

Highlights of Louisiana

Agriculture

2025



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

LOUISIANA SOLUTIONS **GLOBAL IMPACT**

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 catfish, with cattle, rice, cotton, 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 thousands more involved in industries that handle food and fiber producers along their way to consumers.

In total, Louisiana agricultural products contributed \$7.37 billion to the state's economy as they left the farm gate in 2025. But their contributions didn't stop there. Couple that "gross farm value" with the "value added" as those producers made their way to consumers, and Louisiana agriculture had a total economic value of nearly \$12.96 billion in 2025. 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 diverse food and fiber industries that are Louisiana agriculture.

Louisiana's Top 10 Commodities

Commodity	Total Value
Forestry	\$3.48 billion
Poultry	\$1.87 billion
Sugarcane	\$1.51 billion
Cattle and calves	\$903.54 million
Aquaculture	\$807.5 million
Feed grain crops	\$765.94 million
Rice	\$618.53 million
Marine fisheries	\$523.53 million
Soybeans	\$518.04 million
Horses	\$447.58 million

About Louisiana agriculture: Farms and farmers

Louisiana land in farms	8,000,000 acres
Land in forests	14,944,790 acres
Total land in state	22,944,790 acres
Average size of a farm	329 acres
Average landholding by timber owner	101 acres

About Louisiana farms

Number of farms	25,006
With less than \$5,000 in sales	51.8%
With \$5,000 to \$99,999 in sales	34.9%
With \$100,000 to \$499,999 in sales	5.8%
With \$500,000 or more in sales	7.5%
Family farms	84.5%
Partnerships	7.4%
Corporations	7.1%
Other	1.0%

About Louisiana farmers

Age

Under 34 years	7.2%	55 to 64 years	21.8%
35 to 44 years	24.6%	65 years and over	32.1%
45 to 54 years	14.3%	Average Age	58

Primary occupation

Farming	39.3%
Other	60.7%

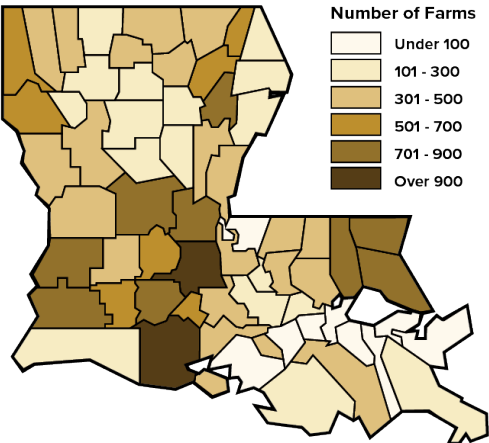
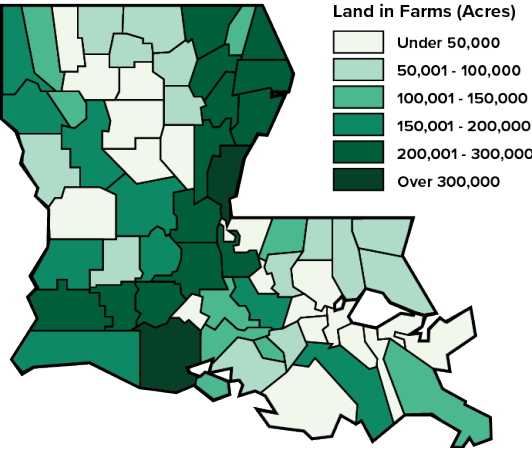
Race

