

HIGHLIGHTS OF LOUISIANA Agriculture 2014



***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 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 the thousands more involved in industries that handle food and fiber products along their way to consumers.

In total, Louisiana agricultural products contributed \$7 billion to the state's economy as they left the farm gate in 2014. 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 had a total economic value of \$12.3 billion in 2014. 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.



2014 Highlights

Louisiana's Top 10 Commodities

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
Forestry	\$3.5 billion
Poultry	\$1.7 billion
Soybeans	\$1.2 billion
Beef cattle and calves	\$895 million
Sugarcane	\$747 million
Rice	\$656 million
Marine fisheries	\$649 million
Horses	\$508 million
Aquaculture	\$492 million
Feed grains	\$396 million



About Louisiana Agriculture: Farms and Farmers

Louisiana land in farms	7,900,865 acres
Land in forests	13,800,000 acres
Total land in state	27,650,000 acres
Average size of a farm	281 acres

About Louisiana farms

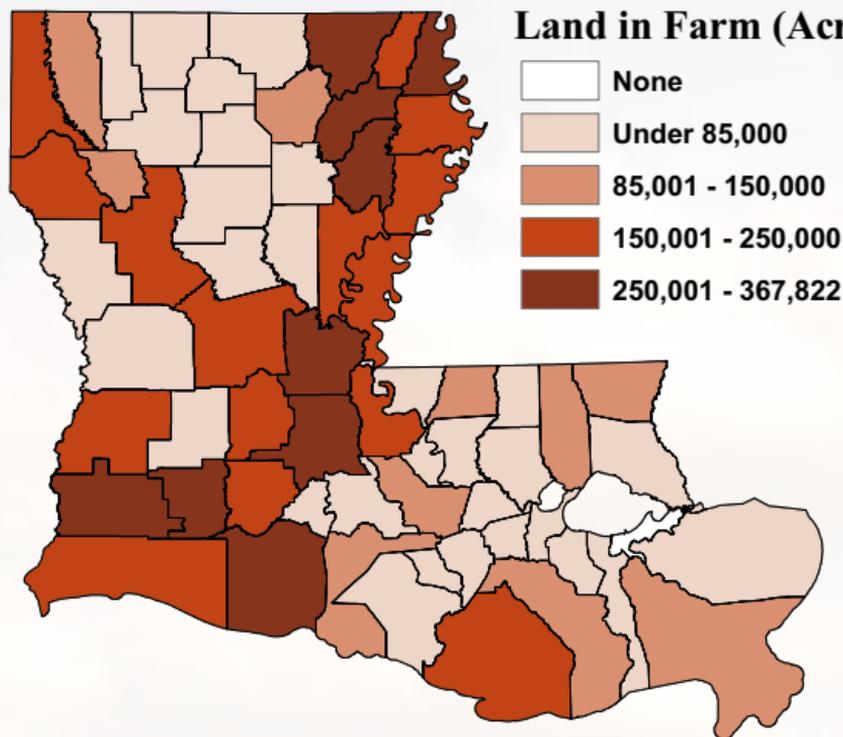
Number of farms	28,093
Number of people living on farms	89,000
Less than \$5,000 in sales	56%
\$5,000 to \$99,999 in sales	32%
\$100,000 to \$499,999 in sales	5%
\$500,000 or more in sales	7%

About Louisiana farmers

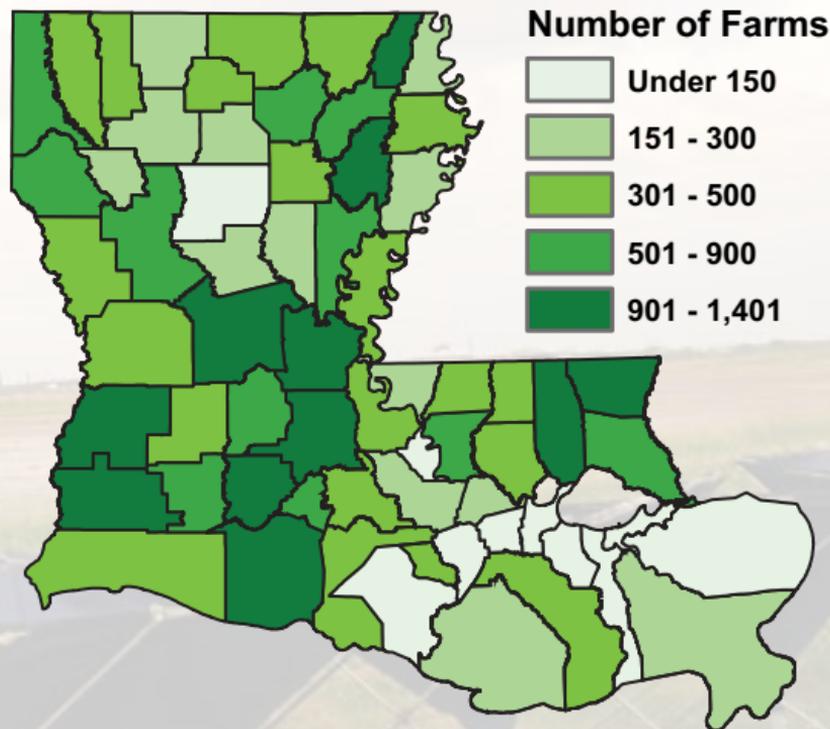
Average age	58.5
Farming is primary occupation	43%
Farming is secondary occupation	57%
African-American	7%
Caucasian	91%
Other	2%
Female	12%
Male	88%

Average value of agricultural production per farm	\$197,286
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Land in Farm (Acres)



