838	191,011	989	192,000

¹ Adjustments made for changes in inventory and for inshipments.

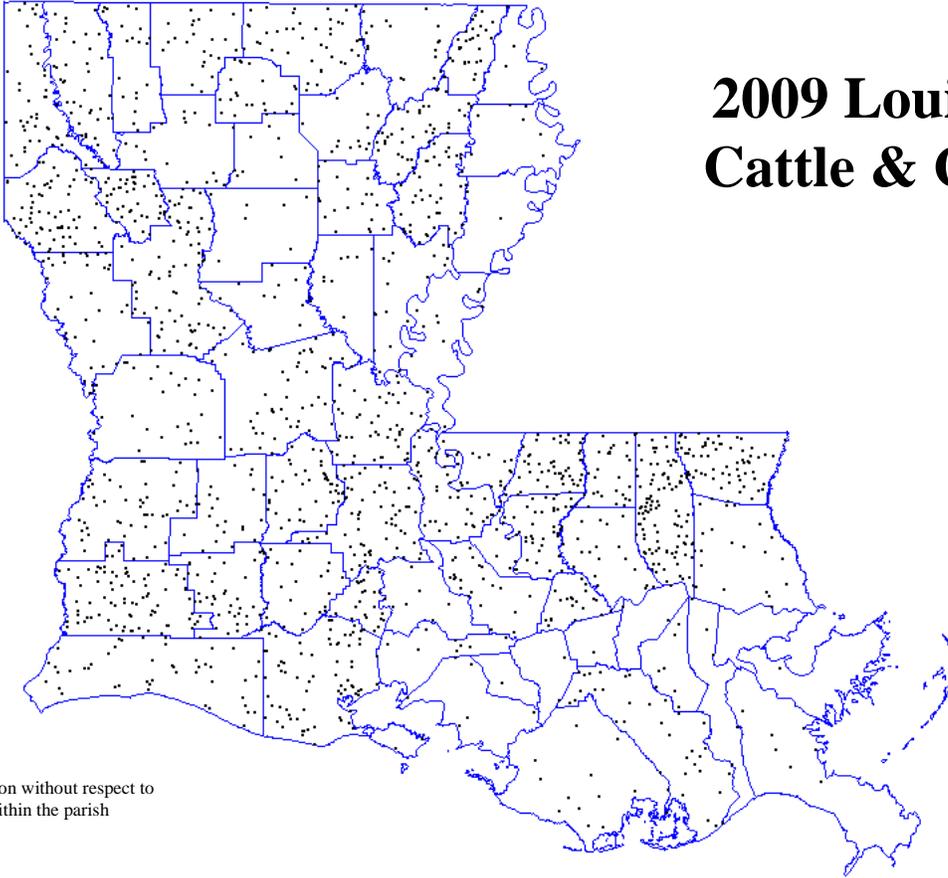
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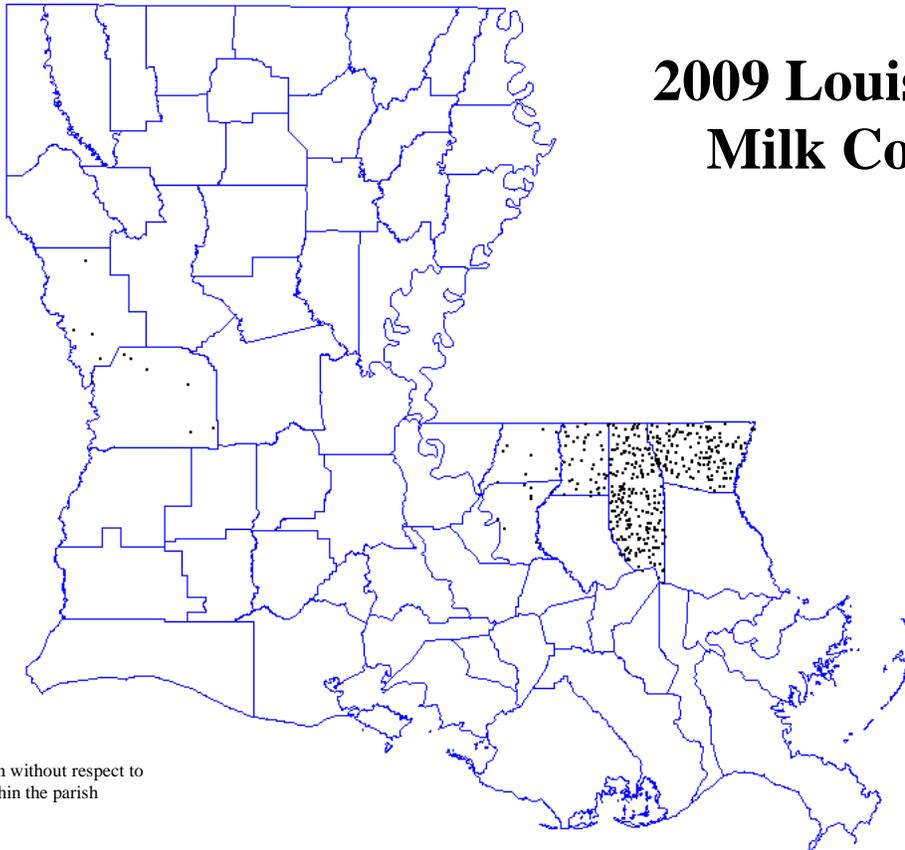
Total Cattle and Calves: Louisiana, 1960-2009