African American	6.7%
Caucasian	91.6%
Other	1.7%

Sex

Male	64.4%
Female	35.6%

Average value of agricultural production per farm	\$170,691
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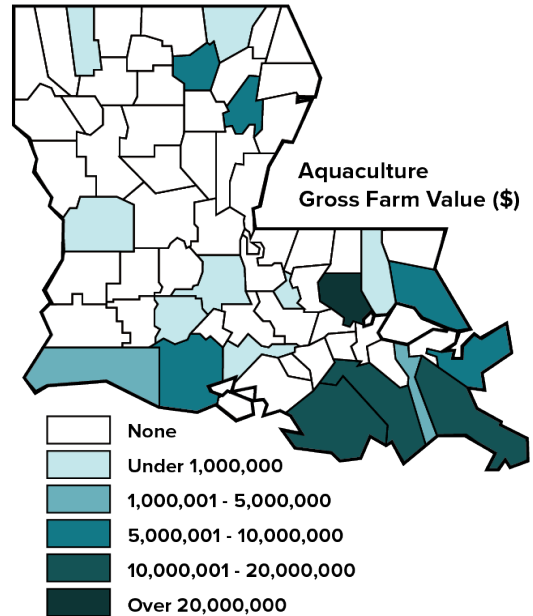
Louisiana Aquaculture (without crawfish)



- 440 operations across 20 parishes
- 6.8 million pounds of catfish produced
- 1.1 million sacks of oysters produced
- 293,815 alligators marketed
- 298,300 turtles marketed
- 195,149 pounds of other aquaculture production

The aquaculture industries in Louisiana other than crawfish include catfish, alligators, oysters, soft-shell crabs, turtles, minnows and other bait fish.

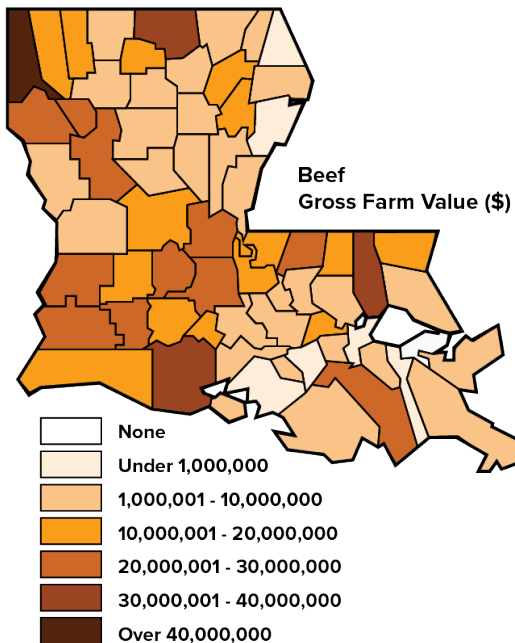
Total value of Louisiana aquaculture production (without crawfish) in 2025: \$215.6 million





- 469,715 head in cow herd inventory
- 420,607 head of cattle marketed
- 10,213 farms and ranches
- Cattle production in 63 parishes

Total value of Louisiana beef production in 2025: \$903.5 million

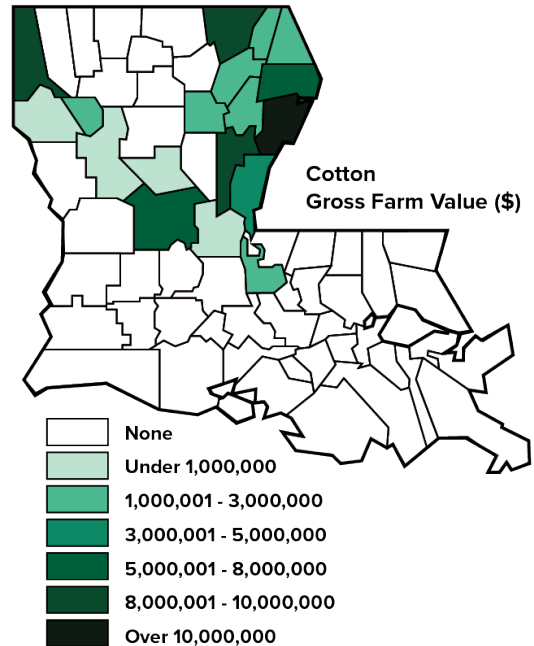


Louisiana Cotton



- 95.4 million pounds (198,816 bales) produced
- 72,558 acres harvested
- 211 producers
- Production reported in 18 parishes