Number of Farms



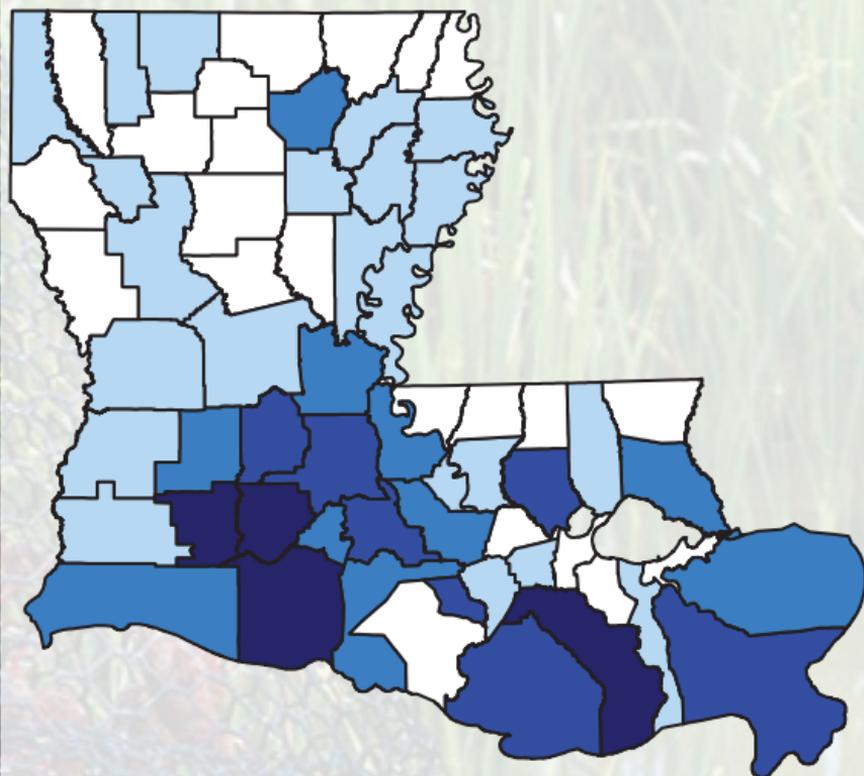
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Aquaculture

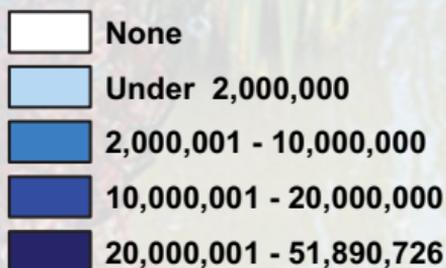
- 2,300 operations
- 227,000 acres of production

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

Total value of Louisiana aquaculture production during 2014: \$492 million



Aquaculture Gross Farm Value (\$)

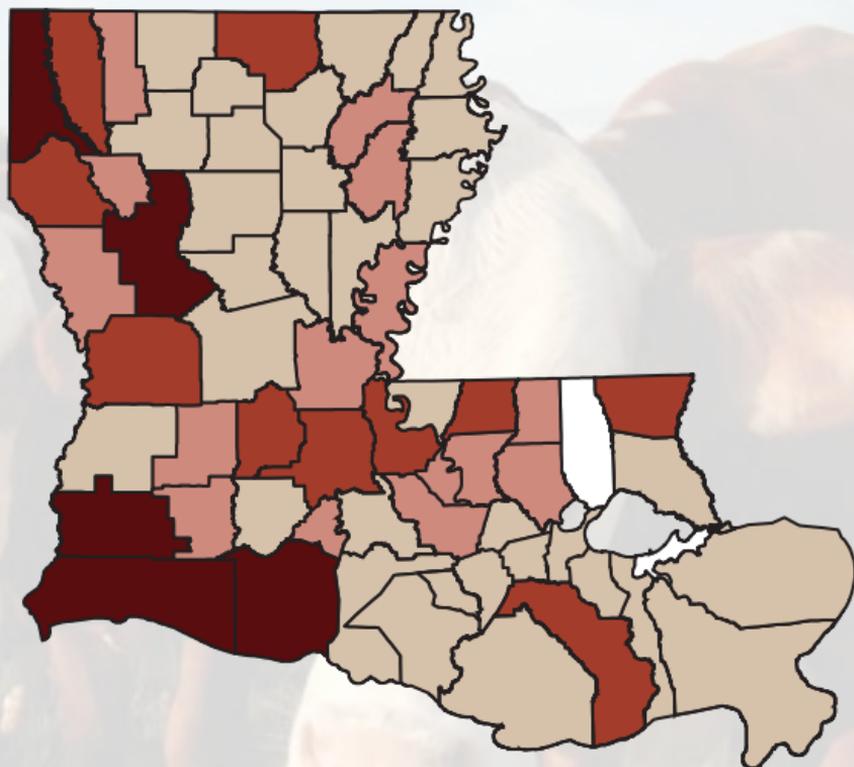


Louisiana **Beef**

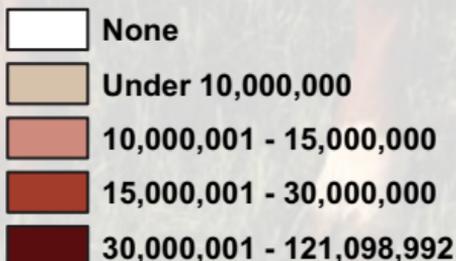
- **433,000** cattle and calves
- **7,400** farms and ranches



Total value of Louisiana beef production during 2014: \$895 million



Beef Gross Farm Value (\$)



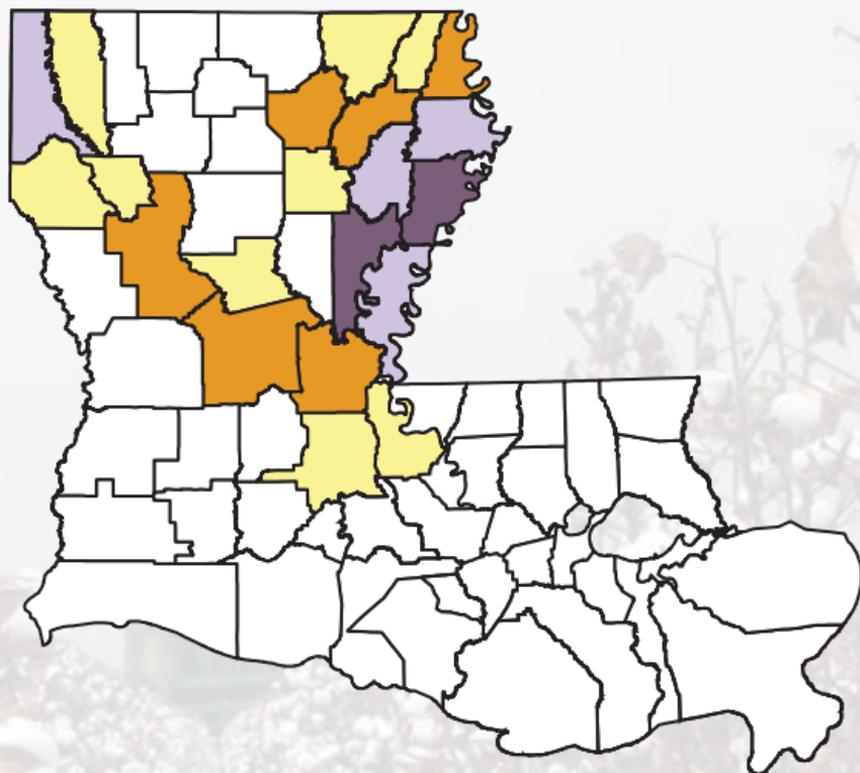
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Cotton