2009 Louisiana Cattle & Calves



2009 Louisiana Milk Cows



2009 Cattle & Calves, Beef Cows and Milk Cows Parish Estimates¹

District and Parish	All Cattle & Calves	Beef Cows	Milk Cows	District and Parish	All Cattle & Calves	Beef Cows	Milk Cows
	Jan. 1, 2009				Jan. 1, 2009		
-----Number of Head-----				-----Number of Head-----			
Bossier	19,000	10,000	---	East Baton Rouge	21,000	11,300	400
Caddo	23,000	12,800	---	East Feliciana	23,500	15,300	400
DeSoto	34,500	17,400	---	Livingston	9,500	5,000	---
Red River	21,000	11,100	---	Saint Helena	14,000	5,600	2,300
Webster	10,500	5,700	---	Saint Tammany	9,500	5,900	---
Combined Parishes ²	---	---	3,300	Tangipahoa	51,500	12,100	11,200
District I	108,000	57,000	3,300	Washington	33,000	11,200	7,600
Bienville	9,000	4,000	---	West Feliciana	9,000	5,600	---
Caldwell	8,000	3,900	---	Combined Parishes ²	---	---	200
Claiborne	12,000	6,000	---	District VI	171,000	72,000	22,100
Jackson	4,500	2,900	---	Acadia	10,500	6,700	---
Lincoln	11,500	7,300	---	Allen	11,000	6,900	---
Ouachita	7,500	3,500	---	Beauregard	25,500	17,600	---
Union	21,500	11,200	---	Calcasieu	42,000	28,900	---
Winn	4,000	3,200	---	Cameron	23,500	18,300	---
Combined Parishes ²	---	---	400	Jeff Davis	18,500	14,500	---
District II	78,000	42,000	400	Vermilion	36,000	25,100	---
East Carroll	2,000	800	---	District VII	167,000	118,000	---
Franklin	20,000	12,300	---	Assumption	1,000	400	---
Madison	3,000	1,900	---	Iberia	6,000	3,100	---
Morehouse	8,500	4,600	---	Iberville	11,000	6,200	---
Richland	19,000	10,000	---	Lafayette	12,500	7,200	---
Tensas	1,000	800	---	Saint Martin	3,500	1,900	---
West Carroll	14,500	8,600	---	Saint Mary	2,000	1,200	---
District III	68,000	39,000	---	District VIII	36,000	20,000	---
Natchitoches	38,500	23,300	---	Ascension	10,500	6,200	---
Sabine	17,000	10,500	250	Jefferson	1,500	600	---
Vernon	13,500	7,200	300	Lafourche	18,000	12,800	---
District IV	69,000	41,000	550	Plaquemines	3,500	1,800	---
Avoyelles	25,000	16,600	---	Saint Bernard	500	200	---
Catahoula	8,500	5,700	---	Saint Charles	3,500	1,700	---
Concordia	5,000	2,300	---	Saint James	500	200	---
Evangeline	20,500	14,200	---	Saint John	500	200	---
Grant	5,500	4,000	---	Terrebonne	6,500	4,300	---
LaSalle	5,500	2,600	---	District IX	45,000	28,000	---
Pointe Coupee	19,500	12,800	---	Combined Parishes ³	---	---	450
Rapides	24,000	15,300	---	Combined Districts³	---	---	450
Saint Landry	32,000	20,900	---	State Total	890,000	513,000	27,000
West Baton Rouge	2,500	1,600	---				
Combined Parishes ²	---	---	200				
District V	148,000	96,000	200				