**Total value of Louisiana cotton
production in 2025: \$99.3 million**



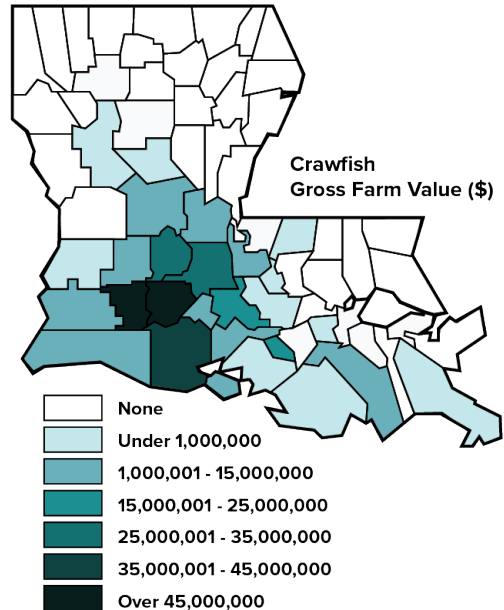
Louisiana Crawfish (farm-raised)



- 385,974 acres in crawfish production
- 1,933 producers
- 215.5 million pounds marketed
- Production in 25 parishes

In addition to farm-raised crawfish, wild-caught crawfish added another 3.4 million pounds of production with a total value of \$12.7 million.

**Total value of Louisiana farm-raised
crawfish production
in 2025: \$591.9 million.**

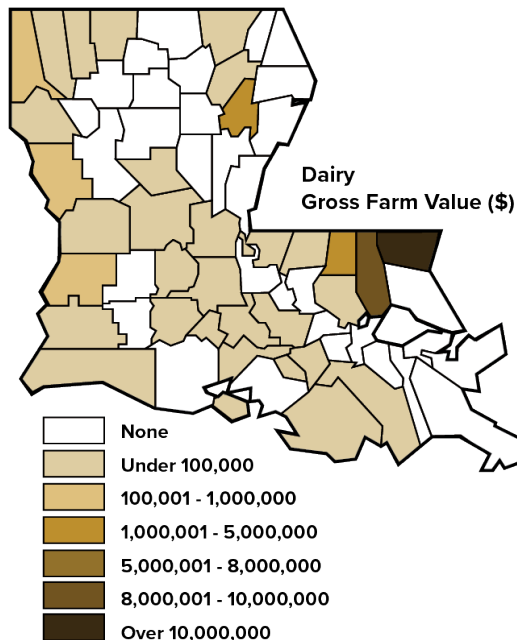




- 93.0 million pounds of milk produced
- 6,618 dairy cows; 1,823 dairy goats
- 46 Grade A dairy herds; 194 dairy goat operations
- Milk from dairy cattle reported in 11 parishes
- Milk from dairy goats reported in 27 parishes

Total value of Louisiana dairy production in 2025: \$70.9 million

Dairy goats added another 830,000 pounds to total milk production with a total value of \$1.3 million.



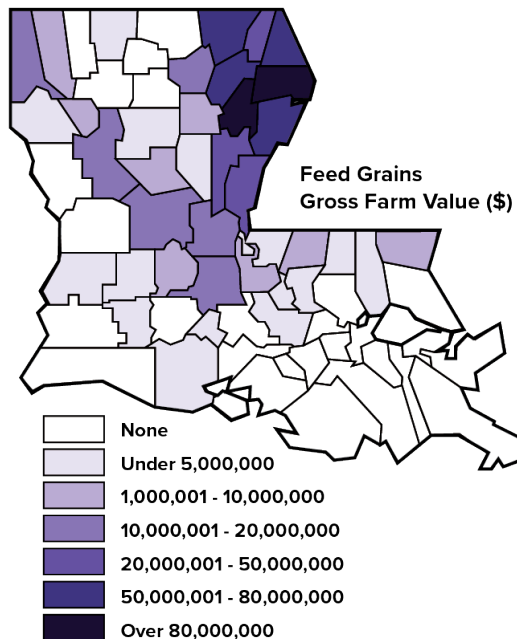
Louisiana Feed Grains



- 149.6 million bushels produced
- 801,478 acres harvested
- 1,016 producers
- Production reported in 38 parishes

Feed grains include corn, grain sorghum and oats.

