

# 2002 Census of Agriculture Parish Profile

## Natchitoches, Louisiana

### Number of farms

565 farms in 2002, 667 farms in 1997, down 15 percent.

### Land in farms

192,831 acres in 2002, 199,378 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

### Average size of farm

341 acres in 2002, 299 acres in 1997, up 14 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$57,243,000 in 2002, \$54,830,000 in 1997, up 4 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$9,264,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$47,978,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

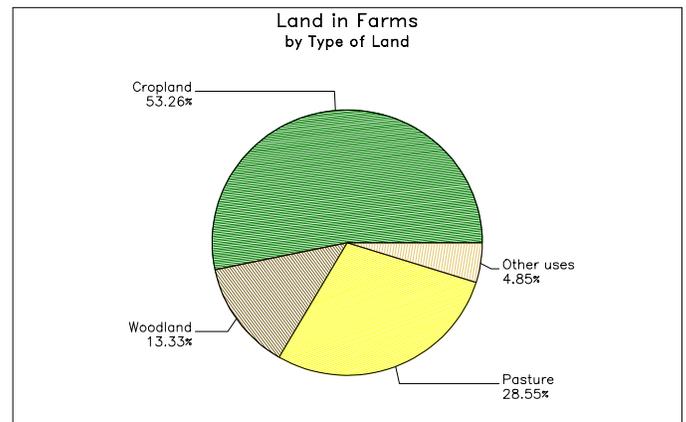
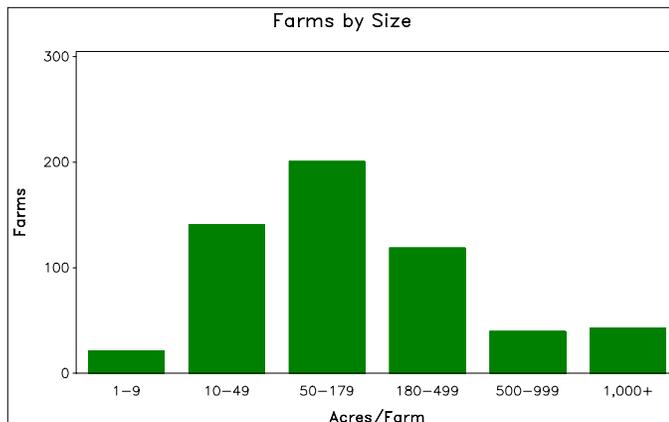
\$101,314 in 2002, \$82,204 in 1997, up 23 percent.

### Government Payments

\$2,011,000 in 2002, \$1,561,000 in 1997, up 29 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$11,112 in 2002, \$10,694 in 1997, up 4 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	57,243	6	64	1,004	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	9,264	30	64	1,703	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	47,978	6	64	586	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	5,958	18	48	1,178	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	2,056	16	23	285	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	57	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	442	6	60	577	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	548	28	63	1,831	3,046
Poultry and eggs	37,941	5	54	185	2,918
Cattle and calves	8,648	3	63	1,097	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	28	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	10	26	57	2,333	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	58	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	1	46	51	2,462	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	2,219,845	7	43	181	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	97,133	8	58	406	2,983
Cattle and calves	35,220	3	63	906	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,050	16	64	1,218	3,065
All Goats	763	4	59	671	2,971
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	17,056	4	63	1,242	3,059
Soybeans	12,330	17	43	985	2,076
Corn for grain	11,529	13	43	997	2,592
All Cotton	6,360	17	23	301	663
Rice	3,768	21	31	84	150

**Other Parish Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	137
\$1,000 to \$2,499	93
\$2,500 to \$4,999	58
\$5,000 to \$9,999	86
\$10,000 to \$19,999	53
\$20,000 to \$24,999	14
\$25,000 to \$39,999	23
\$40,000 to \$49,999	9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	28
\$100,000 to \$249,999	22
\$250,000 to \$499,999	17
\$500,000 or more	25
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	42,561
Average per farm (\$)	74,799
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	18,611
Average per farm (\$)	32,708

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	294
Other	271
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	506
Female	59
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.0
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	651
Black or African American	96
American Indian or Alaska Native	4
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	2
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	16

(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.