



HIGHLIGHTS OF LOUISIANA **Agriculture** 2012



***Forestry, crops, animals, fisheries and more
add up to multibillion dollar industries for state***

Agriculture is big business in Louisiana – contributing billions of dollars to the economy, employing thousands of people and providing many of the products we use every day. From sugarcane and sweet potatoes to crawfish and cattle, with poultry, rice, cotton, forestry, soybeans, corn and much more in between, Louisiana agriculture provides a diverse range of commodities. It also provides jobs for thousands of farmers, fishers, foresters, ranchers and other agricultural producers, as well as the thousands more involved in industries that handle food and fiber products along their way to consumers.

In total, Louisiana agricultural products contributed \$7.2 billion to the state's economy as they left the farm gate in 2012. But their contributions didn't stop there. Couple that "gross farm value" with the "value added" as those products made their way to consumers, and Louisiana agriculture in 2012 had a total economic value of \$11.4 billion. That's why we say agriculture is big business for Louisiana, and that's why the LSU AgCenter is proud to conduct research and extension activities to support the diverse food and fiber industries that are Louisiana agriculture.



2012 Highlights

Louisiana's Top 10 Commodities

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
Forestry	\$2.8 billion
Poultry	\$1.9 billion
Sugarcane	\$993 million
Soybeans	\$805 million
Feed grains	\$794 million
Beef cattle and calves	\$561 million
Marine fisheries	\$523 million
Rice	\$483 million
Horses	\$472 million
Aquaculture	\$431 million



About Louisiana agriculture: Farms and farmers

Louisiana land in farms	8,109,975 acres
Land in forests	14,000,000 acres
Total land in state	27,670,000 acres
Average size of a farm	269 acres

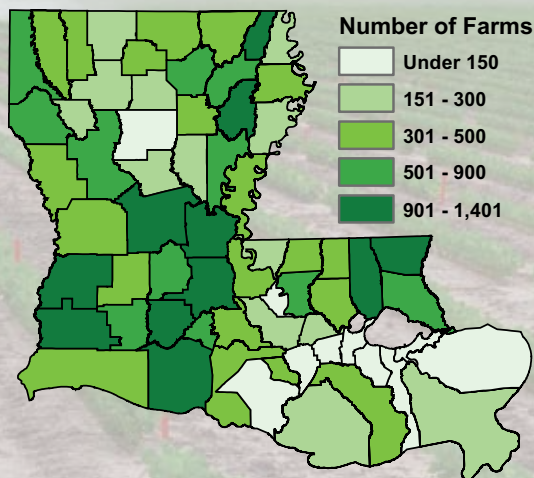
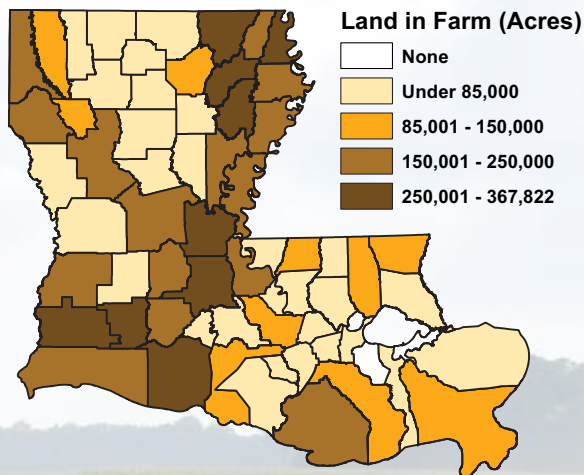
About Louisiana farms

Number of farms	29,000
Number of people living on farms	91,432
Family farms	85%
Partnerships	8%
Corporations	7%

About Louisiana farmers


Average age	58
Farming is primary occupation	40%
Farming is secondary occupation	60%
African-American	6%
Caucasian	93%
Other	1%
Female	28%
Male	72%

Average value of agricultural production per farm	\$131,000
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Louisiana **Aquaculture**

- 2,400 operations
- 184,000 acres of production

A photograph of several alligators in a body of water. The alligators are dark brown with lighter, patterned markings on their backs and heads. They are positioned in the foreground and middle ground, with their heads and front legs visible. The water is a murky green color.