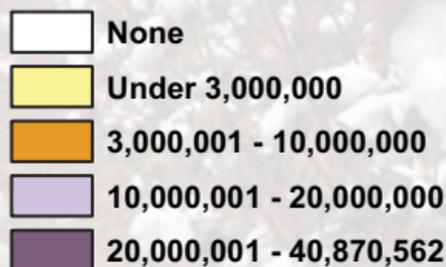
- **196 million pounds (408,000 bales) produced**
- **164,000 acres in production**
- **282 producers**



Total value of Louisiana cotton production during 2014: \$198 million



Cotton Gross Farm Value (\$)

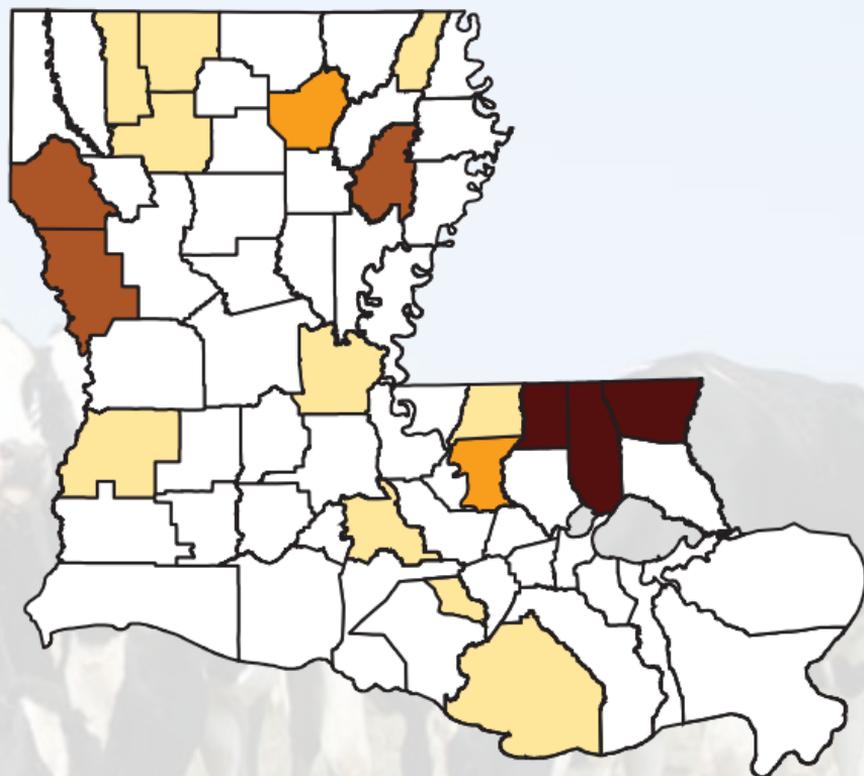


Louisiana **Dairy**

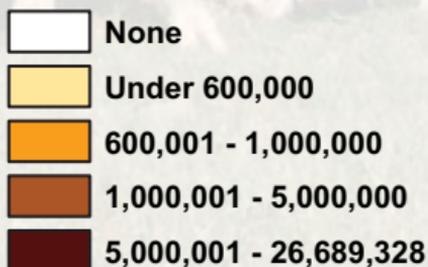
- 197 million pounds of milk produced
- 14,100 dairy cows
- 121 Grade A dairy herds



Total value of Louisiana milk production during 2014: \$153 million



Dairy Gross Farm Value (\$)



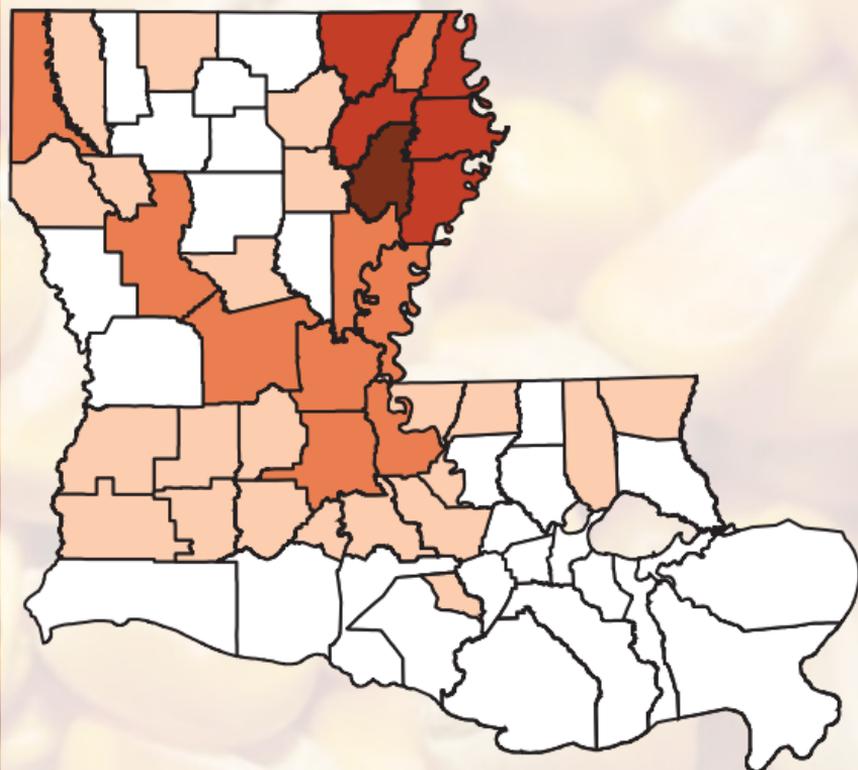
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Feed Grains

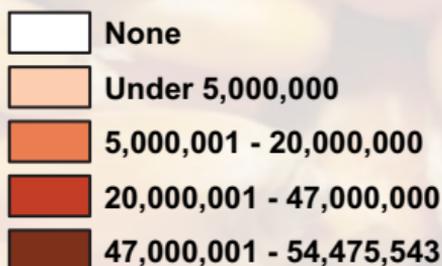
- 81 million bushels produced
- 495,000 acres in production
- 1,700 producers

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

Total value of Louisiana feed-grain production during 2014: \$396 million



Feed Grains Gross Farm Value (\$)