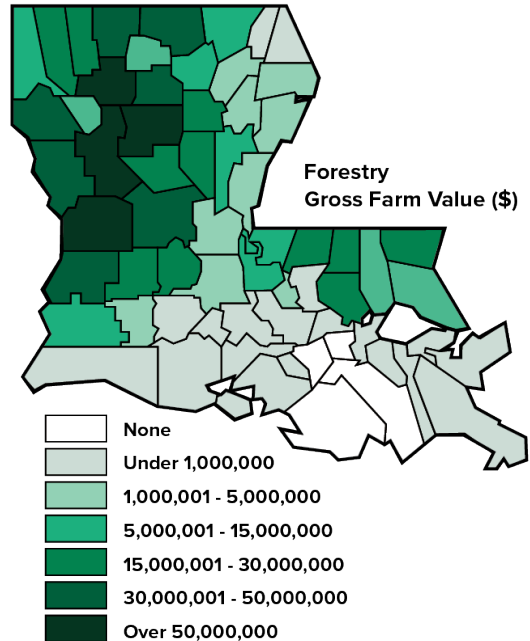
**Total value of Louisiana feed grain
production in 2025: \$765.9 million**





- 14.9 million acres of forests in Louisiana
- 5.4 million cords of pulpwood and chip-n-saw produced
- 1.3 billion board feet of saw timber produced
- 7,578 Christmas trees sold
- 48,300 bales of pine straw sold
- 34 million forest seedlings sold
- Production reported in 59 parishes

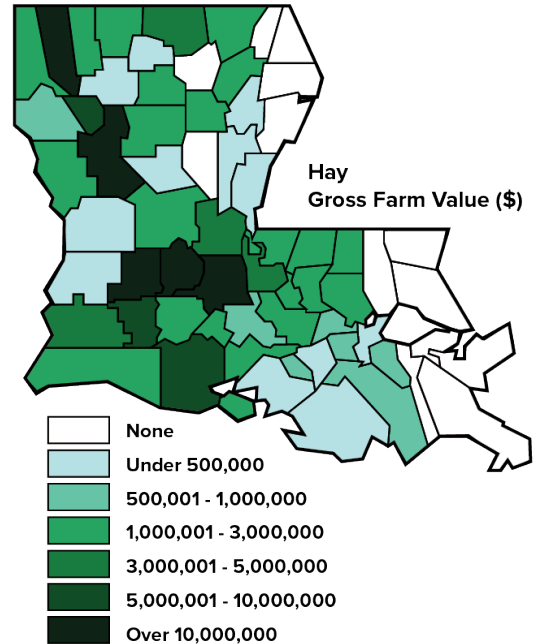
Total value of Louisiana forestry production in 2025: \$3.5 billion





- 1.25 million tons produced
- 409,751 acres harvested
- 2,776 producers
- Production reported in 51 parishes

Total value of Louisiana hay production in 2025: \$196.2 million

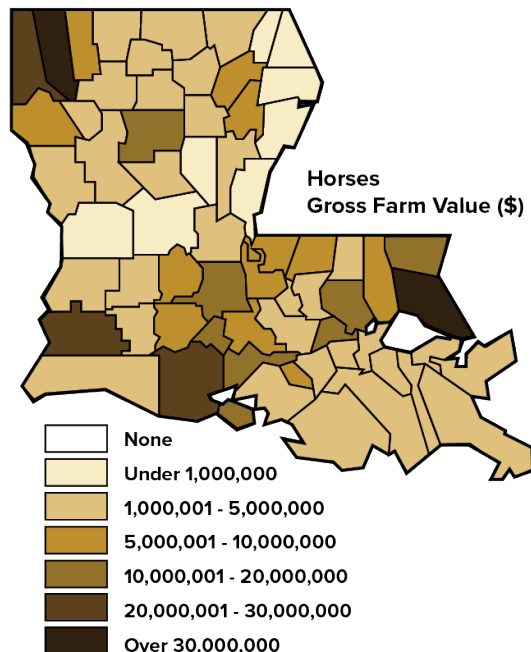


Louisiana Horses



- **97,588 horses**
 - 14,918 racehorses
 - 18,353 show horses
 - 64,317 recreation horses
- **37,622 horse producers/owners**
- **Horse ownership reported in all 64 parishes**
- **More than an estimated \$200 million economic impact from horse racing industry annually**
- **More than an estimated \$100 million economic contribution from show horse industry annually**
- **Total economic effects are estimated at nearly \$2 billion annually**