***Aquaculture includes
alligators, crawfish, catfish,
oysters, soft-shell crabs,
turtles, minnows and other
bait fish.***

None

Under 4,000,000

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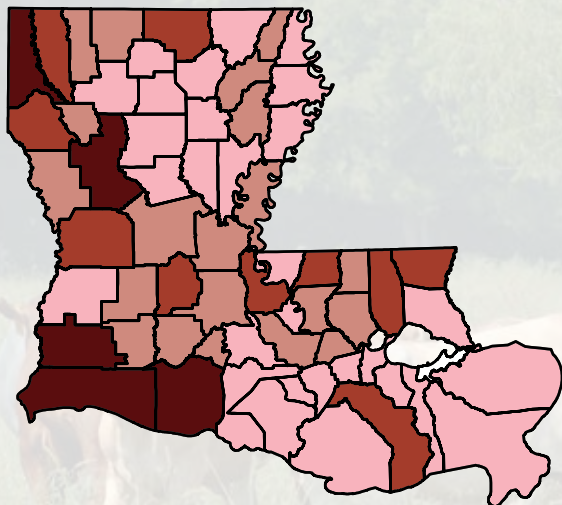
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Louisiana **Beef**

- 611,000 cattle and calves
- 11,000 farms and ranches



Total value of Louisiana beef production during 2012: \$561 million



Beef Gross Farm Value (\$)



None



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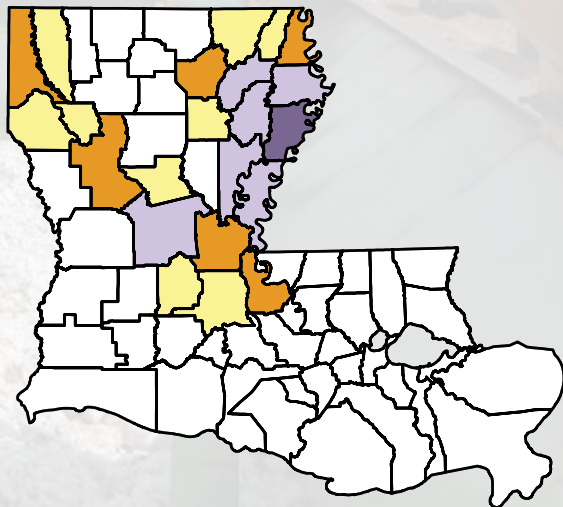
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Louisiana **Cotton**

- **228 million pounds
(476,000 bales) produced**
- **225,000 acres in production**
- **415 producers**



Total value of Louisiana cotton production during 2012: \$278 million



Cotton Gross Farm Value (\$)



None



Under 4,000,000



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13,000,001 - 30,000,000



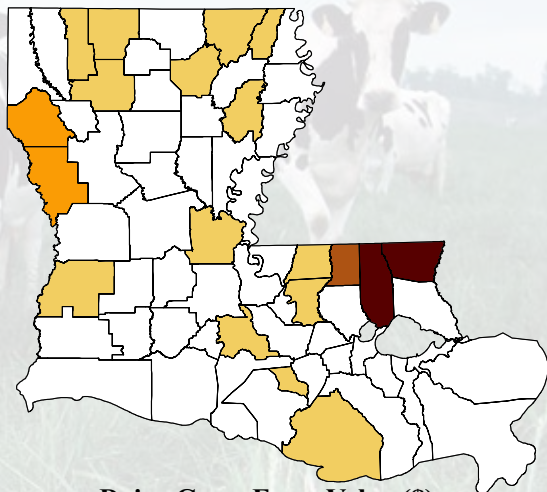
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Louisiana **Dairy**

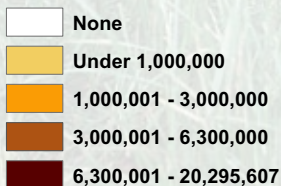


- 218 million pounds of milk produced
- 15,800 dairy cows
- 135 Grade A dairy herds

Total value of Louisiana milk production during 2012: \$118 million



Dairy Gross Farm Value (\$)





