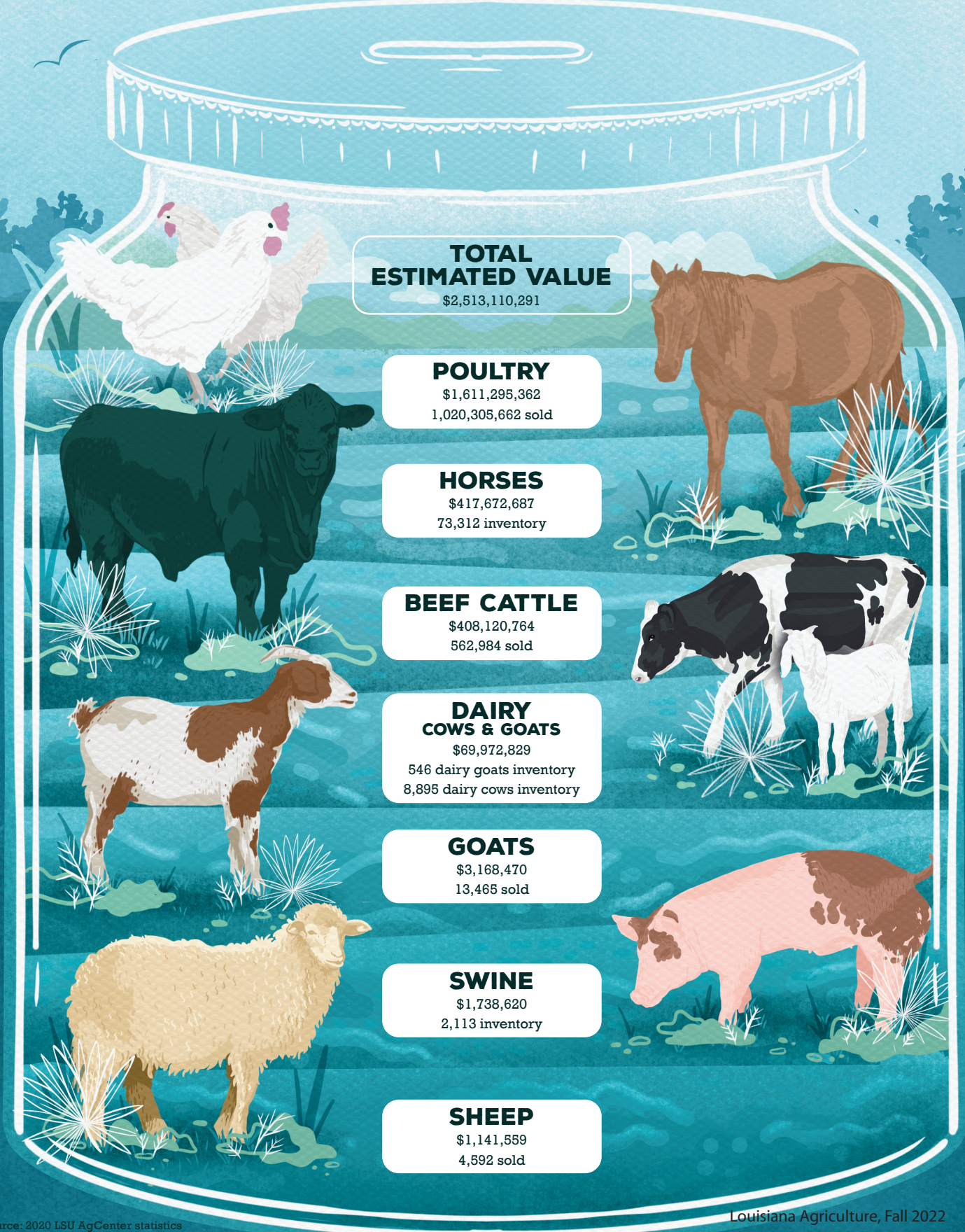


LIVESTOCK IN LOUISIANA

Livestock production thrives in Louisiana. The livestock sector contributes \$2.5 billion to the state. The top three livestock commodities, cattle, horses and poultry, employ thousands. Here's a look at Louisiana's top animal-related industries.



**TOTAL
ESTIMATED VALUE**
\$2,513,110,291

POULTRY

\$1,611,295,362
1,020,305,662 sold

HORSES

\$417,672,687
73,312 inventory

BEEF CATTLE

\$408,120,764
562,984 sold

DAIRY COWS & GOATS

\$69,972,829
546 dairy goats inventory
8,895 dairy cows inventory

GOATS

\$3,168,470
13,465 sold

SWINE

\$1,738,620
2,113 inventory

SHEEP

\$1,141,559
4,592 sold

LSU AGCENTER HELPS LOUISIANA RAISE HEALTHY, PROFITABLE LIVESTOCK

For more than a century, AgCenter Extension agents and researchers have worked to ensure Louisiana producers can raise healthy, strong animals for work, profit or pleasure. At youth livestock shows, farms and ranches, and research stations across the state, agents and researchers teach the people of Louisiana to care for livestock.



CATTLE

LSU AgCenter researchers stationed in every region of Louisiana have spent more than 100 years working to improve cattle breeds and the forages that help feed these animals. At Iberia Research Station near Jeanerette in south Louisiana, breeders helped develop the Brangus, a hybrid of the Angus and the Brahman that is prized for its adaptability to heat and humidity and resistance to parasites. Faculty also study cattle at the Doyle Chambers Central Research Station in Baton Rouge, the Dean Lee Research and Extension Center in Alexandria, and the Southeast Research Station near Franklinton, which was created to focus on dairy cattle and the production of quality forages.

HORSES

The AgCenter teaches horsemanship and horse health. Experts lead educational clinics and create helpful publications to support the industry. The 4-H horse curriculum and the Master Horseman Program encourage the children and adults of Louisiana to continue the culture of horsemanship that has thrived in the state for centuries.

POULTRY

At the Hill Farm Research Station near Homer in northwestern Louisiana, the AgCenter maintains a commercial chicken production facility. There, researchers study best practices for poultry production facilities. Another poultry research unit is housed at the Doyle Chambers Central Research Station in Baton Rouge, where LSU College of Agriculture poultry science students work in the chicken house for educational and research purposes.

SWINE

At the swine unit at the LSU AgCenter Doyle Chambers Central Research Station, the future producers, extension agents and agriculture educators of Louisiana learn to raise pigs while taking courses in the LSU College of Agriculture School of Animal Sciences. Many of the state's swine producers focus on raising animals for youth livestock shows, according to AgCenter statistics.

SHEEP AND GOATS

The Louisiana goat industry is on the rise. Statewide, there are more than 800 producers. AgCenter agents assist more than 275 sheep producers who breed animals primarily for 4-H'ers to raise for livestock shows. Across the state 4-H agents educate and assist these students. More than 100 goat and sheep producers have attended the AgCenter Master Goat Producer Program in which expert producers and AgCenter and LSU School of Veterinary Medicine faculty pass along their knowledge of raising these small ruminant animals. While focused on goat production, much of the curriculum applies to caring for sheep as well.