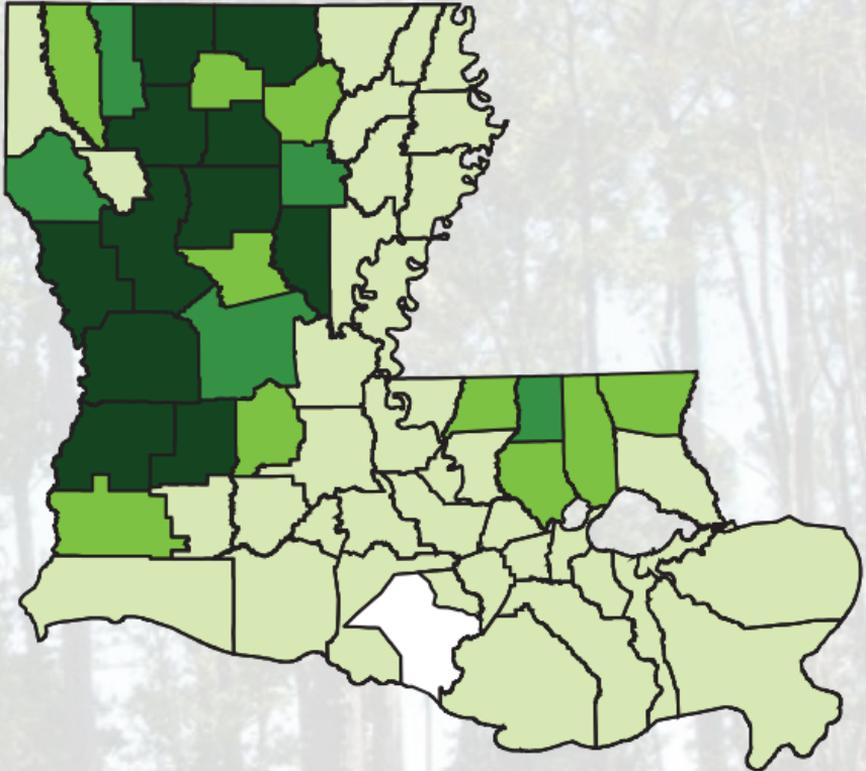


Louisiana **Forestry**

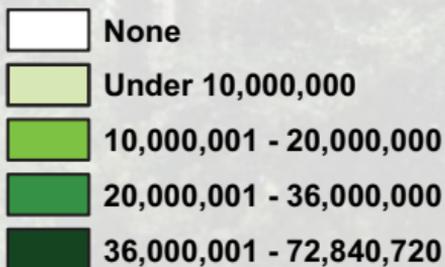
- **13.8 million acres of forests**
- **150,000 forest landowners**



Total value of Louisiana forestry production during 2014: \$3.5 billion



Forestry Gross Farm Value (\$)

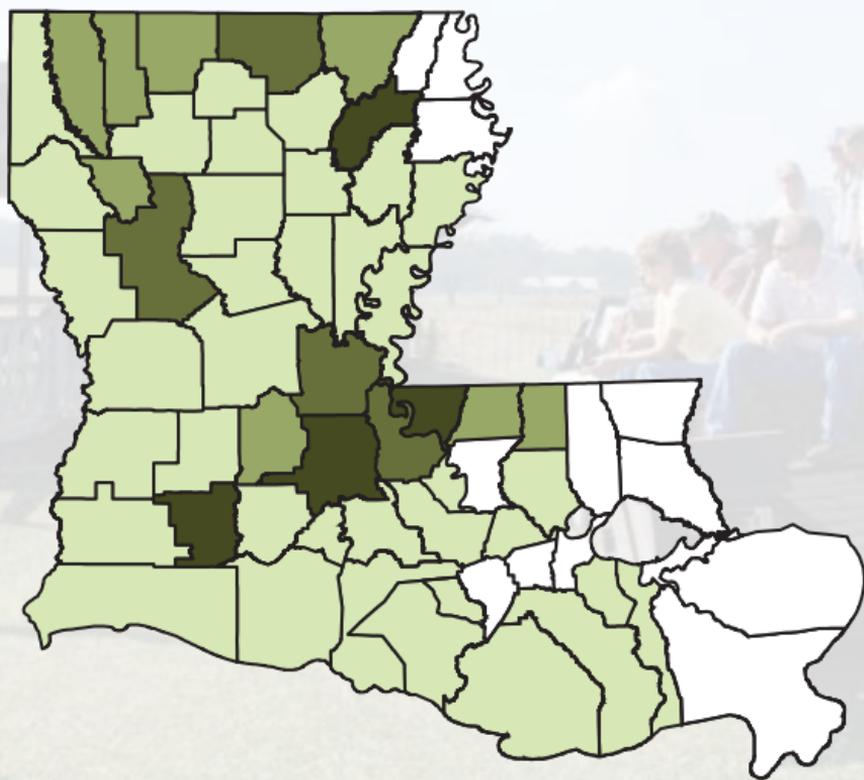


Louisiana **Hay**

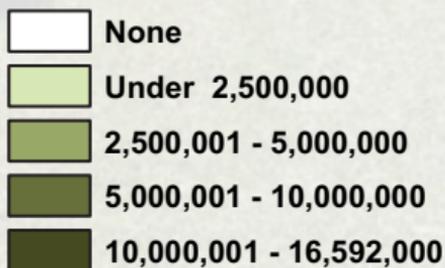
- **1.1 million tons produced**
- **345,000 acres in production**
- **3,100 producers**



Total value of Louisiana hay production during 2014: \$171 million



Hay Gross Farm Value (\$)