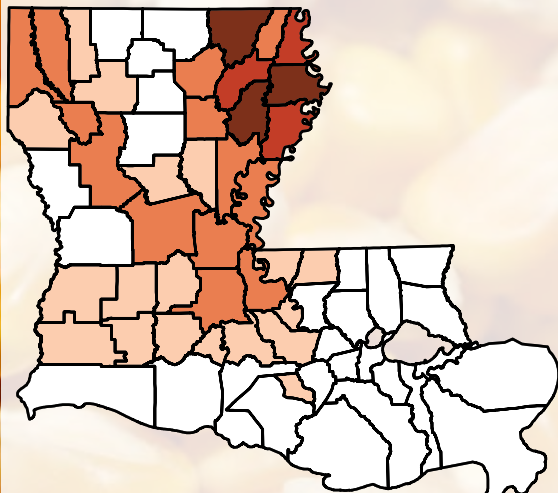
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Feed Grains

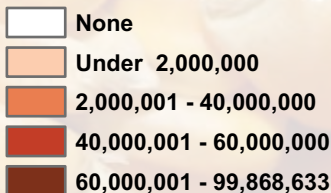
- **103 million bushels produced**
- **650,000 acres in production**
- **1,700 producers**

***Feed grains
include corn,
grain sorghum
and oats.***

Total value of Louisiana feed-grain production during 2012: \$794 million



Feed Grains Gross Farm Value (\$)

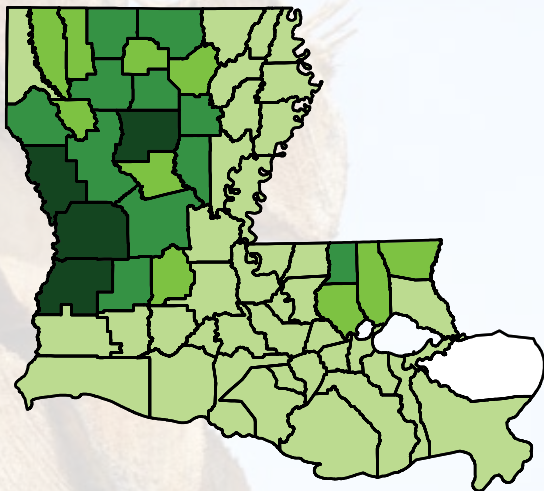


Louisiana **Forestry**

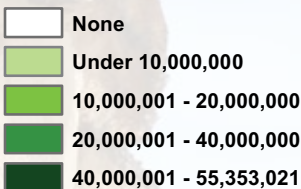
- 14 million acres of forests
- 150,000 forest landowners



Total value of Louisiana forestry production during 2012: \$2.8 billion



Forestry Gross Farm Value (\$)

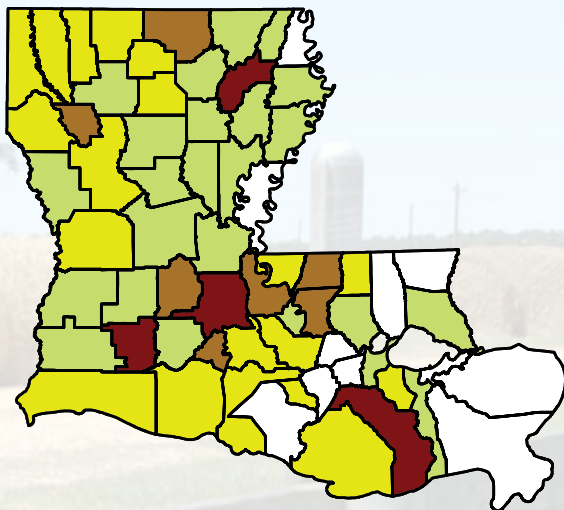


Louisiana **Hay**

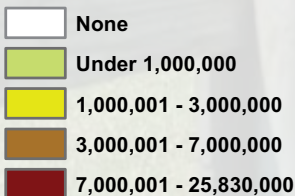


- **1 million tons produced**
- **357,000 acres in production**
- **3,500 producers**

Total value of Louisiana hay production during 2012: \$148 million



Hay Gross Farm Value (\$)



