

2002 Census of Agriculture Parish Profile

De Soto, Louisiana

Number of farms

628 farms in 2002, 662 farms in 1997, down 5 percent.

Land in farms

136,661 acres in 2002, 166,626 acres in 1997, down 18 percent.

Average size of farm

218 acres in 2002, 252 acres in 1997, down 13 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$17,783,000 in 2002, \$19,940,000 in 1997, down 11 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,422,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$16,361,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

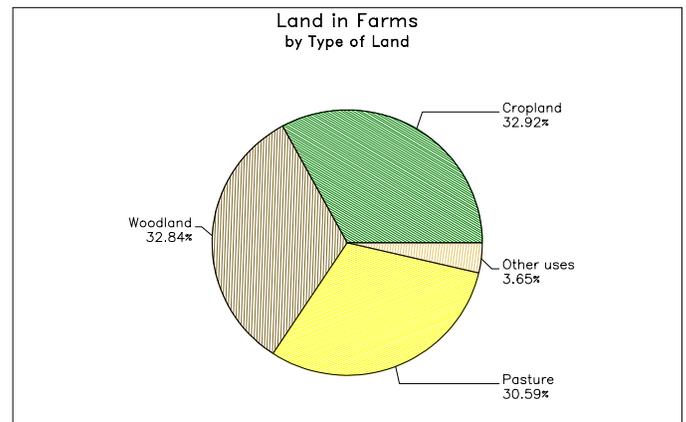
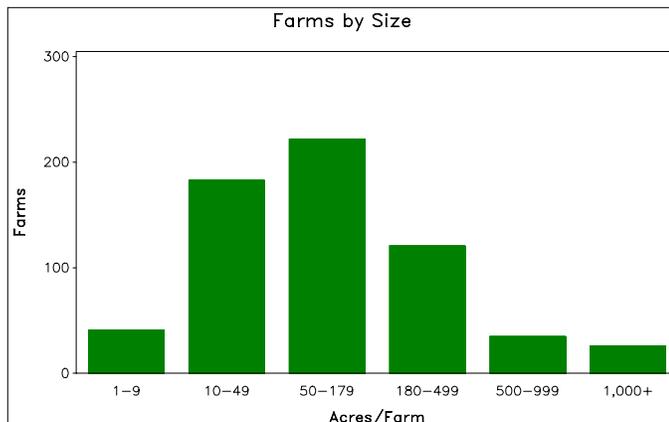
\$28,318 in 2002, \$30,121 in 1997, down 6 percent.

Government Payments

\$398,000 in 2002, \$229,000 in 1997, up 74 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,982 in 2002, \$3,320 in 1997, up 20 percent.



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United States Department of Agriculture, Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service**

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Ranked items among the 64 state parishes and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	17,783	40	64	2,183	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,422	50	64	2,619	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	16,361	12	64	1,473	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	48	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	23	(D)	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	57	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	422	7	60	589	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	152	42	57	1,934	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	34	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	376	30	63	2,126	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	54	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	63	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	7,706	3	28	465	2,493
Hogs and pigs	6	32	57	2,455	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	1	50	58	2,894	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	107	26	62	1,713	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	46	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	51	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	178,809	3	58	304	2,983
Cattle and calves	35,004	4	63	914	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,239	11	64	999	3,065
Deer	240	5	20	246	1,080
Broilers and other meat-type chickens ³	(D)	(D)	43	(D)	2,599
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	17,703	3	63	1,217	3,059
All Cotton	(D)	22	23	(D)	663
All Berries	164	2	34	90	2,019
Soybeans ³	(D)	(D)	43	(D)	2,076
Corn for grain ³	(D)	(D)	43	(D)	2,592

Other Parish Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	210	Farming	278
\$1,000 to \$2,499	108	Other	350
\$2,500 to \$4,999	86		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	83	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	52	Male	572
\$20,000 to \$24,999	10	Female	56
\$25,000 to \$39,999	21		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	8	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	15		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	18	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	5	White	711
\$500,000 or more	12	Black or African American	145
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	15,727	American Indian or Alaska Native	7
Average per farm (\$)	24,885	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,019	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	3,195	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	10

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.

³ Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.