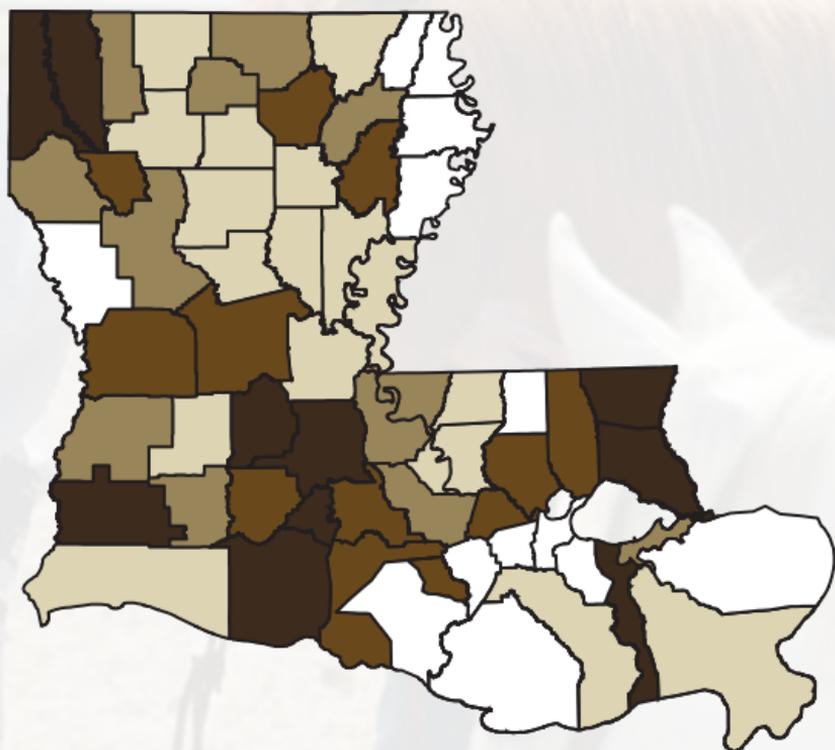
Louisiana **Horses**



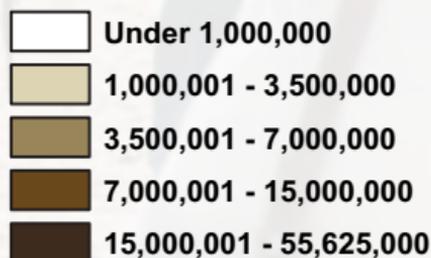
- **133,000 horses in state**
 - 23,000 race horses
 - 26,000 show horses
- **47,000 horse owners**

Value of Louisiana horse industry during 2014: \$508 million

- \$225 million to economy from horse-racing industry
- \$118 million economic contribution from show-horse industry
- Total economic contribution estimated to be \$2 billion



Horses Gross Farm Value (\$)



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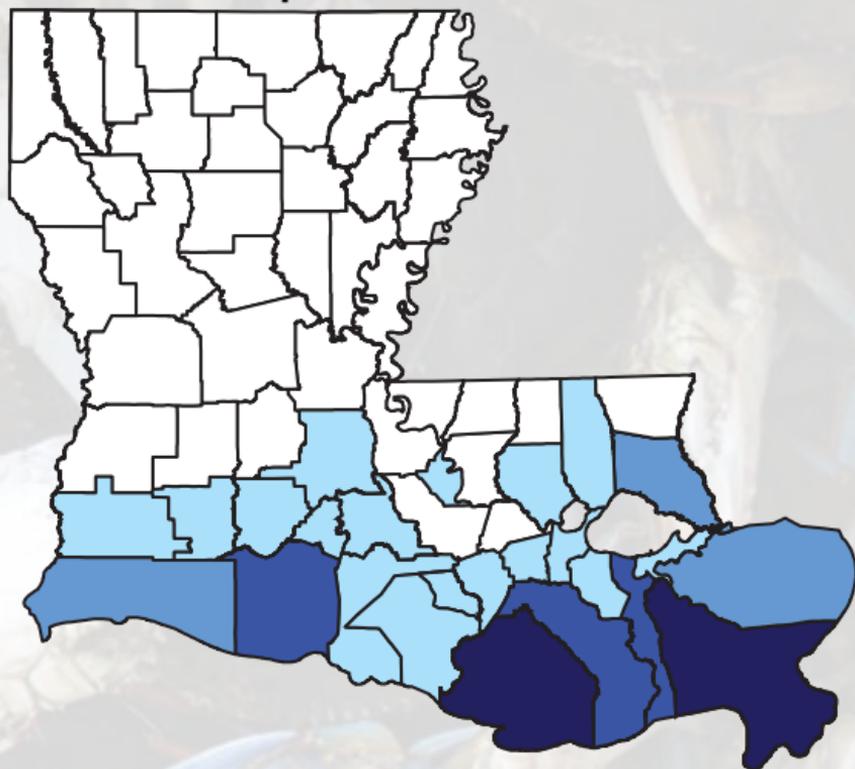
Marine Fisheries

- **994 million pounds total marine catch**
 - 97 million pounds shrimp
 - 849 million pounds menhaden
 - 39 million pounds crab

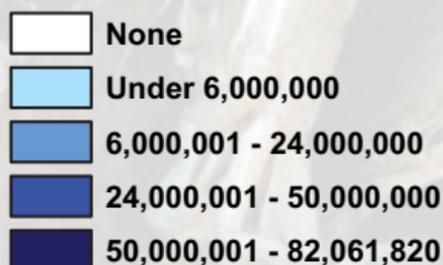


Total value of Louisiana marine fisheries during 2013: *

\$649 million



Marine Fisheries Gross Farm Value (\$)



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

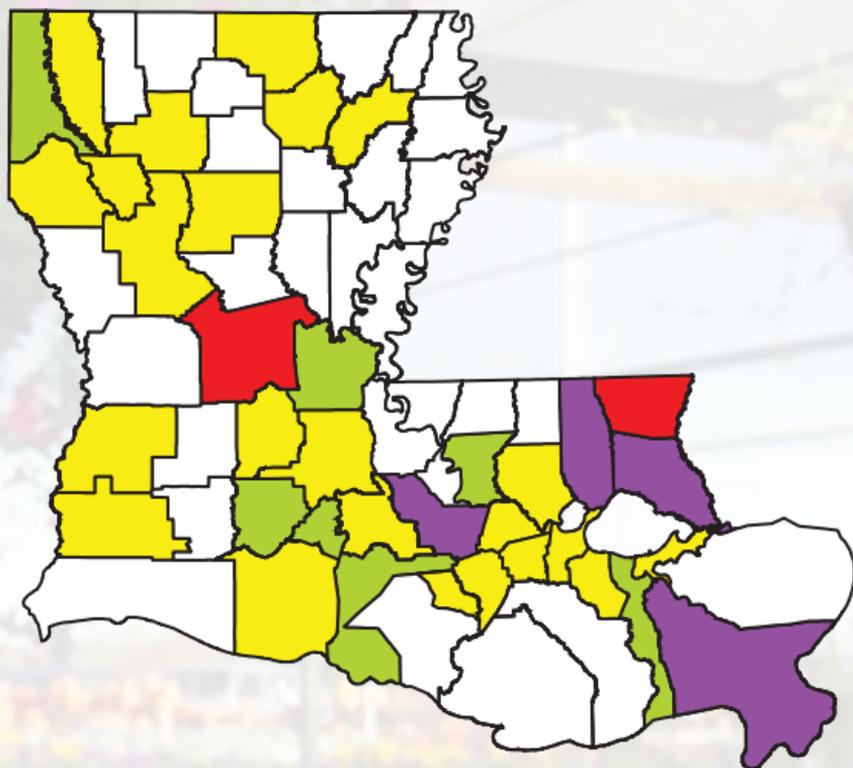
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Nursery Crops