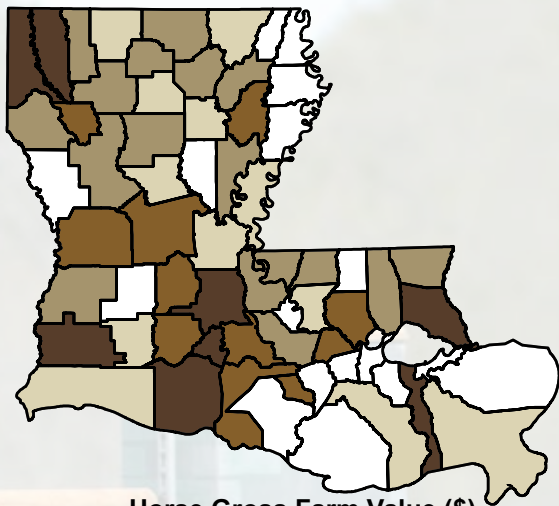
Louisiana **Horses**








- **113,000 horses in state**
 - 10,000 race horses
 - 20,000 show horses
- **42,000 horse owners**

Value of Louisiana horse industry during 2012: \$472 million

- \$200 million to economy from horse-racing industry
- \$118 million economic contribution from show-horse industry
- Total economic contribution estimated to be \$2.4 billion



Horse Gross Farm Value (\$)

	75,000 - 1,000,000
	1,000,001 - 3,000,000
	3,000,001 - 8,000,000
	8,000,001 - 15,000,000
	15,000,001 - 50,125,000

Louisiana

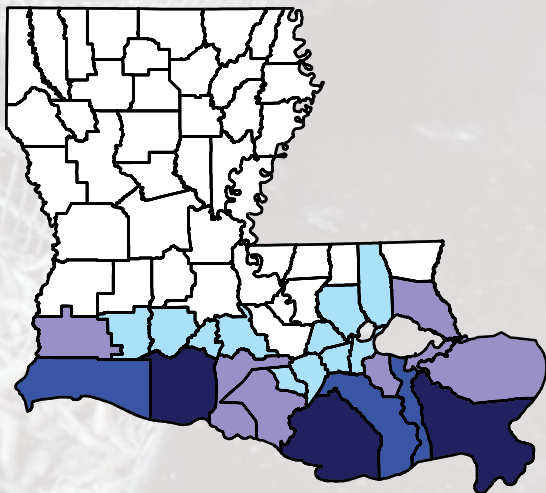
Marine Fisheries

- **1.3 billion pounds total marine catch**
 - 91 million pounds shrimp
 - 1.1 billion pounds menhaden
 - 44 million pounds crab



Marine fisheries information is one year after harvest season due to reporting requirements.

Total value of Louisiana marine fisheries during 2011: \$523 million



Fisheries Gross Farm Value (\$)



None



Under 1,000,000



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10,000,001 - 30,000,000



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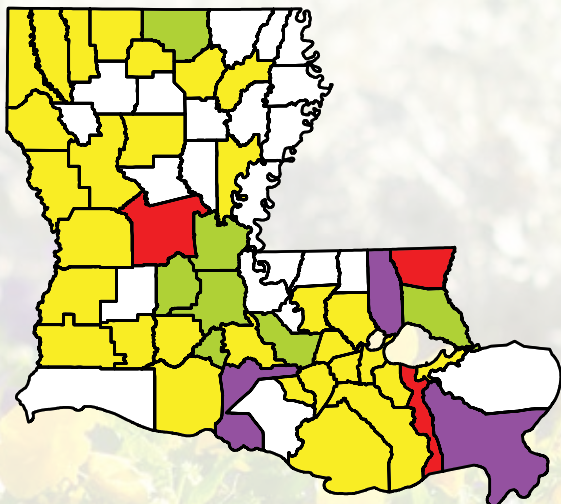
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Nursery Crops

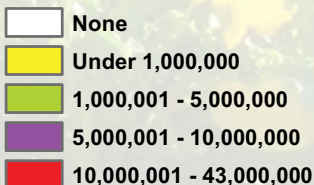
- 8,000 acres in nursery crop production
- 770 nursery operations



Total value of Louisiana nursery crop production in 2012: \$179 million



Nursery Gross Farm Value (\$)

