

# 2002 Census of Agriculture Parish Profile

## Pointe Coupee, Louisiana

### Number of farms

465 farms in 2002, 485 farms in 1997, down 4 percent.

### Land in farms

199,382 acres in 2002, 205,990 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

### Average size of farm

429 acres in 2002, 425 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$51,677,000 in 2002, \$55,020,000 in 1997, down 6 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$46,471,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$5,206,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

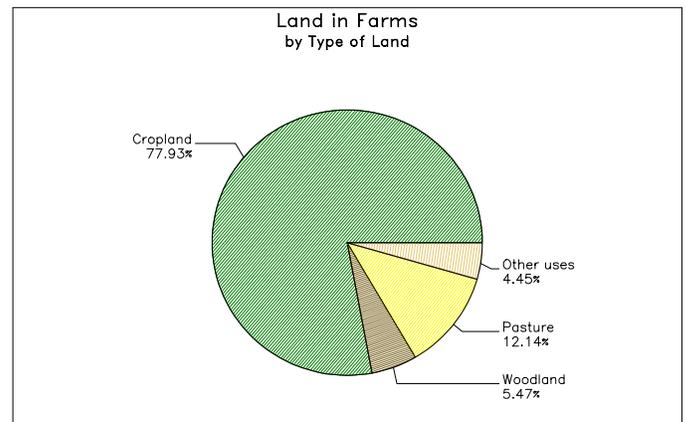
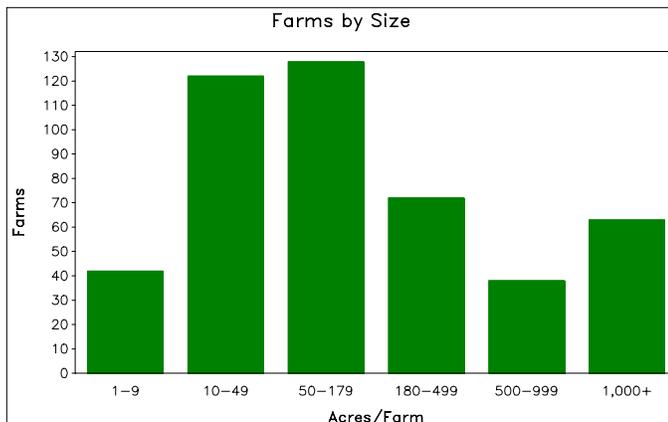
\$111,133 in 2002, \$113,443 in 1997, down 2 percent.

### Government Payments

\$2,795,000 in 2002, \$1,469,000 in 1997, up 90 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$18,152 in 2002, \$13,725 in 1997, up 32 percent.



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

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	51,677	13	64	1,124	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	46,471	6	64	520	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	5,206	29	64	2,333	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	17,181	11	48	749	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	2,667	14	23	252	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	135	22	57	1,555	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	224	10	60	848	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	470	25	57	1,455	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	34	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	25,794	6	63	56	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	54	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	4,971	11	63	1,524	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	28	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	30	12	57	1,896	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	3	36	58	2,770	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	201	18	62	1,108	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	51	-	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	21,951	14	63	1,360	3,059
Horses and ponies	653	32	64	1,839	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	504	30	58	1,897	2,983
Hogs and pigs	494	11	60	1,643	2,926
Sheep and lambs	115	20	48	2,212	2,867
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Soybeans	60,413	3	43	482	2,076
Sugrcane for sugar	29,708	8	24	11	37
All Wheat for grain	19,699	2	37	458	2,517
Corn for grain	9,792	14	43	1,064	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,375	16	63	1,837	3,059

**Other Parish Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	93	Farming	217
\$1,000 to \$2,499	62	Other	248
\$2,500 to \$4,999	42	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	53	Male	437
\$10,000 to \$19,999	54	Female	28
\$20,000 to \$24,999	12	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	19	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	11	White	562
\$50,000 to \$99,999	34	Black or African American	40
\$100,000 to \$249,999	31	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	26	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	28	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	43,849	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	94,912	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	3
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	11,814		
Average per farm (\$)	25,572		

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

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.