

2002 Census of Agriculture Parish Profile

Evangeline, Louisiana

Number of farms

648 farms in 2002, 740 farms in 1997, down 12 percent.

Land in farms

183,855 acres in 2002, 190,180 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

Average size of farm

284 acres in 2002, 257 acres in 1997, up 11 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$22,403,000 in 2002, \$45,819,000 in 1997, down 51 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$18,286,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$4,117,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

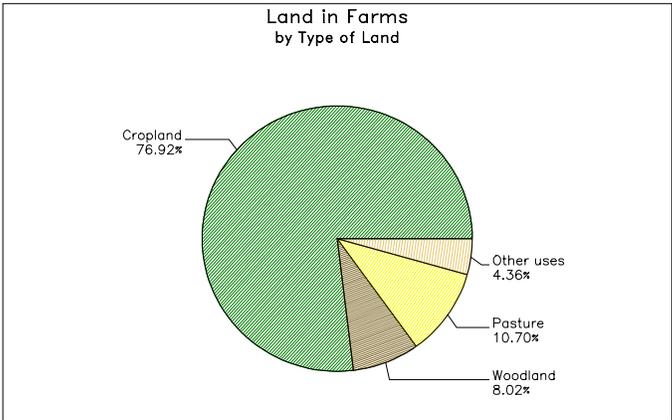
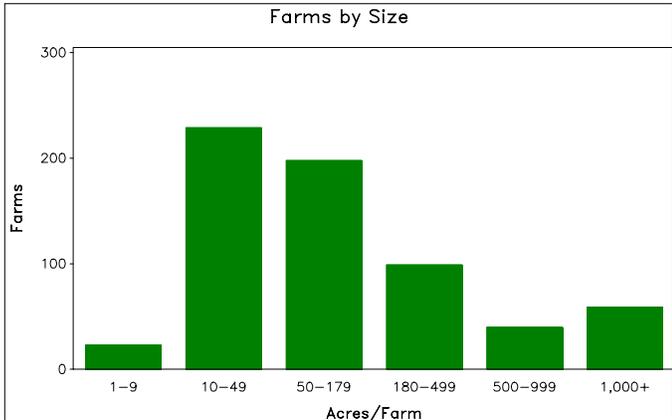
\$34,573 in 2002, \$61,917 in 1997, down 44 percent.

Government Payments

\$6,371,000 in 2002, \$2,874,000 in 1997, up 122 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$24,789 in 2002, \$9,613 in 1997, up 158 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	22,403	35	64	1,994	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	18,286	24	64	1,240	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	4,117	36	64	2,428	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	14,361	14	48	839	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	23	(D)	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,276	8	57	683	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	24	39	60	1,883	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	57	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	34	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,359	21	63	966	3,046
Poultry and eggs	17	26	54	1,757	2,918
Cattle and calves	3,374	23	63	1,826	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	150	21	28	2,047	2,493
Hogs and pigs	64	10	57	1,620	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	9	17	58	2,354	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	136	21	62	1,488	3,014
Aquaculture	346	20	46	332	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	22	20	51	1,485	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	19,359	19	63	1,496	3,059
Horses and ponies	704	28	64	1,732	3,065
Quail	680	9	28	441	1,412
Hogs and pigs	(D)	8	60	(D)	2,926
Layers 20 weeks old and older	511	29	58	1,887	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Rice	57,682	4	31	20	150
Soybeans	13,242	16	43	959	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,078	30	63	2,172	3,059
Sugarcane for sugar	(D)	21	24	(D)	37
All Wheat for grain	2,043	17	37	1,291	2,517

Other Parish Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	166	Farming	351
\$1,000 to \$2,499	81	Other	297
\$2,500 to \$4,999	89		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	98	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	61	Male	624
\$20,000 to \$24,999	15	Female	24
\$25,000 to \$39,999	21		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	6	Average age of principal operator (years)	52.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	38		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	52	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	16	White	824
\$500,000 or more	5	Black or African American	35
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	27,833	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Average per farm (\$)	44,180	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	3,658	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	5,807	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	29

(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.