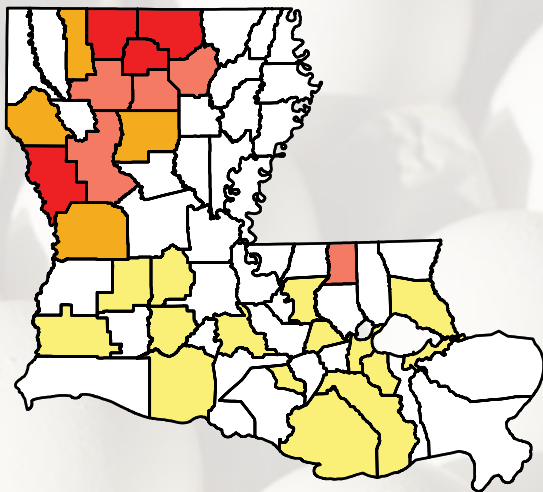


Louisiana **Poultry**

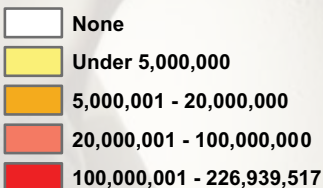
- **913 million pounds of broiler meat produced**
- **375 broiler producers**
- **273 million edible eggs produced**
- **520 edible egg producers**



Total value of Louisiana poultry production during 2012: \$1.9 billion



Poultry Gross Farm Value (\$)



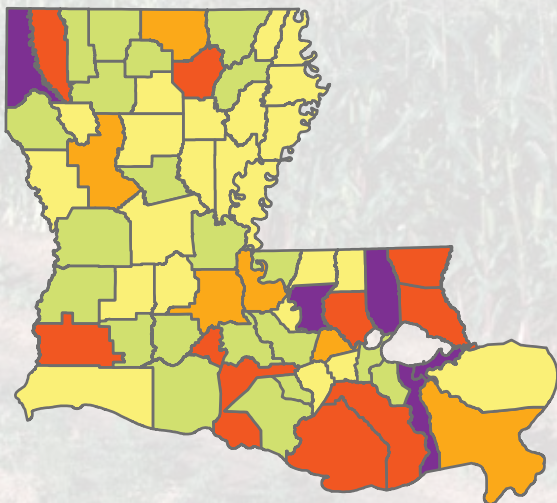
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Produce

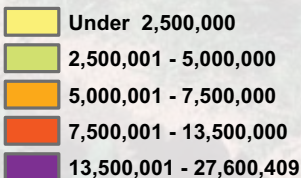
- 35,000 acres of commercial production
- 16,000 producers
- 475,000 home gardens

Produce includes commercial vegetables, greenhouse vegetables, fruit crops, pecans and home gardens.

Total value of Louisiana produce in 2012: \$439 million



Produce Gross Farm Value (\$)

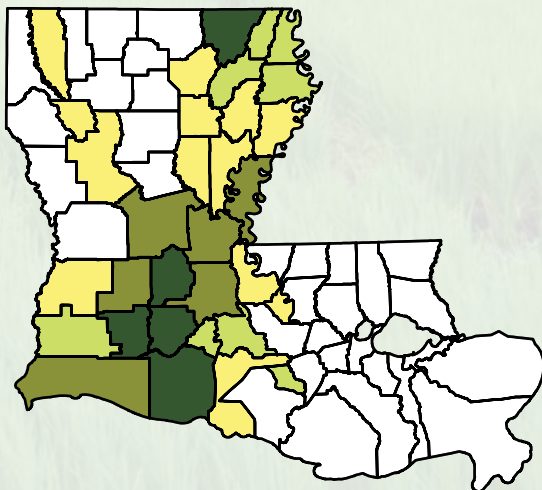


Louisiana **Rice**

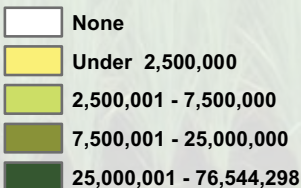
- **2.6 billion pounds of rice produced**
- **391,000 acres in production**
- **1,030 producers**



Total value of Louisiana rice production in 2012: \$483 million



Rice Gross Farm Value (\$)