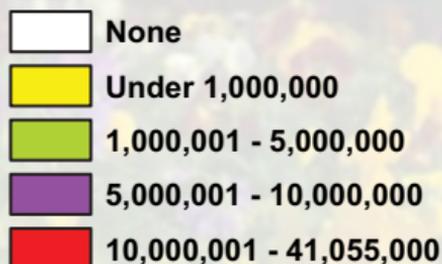
- 8,000 acres in nursery crop production
- 700 nursery operations



Total value of Louisiana nursery crop production in 2014: \$167 million



Nursery Crops Gross Farm Value (\$)

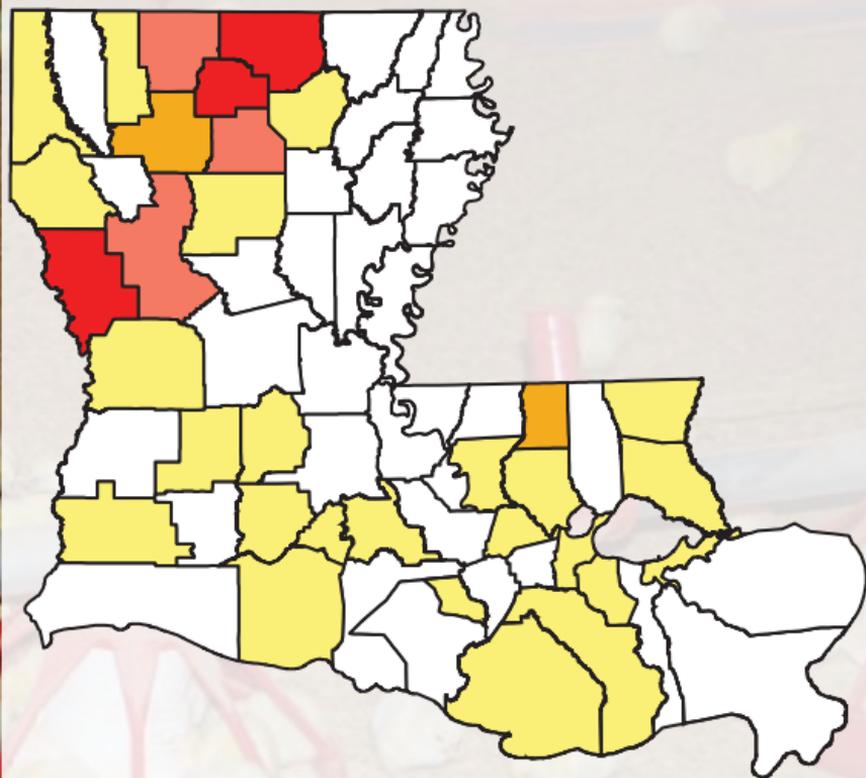


Louisiana **Poultry**

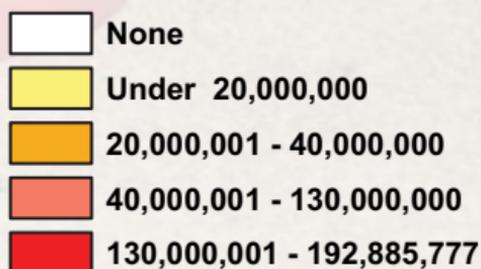
- 872 million pounds of broiler meat produced
- 365 broiler producers
- 243 million edible eggs produced
- 630 edible egg producers



Total value of Louisiana poultry production during 2014: \$1.7 billion



Poultry Gross Farm Value (\$)



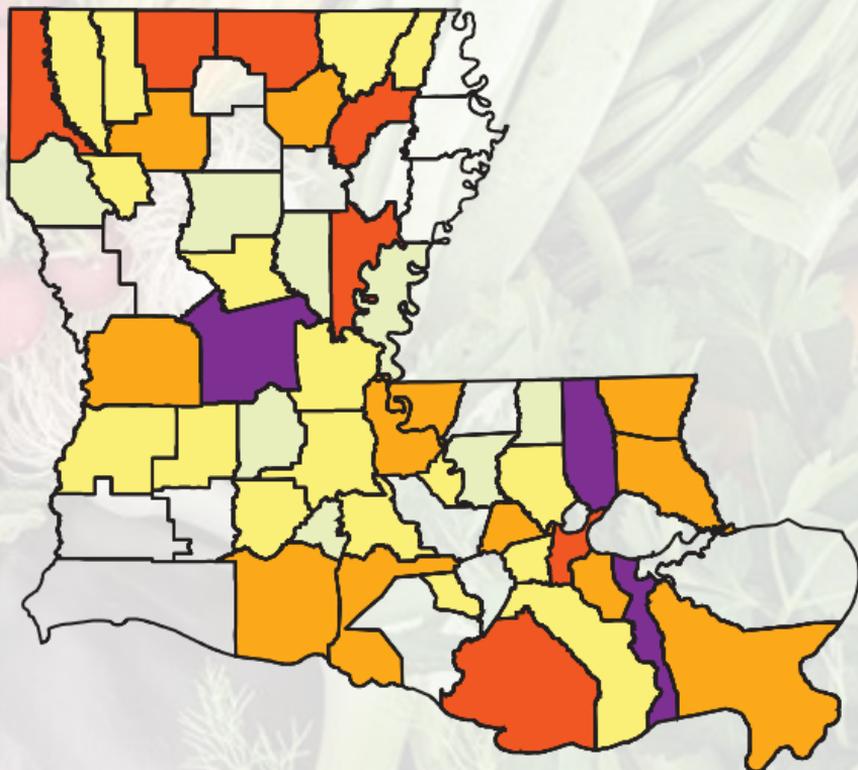
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Produce

- 33,000 acres of commercial production
- 7,000 commercial producers
- 500,000 home gardens

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

Total value of Louisiana produce in 2014: \$516 million



Produce Gross Farm Value (\$)