Total value of Louisiana horse industry in 2025: \$447.6 million



Louisiana Marine Fisheries



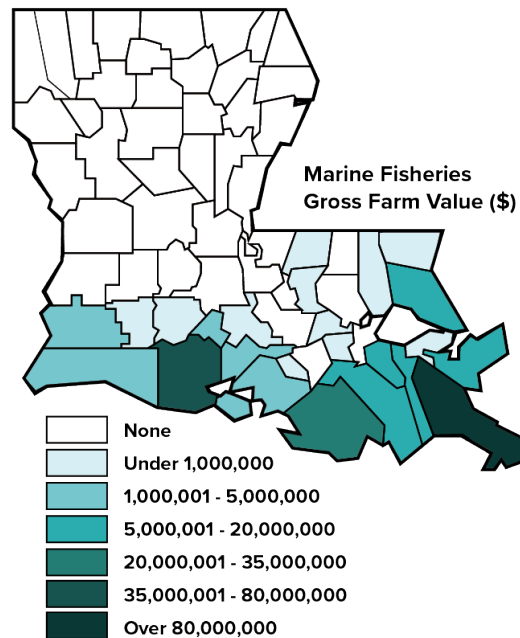
- **675.3 million pounds total marine catch in Louisiana**

- 60.9 million pounds shrimp
- 40.0 million pounds crab
- 574.4 million pounds commercial finfish (including menhaden)

- **Harvested by fishermen from 23 parishes**

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

Total value of Louisiana marine fisheries in 2025*: \$523.5 million

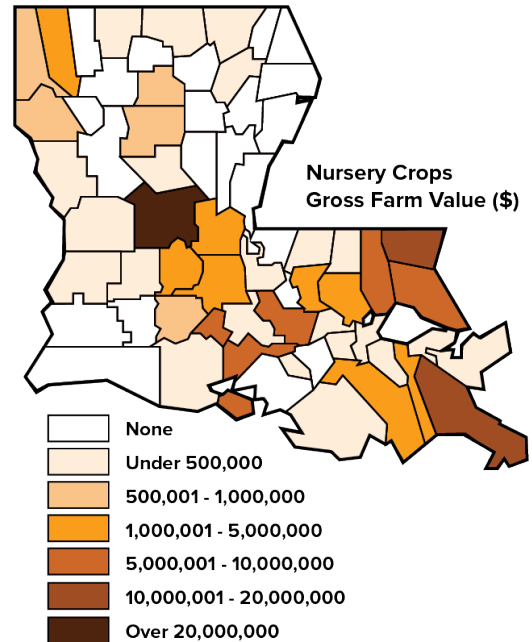


Louisiana Nursery Crops



- 2,854 acres in nursery crop production
- 1,110 nursery operations in Louisiana
- Production reported in 42 parishes

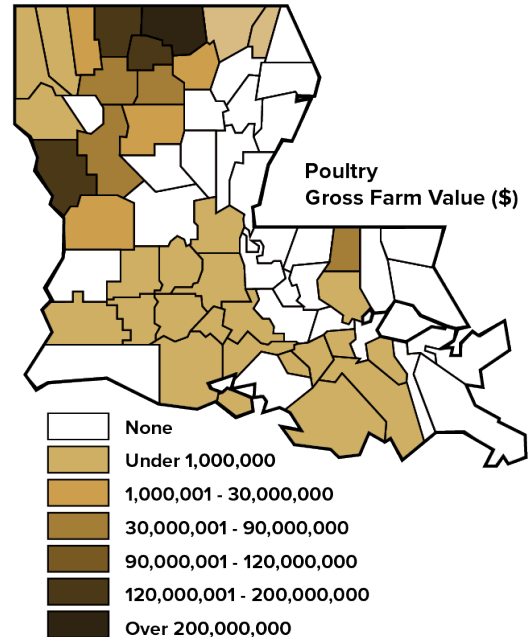
Total value of Louisiana nursery crop production in 2025: \$204.9 million