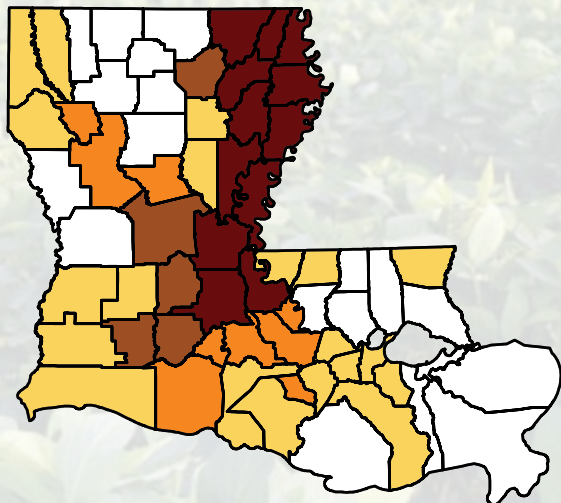
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Soybeans

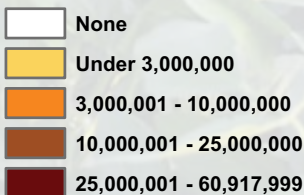
- 50 million bushels produced
- 1.12 million acres in production
- 2,300 producers



Total value of Louisiana soybean production in 2012: \$805 million



Soybeans Gross Farm Value (\$)

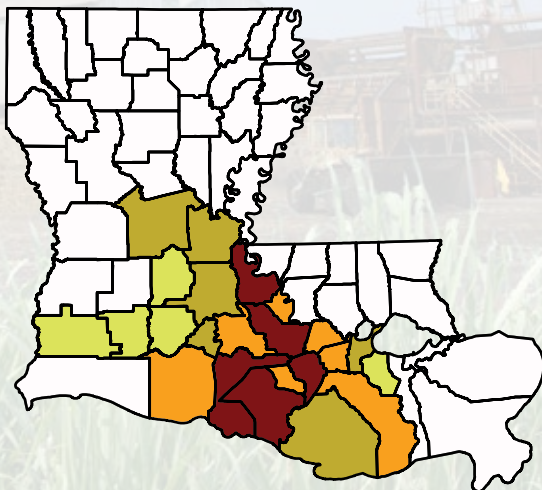


Louisiana **Sugarcane**

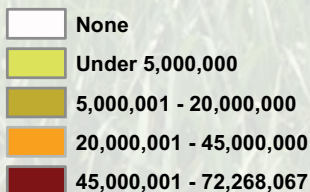


- **1.7 million tons (3.4 billion pounds) of raw sugar produced**
- **102 million gallons molasses**
- **427,000 acres in production**
- **480 producers**

Total value of Louisiana sugarcane production in 2012: \$993 million



Sugarcane Gross Farm Value (\$)



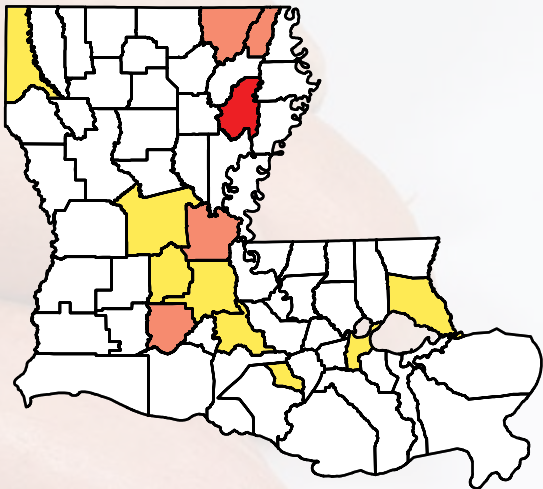
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Sweet Potatoes

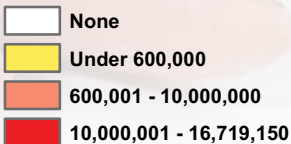
- 3.9 million bushels produced
- 9,700 acres in production
- 50 producers



Total value of Louisiana sweet potato production in 2012: \$80 million



Sweet Potato Gross Farm Value (\$)