¹ 2009 Preliminary data.

² Estimates for multiple parishes within a district having 50 head or fewer are summed and published as "combined parishes". Commodity totals are published for these districts.

³ Estimates for a single parish within a district having the commodity of interest are summed and published as "other combined parishes". Commodity totals are not published for these districts but are included in the total of "Combined districts".

Milk

Milk Cows and Production of Milk and Milkfat: Louisiana, 2005-2008

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-----	
2005	35	12,400	440	3.55	434	15.4
2006	32	12,375	442	3.57	396	14.1
2007	29	12,034	427	3.55	349	12.4
2008	26	12,269	434	3.54	319	11.3

Production and Disposition: Louisiana, 2005-2008

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-----				
2005	434	8	2	10	424
2006	396	8	2	10	386
2007	349	7	2	9	340
2008	319	6	2	8	311

Value and Farm Income: Louisiana, 2005-2008

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-----		
2005	424	15.70	66,568	314	66,882
2006	386	14.40	55,584	288	55,872
2007	340	20.20	68,680	404	69,084
2008	311	20.70	64,377	414	64,791

¹ Cash 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, 2005-2008

Year	Sows Farrowed	Pigs per Litter	Pigs Saved
	-----1,000 Head-----	-----Number-----	-----1,000 Head-----
2005	3.6	7.5	27
2006	3.7	7.0	26
2007	3.0	7.0	21
2008	3.3	6.8	22

Inventory, Supply and Disposition: Louisiana, 2005-2008¹

Year	Inventory Previous Dec. 1	Pig Crop	Inshipments	Marketings ²	Farm Slaughter ³	Deaths
	-----1,000 Head-----					
2005	16	27	2	28.9	1.0	1.1
2006	14	26	2	26.5	1.0	0.5
2007	14	20.9	2	24.5	1.0	0.4
2008	11	22.4	2	22.7	1.0	0.7

¹ Sum 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.

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.

Production and Income: Louisiana, 2005-2008

Year	Production ¹	Marketings ²	Average Price per 100 lbs	Value of Production ³	Cash Receipts ^{3,4}	Value of Home Consumption	Gross Income
	-----1,000 Pounds-----		--Dollars--	-----1,000 Dollars-----			
2005	5,886	5,925	43.60	2,567	2,583	81	2,664
2006	5,142	5,035	38.40	1,969	1,933	72	2,005
2007	4,281	4,655	39.10	1,671	1,820	74	1,894
2008	4,713	4,427	38.60	1,817	1,709	75	1,784

¹ Adjustments made for changes in inventory and for inshipments.

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

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

⁴ Receipts from marketings and sales of farm slaughter.