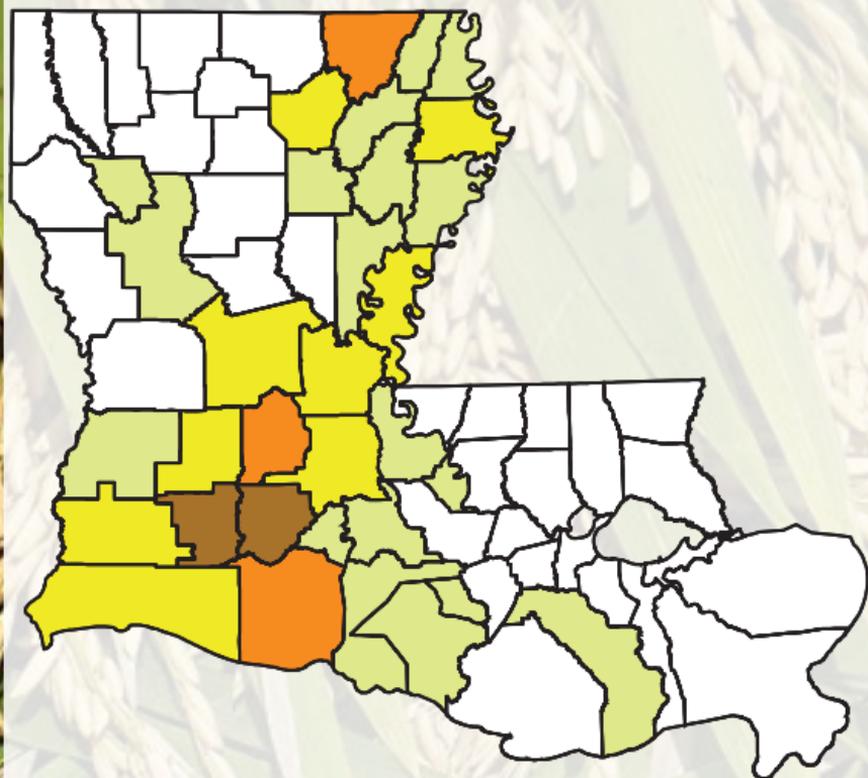
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Louisiana **Rice**

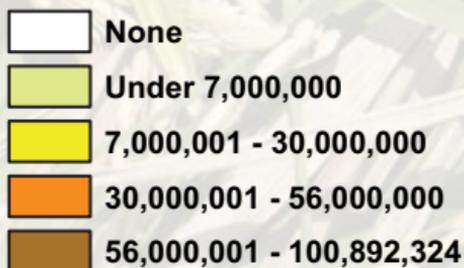
- **3.4 billion pounds of rice produced**
- **449,000 acres in production**
- **1,040 producers**



Total value of Louisiana rice production in 2014: \$656 million



Rice Gross Farm Value (\$)



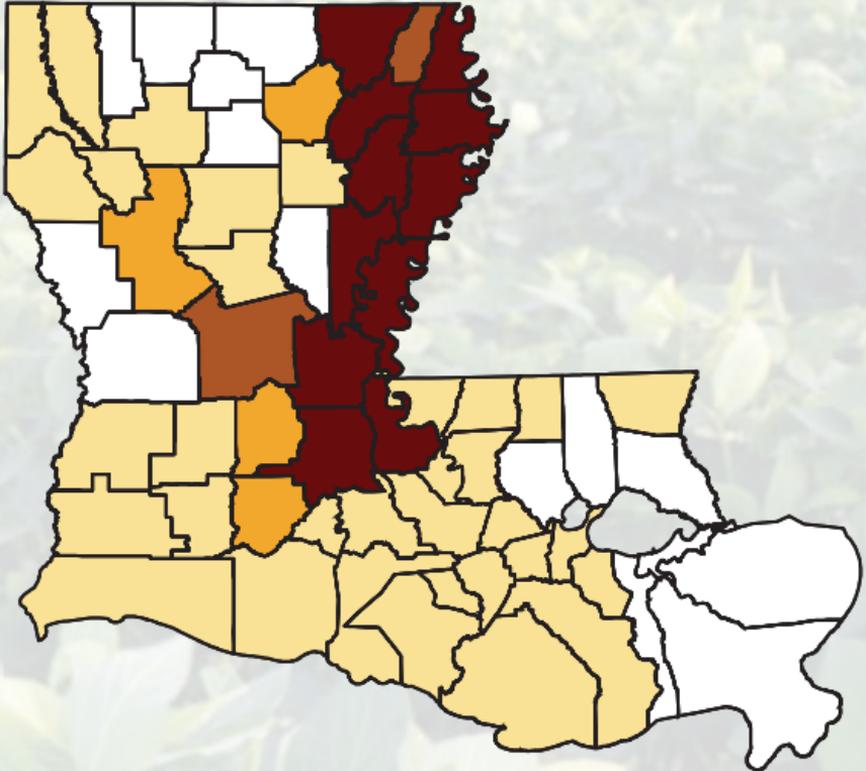
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Soybeans

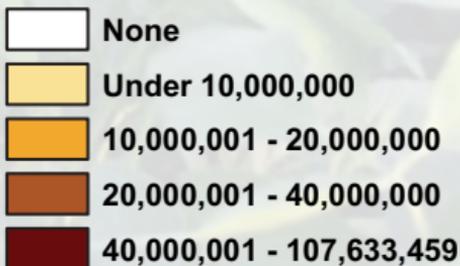
- 80 million bushels produced
- 1.4 million acres in production
- 2,500 producers



Total value of Louisiana soybean production in 2014: \$1.2 billion



Soybeans Gross Farm Value (\$)