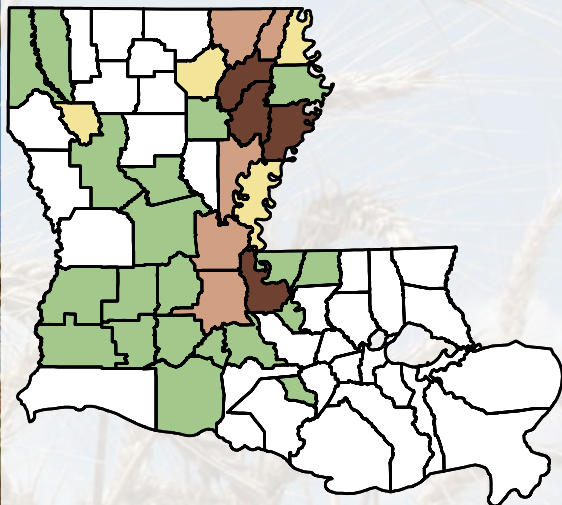




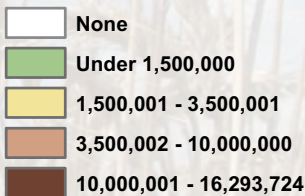
Louisiana **Wheat**

- **14.8 million bushels produced**
- **256,000 acres in production**
- **530 producers**

Total value of Louisiana wheat production during 2012: \$132 million



Wheat Gross Farm Value (\$)



2012 Progress Report

Plant Commodities

Commodity	Gross Farm Value	Value Added	Total Value
Cotton	\$231,853,805	\$46,370,761	\$278,224,566
Feed Grain Crops	\$675,962,247	\$118,293,393	\$794,255,640
Forestry	\$758,901,403	\$2,086,978,858	\$2,845,880,261
Fruit Crops	\$32,438,685	\$8,109,671	\$40,548,356
Greenhouse Vegetables	\$2,024,570	\$303,686	\$2,328,256
Hay, Sold	\$128,274,408	\$19,241,161	\$147,515,569
Home Gardens	\$249,456,858	-	\$249,456,858
Nursery Stock and Ornamentals	\$115,741,830	\$63,658,007	\$179,399,837
Other Oilseed		-	-
Peanuts	\$2,180,827	\$272,603	\$2,453,431
Pecans	\$14,565,592	\$4,005,538	\$18,571,129
Rice	\$371,419,683	\$111,425,905	\$482,845,587
Sod Production	\$16,725,000	\$12,543,750	\$29,268,750
Soybeans	\$700,050,662	\$105,007,599	\$805,058,261
Sugarcane	\$586,073,097	\$406,734,730	\$992,807,827
Sweet Potatoes	\$45,438,203	\$34,078,652	\$79,516,856
Vegetables, Commercial	\$51,353,054	\$77,029,581	\$128,382,635
Wheat	\$112,575,372	\$19,700,690	\$132,276,063
Total	\$4,095,035,296	\$3,113,754,585	\$7,208,789,881

Animal Commodities			
Commodity	Gross Farm Value	Value Added	Total Value
Cattle/Calves	\$498,861,711	\$62,357,714	\$561,219,425
Milk	\$48,185,782	\$69,869,384	\$118,055,166
Horses	\$426,873,500	\$44,821,718	\$471,695,218
Poultry	\$958,507,658	\$934,544,966	\$1,893,052,624
Rabbits	\$167,691	\$15,931	\$183,621
Ostrich/Ratite	-	-	-
Quail/Pheasant	\$10,563	\$1,109	\$11,672
Sheep	\$1,232,998	\$129,465	\$1,362,462
Goats	\$2,171,634	\$228,022	\$2,399,656
Swine	\$1,906,919	\$476,730	\$2,383,648
Exotic Animals	\$65,800	\$4,935	\$70,735
Total	\$1,937,984,254	\$1,112,449,972	\$3,050,434,226

Fisheries and Wildlife Commodities			
Commodity	Gross Farm Value	Value Added	Total Value
Aquaculture	\$257,365,712	\$173,721,856	\$431,087,567
Fisheries			
Freshwater	\$13,378,803	\$11,706,453	\$25,085,256
Marine	\$264,686,947	\$258,069,773	\$522,756,720
Fur Animals	\$294,284	\$73,571	\$367,855
Alligators (wild)	\$11,427,863	\$6,285,325	\$17,713,188
Hunting Leases	\$94,034,860	\$7,052,615	\$101,087,475
Honey	\$2,288,667	\$572,167	\$2,860,834
Total	\$643,477,136	\$457,481,759	\$1,100,958,895

Total of All Commodities	\$6,676,496,686	\$4,683,686,316	\$11,360,183,001
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**Louisiana Summary of Agriculture
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**Louisiana Department of Agriculture
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