Chickens

Number on Farms, Rate of Lay and Egg Production: Louisiana, 2005-2008¹

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-----
2005	2,835	8,505	2,082	245	509
2006	2,790	8,370	2,043	247	504
2007	2,689	9,949	1,959	250	490
2008	2,365	8,041	1,848	259	479

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

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

Layers

Production and Income: Louisiana, 2005-2008¹

Year	Pounds Sold	Price per Pound	Value of Production
	-----1,000 Pounds-----	-----Dollars-----	-----1,000 Dollars-----
2005	10,153	0.090	914
2006	11,458	0.076	871
2007	10,496	0.070	735
2008	12,384	0.078	966

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

Eggs

Production Price and Value: Louisiana, 2005-2008¹

Year	Eggs Produced	Price per Dozen ²	Value of Production
	-----Million-----	-----Dollars-----	-----1,000 Dollars-----
2005	509	.850	36,073
2006	504	.860	36,136
2007	490	1.040	42,333
2008	479	1.190	47,694

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

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



Bees and Honey

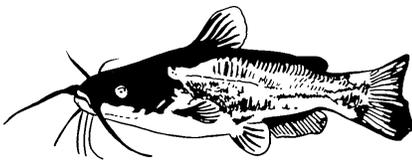
Honey production from Louisiana producers with five or more colonies during 2008 totaled 2.2 million pounds, 13 percent below the 2007 level. Producers harvested honey from 29,000 colonies. Production per colony averaged 77 pounds.

Prices from the 2008 honey crop averaged \$1.33 per pound, up \$0.25 from 2007. Prices were based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and co-ops. Louisiana producers had 246,000 pounds of honey in stock on December 15, 2008, compared with 413,000 pounds on hand the previous year.

Number of Colonies, Production, Stocks and Value: Louisiana, 2005-2008

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---
2005	35	97	3,395	611	72.0	2,444
2006	30	90	2,700	675	90.0	2,403
2007	29	89	2,581	413	108.0	2,787
2008	29	77	2,233	246	133.0	2,970

