

2002 Census of Agriculture Parish Profile

Vernon, Louisiana

Number of farms

460 farms in 2002, 509 farms in 1997, down 10 percent.

Land in farms

49,715 acres in 2002, 50,907 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

Average size of farm

108 acres in 2002, 100 acres in 1997, up 8 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$8,652,000 in 2002, \$10,721,000 in 1997, down 19 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$408,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$8,245,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

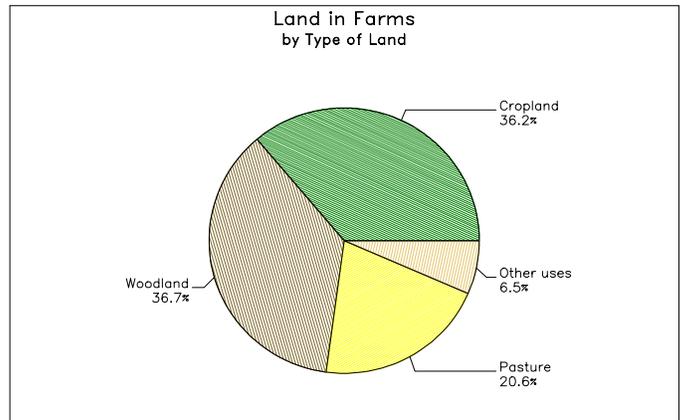
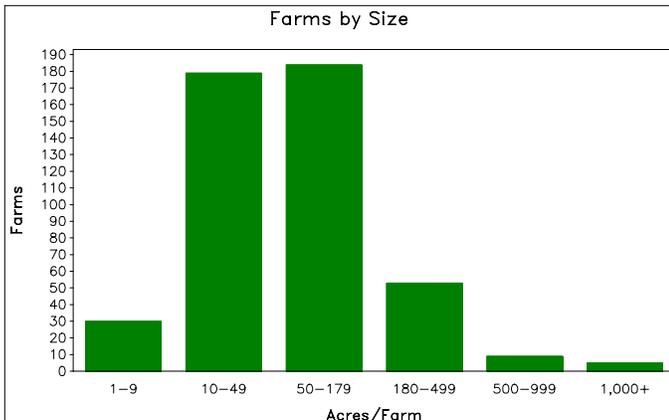
\$18,810 in 2002, \$21,062 in 1997, down 11 percent.

Government Payments

\$89,000 in 2002, \$30,000 in 1997, up 197 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,566 in 2002, \$744 in 1997, up 110 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	8,652	48	64	2,570	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	408	60	64	2,921	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	8,245	19	64	2,020	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	-	-	23	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	57	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	60	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	88	48	57	2,123	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	28	18	34	827	1,774
Other crops and hay	192	45	63	2,545	3,046
Poultry and eggs	4,928	10	54	623	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	63	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	28	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	6	31	57	2,449	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	12	12	58	2,208	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	46	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	4	32	51	2,128	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	246,042	10	43	453	2,599
Cattle and calves	11,702	29	63	1,920	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	858	23	58	1,513	2,983
Horses and ponies	798	21	64	1,569	3,065
All Goats	627	6	59	818	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,520	28	63	2,120	3,059
Corn for grain	304	31	43	2,113	2,592
All Vegetables harvested	43	29	57	1,651	2,710
Cut Christmas trees	30	11	36	1,037	1,877
Southern peas	16	11	43	199	625

Other Parish Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	168	Farming	218
\$1,000 to \$2,499	96	Other	242
\$2,500 to \$4,999	58		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	55	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	40	Male	422
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11	Female	38
\$25,000 to \$39,999	11		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	8	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	1	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	8	White	609
\$500,000 or more	3	Black or African American	3
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	7,602	American Indian or Alaska Native	16
Average per farm (\$)	16,561	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	845	More than one race	9
Average per farm (\$)	1,840	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	12

(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.