- 1.17 billion pounds of broiler meat produced
- 474 broiler producers
- 18.5 million dozen of edible eggs produced
- 1,019 edible egg producers
- Production reported in 34 parishes

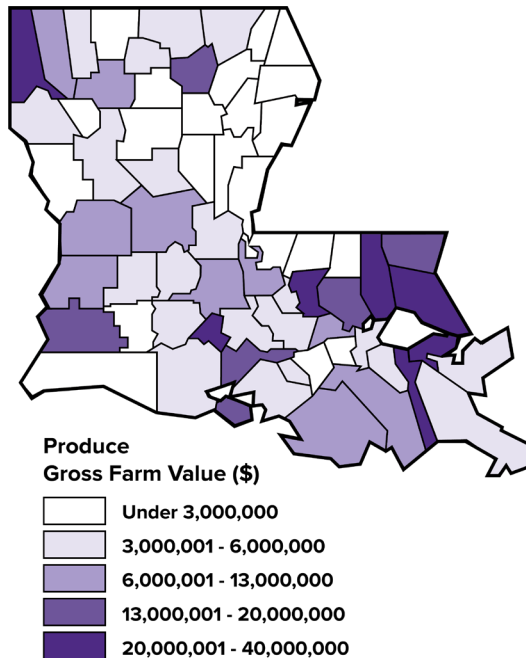
Total value of Louisiana poultry production in 2025: \$1.87 billion





- 5,405 commercial producers
- 22,910 acres harvested for commercial production
- 146,810 square feet of greenhouse in commercial production
- 618,991 home gardens
- Production reported in all 64 parishes

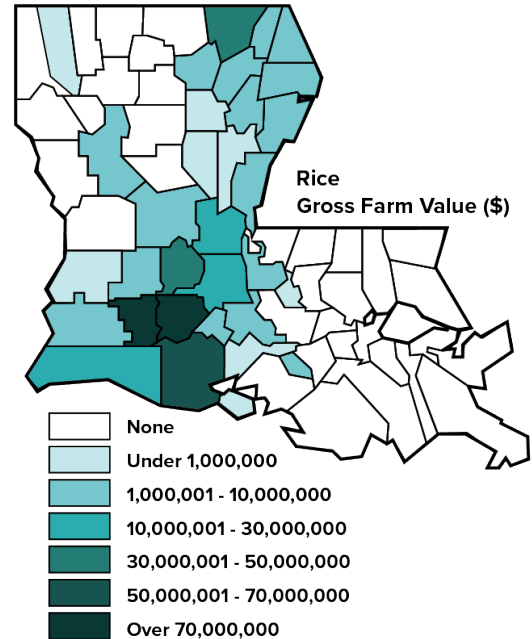
Total value of Louisiana produce in 2025: \$609 million





- 3.59 billion pounds of rice produced
- 469,956 acres harvested
- 189,926 ratoon (second crop) acres harvested
- 719 producers
- Production reported in 30 parishes

Total value of Louisiana rice production in 2025: \$618.5 million

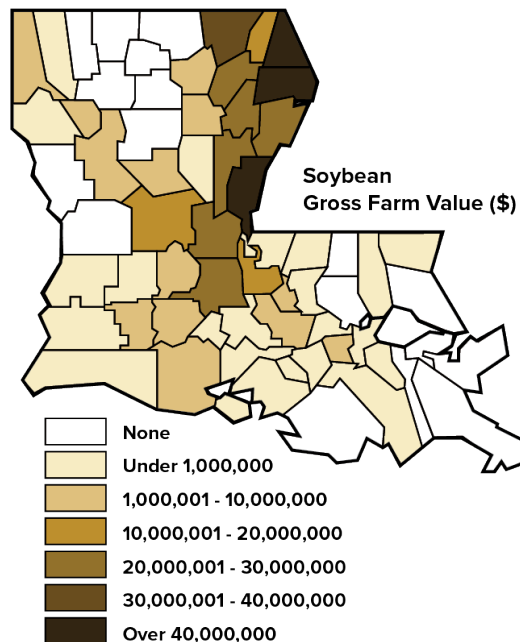


Louisiana Soybeans



- 42.2 million bushels produced
- 784,602 acres harvested
- 1,157 producers
- Production reported in 47 parishes