Catfish

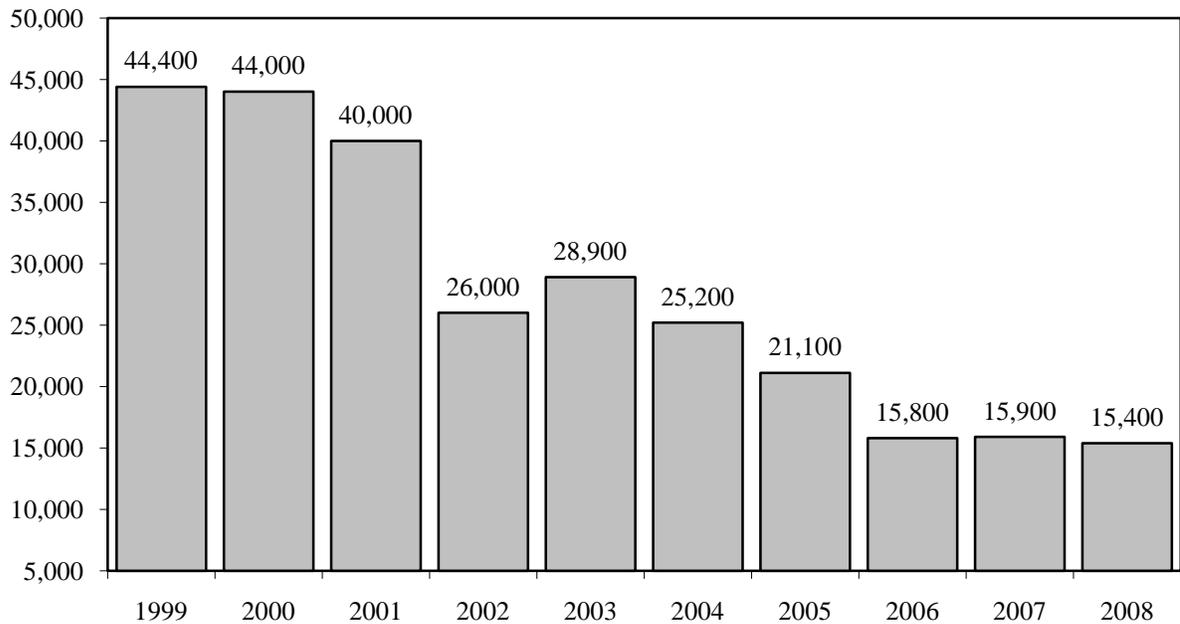


Louisiana ranks fifth in the nation in foodsize catfish production, water surface acres and total sales of catfish. Mississippi leads the nation in foodsize catfish production, followed by Alabama, Arkansas and Texas.

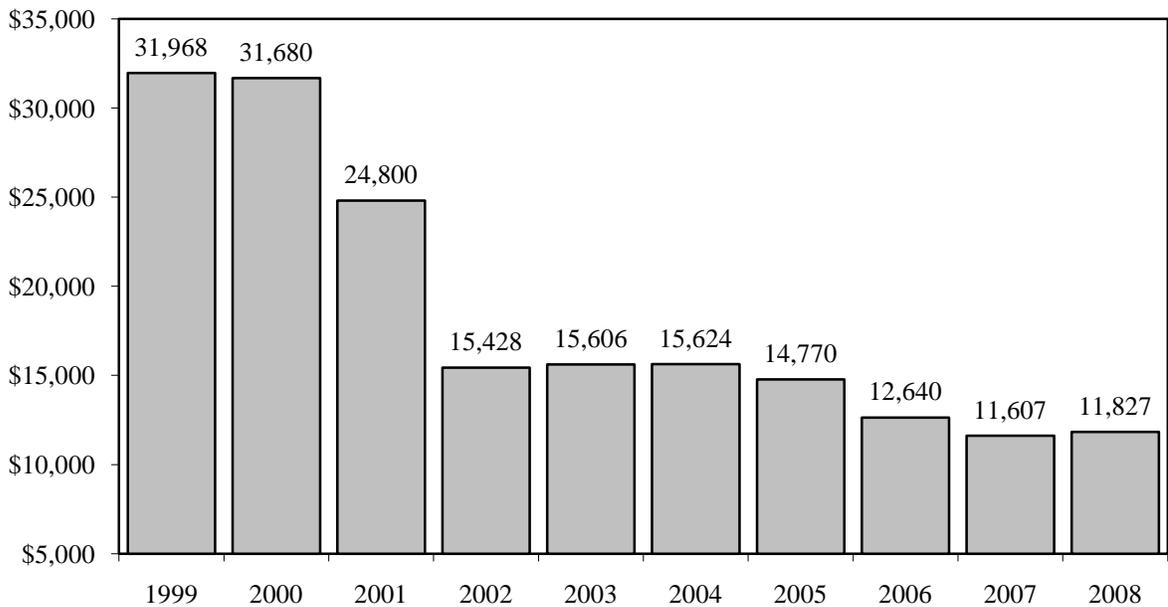
Total sales of catfish in Louisiana for the year 2008 were \$11.9 million, up one percent from sales in 2007. Of this amount, 99.5 percent was from sales of foodsize catfish. Farmers sold 15.4 million pounds of foodsize catfish in 2008 compared to 15.9 million pounds in 2007. Sales in 2008 averaged 77 cents per pound, up four cents from 2007.

Catfish data come from the January 1, 2009, Catfish Grower's Survey. This survey is conducted every January; a similar survey is conducted every July.

CATFISH
Pounds of Foodsize Fish Sold:
Louisiana, 1999-2008



CATFISH
Value of Foodsize Fish Sold:
Louisiana, 1999-2008



Commercial Cattle Slaughter: Louisiana, 2005-2008

Number of Head

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
-----1,000 Head-----													
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
2006	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.0	0.7	10.3
2007	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	7.8
2008	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6	7.5

Average Live Weight per Head

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg
-----Pounds-----													
2005	895	862	896	936	903	799	922	903	877	876	850	909	884
2006	792	863	883	874	784	768	777	786	789	847	864	866	825
2007	830	944	876	860	792	781	739	846	822	774	779	770	822
2008	766	819	802	815	737	769	769	753	728	716	723	741	759

Total Live Weight

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
-----1,000 Pounds-----													
2005	976	1,107	1,258	1,134	862	906	678	942	795	1,119	946	790	11,514
2006	467	708	799	644	657	687	629	720	704	950	876	627	8,467
2007	689	669	640	619	492	475	462	514	475	468	483	396	6,383
2008	470	438	489	517	472	461	420	487	531	553	473	415	5,726

Commercial Calf Slaughter: Louisiana, 2005-2008

Number of Head

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
-----1,000 Head-----													
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
2006	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	3.4
2007	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.2	3.3
2008	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.4	4.5

Average Live Weight per Head

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg
-----Pounds-----													
2005	471	487	502	502	491	516	514	484	461	495	473	499	490
2006	493	510	497	531	498	458	494	492	485	497	492	505	497
2007	518	525	489	506	500	467	469	495	514	486	500	503	500
2008	519	512	511	529	532	499	524	528	522	512	524	524	519

Total Live Weight

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
-----1,000 Pounds-----													
2005	289	153	173	237	213	158	284	268	206	419	252	201	2,851
2006	166	140	160	167	121	84	115	127	140	165	146	151	1,681
2007	140	180	184	166	121	71	65	113	141	209	186	93	1,670
2008	129	160	143	162	137	176	228	161	268	309	265	207	2,345

Commercial Hog Slaughter: Louisiana, 2005-2008

Number of Head

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
-----1,000 Head-----													
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
2006	1.4	1.7	2.0	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.6	2.0	2.2	18.6
2007	1.5	1.6	2.0	1.6	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.6	1.7	2.0	17.4
2008	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.3	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.4	1.4	1.8	15.6

Average Live Weight per Head

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg
-----Pounds-----													
2005	192	211	209	195	188	186	182	199	190	188	173	164	190
2006	212	208	212	190	194	191	190	201	200	180	164	156	190
2007	187	211	222	186	197	194	193	206	194	178	183	158	192
2008	209	238	234	211	196	186	173	191	201	183	173	140	195

Total Live Weight

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
-----1,000 Pounds-----													
2005	334	431	519	265	276	320	227	268	276	350	316	406	3,987
2006	286	358	417	287	299	247	204	242	245	285	323	342	3,535
2007	283	340	447	305	238	215	187	224	197	279	305	318	3,339
2008	315	381	402	269	216	192	168	181	174	249	244	258	3,048

Commercial Sheep and Lamb Slaughter: Louisiana, 2005-2008

Number of Head

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
-----1,000 Head-----													
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
2006	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	1.7
2007	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	3.3
2008	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	3.8

Average Live Weight per Head

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg
-----Pounds-----													
2005	86	125	104	87	97	83	73	77	78	74	81	83	92
2006	90	122	106	92	80	83	79	79	74	82	88	69	89
2007	82	101	99	86	75	84	91	74	81	74	76	68	83
2008	83	96	86	68	64	64	65	64	64	69	68	62	71

Total Live Weight

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
-----1,000 Pounds-----													
2005	9	36	22	10	11	17	8	14	6	8	10	7	157
2006	8	28	19	10	11	10	10	10	9	14	12	10	150
2007	10	35	41	23	18	17	21	27	28	24	12	17	275
2008	16	38	29	21	14	17	23	25	21	23	18	22	268

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