Total value of Louisiana soybean production in 2025: \$518.0 million

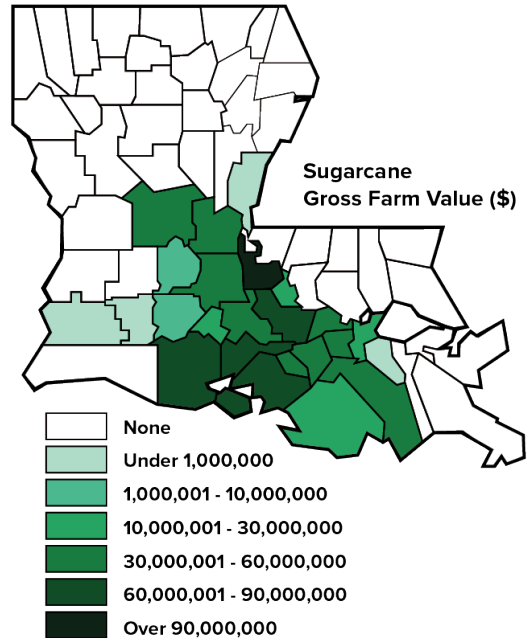


Louisiana Sugarcane



- 2.22 million tons (4.45 billion pounds) of raw sugar produced
- 99.6 million gallons of molasses produced
- 543,549 acres harvested seed and sugar
- 502,725 acres harvested for sugar
- 497 producers
- Production reported in 23 parishes

Total value of Louisiana sugarcane production in 2025: \$1.51 billion

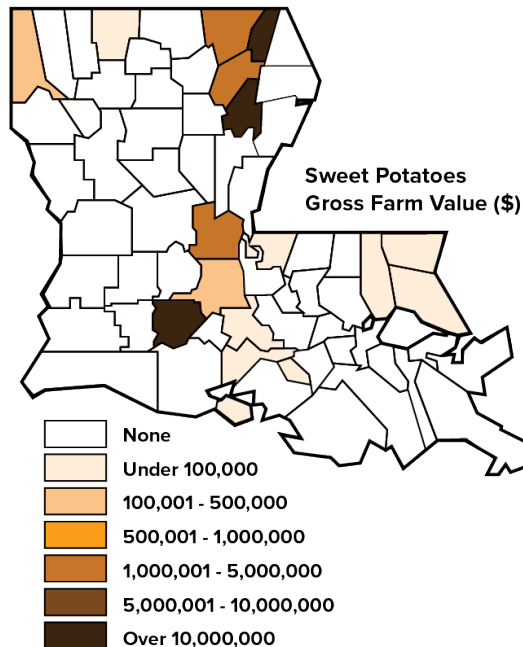


Louisiana Sweet Potatoes



- 2.8 million bushels produced
- 5,407 acres harvested
- 37 producers
- Production reported in 15 parishes

Total value of Louisiana sweet potato production in 2025: \$80.2 million

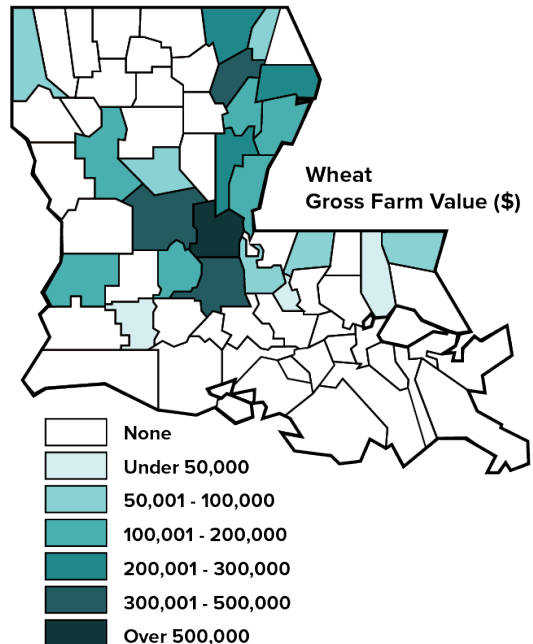


Louisiana Wheat



- **759,165 bushels produced**
- **13,706 acres harvested**
- **55 producers**
- **Production reported in 22 parishes**

Total value of Louisiana wheat production in 2025: \$4.5 million



2025 Progress Report

Animal Commodities

Commodity	Gross Farm Value	Value Added	Total Value
Cattle and Calves	\$803,142,383	\$100,392,798	\$903,535,181
Milk	\$27,677,301	\$44,560,454	\$72,237,755
Horses	\$403,225,900	\$44,354,849	\$447,580,749
Poultry	\$948,690,935	\$924,973,662	\$1,873,664,597
Rabbits	\$188,858	\$19,830	\$208,688
Quail/Pheasant	\$97,065	\$10,677	\$107,742
Sheep	\$2,142,627	\$246,402	\$2,389,029
Goats	\$2,837,441	\$354,680	\$3,192,121
Swine	\$1,702,870	\$212,859	\$1,915,729
Exotic Animals	\$1,345,600	\$141,288	\$1,486,888
Total	\$2,191,050,979	\$1,115,267,499	\$3,306,318,478

Fisheries and Wildlife Commodities

Commodity	Gross Farm Value	Value Added	Total Value
Aquaculture	\$482,087,609	\$325,409,136	\$807,496,745
Freshwater Fisheries	\$11,521,105	\$10,080,967	\$21,602,072
Marine Fisheries	\$265,076,122	\$258,449,219	\$523,525,341
Fur Animals	\$66,330	\$16,582	\$82,912
Alligators (wild)	\$9,128,393	\$5,020,616	\$14,149,009
Hunting Lease Enterprise	\$139,653,156	\$11,870,518	\$151,523,674
Honey	\$5,429,552	\$1,357,388	\$6,786,940
Total	\$912,962,267	\$612,204,426	\$1,525,166,693

Plant Commodities

Commodity	Gross Farm Value	Value Added	Total Value
Cotton	\$79,419,938	\$19,854,985	\$99,274,923
Feed Grain Crops	\$651,861,073	\$114,075,688	\$765,936,761
Forestry	\$870,976,580	\$2,612,929,739	\$3,483,906,319
Fruit Crops	\$31,289,689	\$10,951,391	\$42,241,080
Greenhouse Vegetables	\$1,595,426	\$558,399	\$2,153,825
Hay, Sold	\$167,001,342	\$29,225,235	\$196,226,577
Home Gardens	\$385,012,402	\$0	\$385,012,402
Nursery Stock and Ornamentals	\$132,241,826	\$72,733,004	\$204,974,830
Other Oilseed	\$0	\$0	\$0
Peanuts	\$7,246,590	\$1,086,989	\$8,333,579
Pecans	\$6,593,634	\$1,813,249	\$8,406,883
Rice	\$464,015,686	\$154,517,223	\$618,532,909
Sod Production	\$20,021,984	\$15,016,488	\$35,038,472
Soybeans	\$440,886,682	\$77,155,169	\$518,041,851
Sugarcane	\$889,101,846	\$617,036,681	\$1,506,138,527
Sweet Potatoes	\$45,825,268	\$34,368,951	\$80,194,219
Vegetables, Commercial	\$72,862,940	\$98,364,968	\$171,227,908
Perique Tobacco	\$42,323	\$31,742	\$74,065
Wheat	\$3,856,556	\$674,897	\$4,531,453
Total	\$4,269,851,786	\$3,860,394,798	\$8,130,246,583

Total			
All Commodities	\$7,373,865,032	\$5,587,866,723	\$12,961,731,754

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