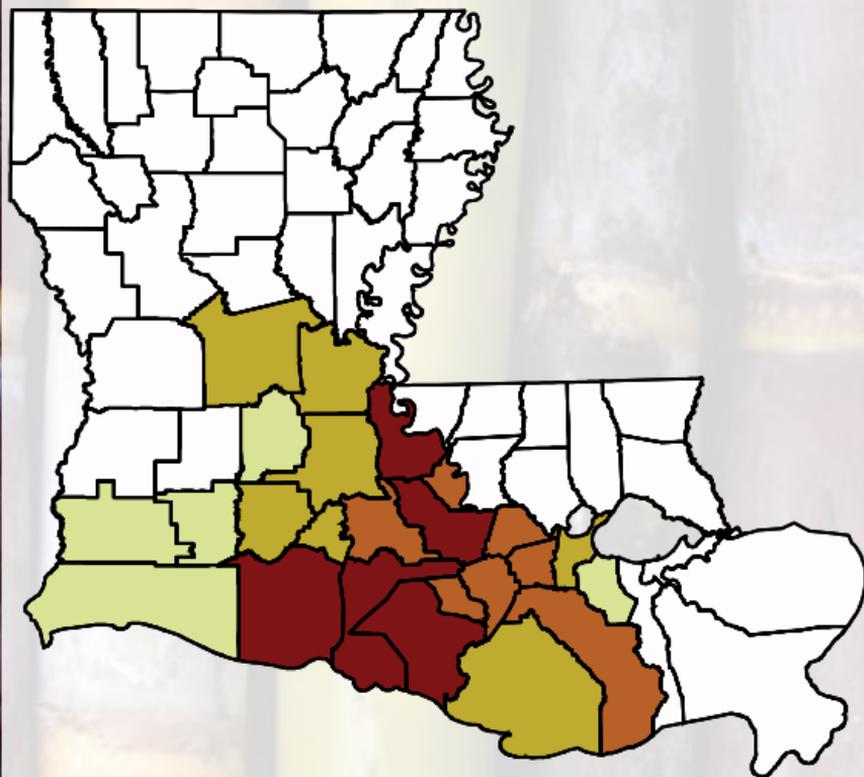
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Sugarcane

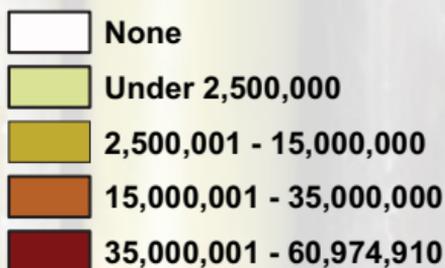
- 1.5 million tons (2.9 billion pounds) of raw sugar produced
- 87 million gallons molasses
- 412,000 acres in production
- 450 producers



Total value of Louisiana sugarcane production in 2014: \$747 million



Sugarcane Gross Farm Value (\$)



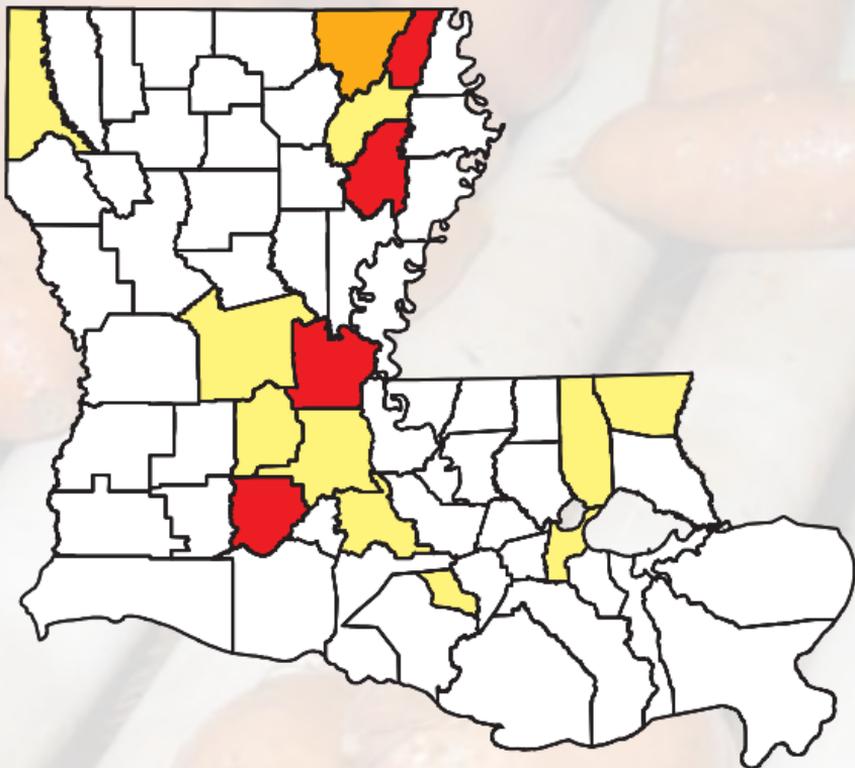
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Sweet Potatoes

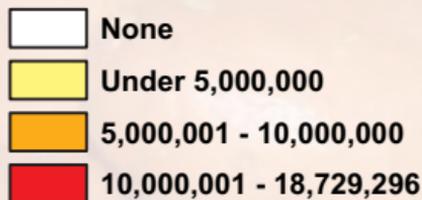
- 4.1 million bushels produced
- 8,500 acres in production
- 45 producers



Total value of Louisiana sweet potato production in 2014: \$117 million



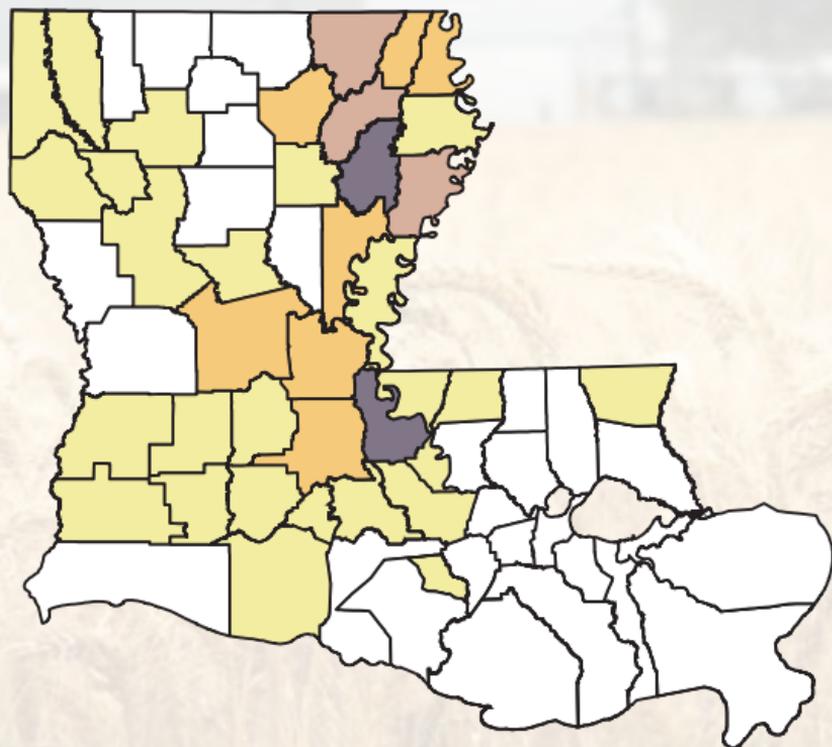
Sweet Potatoes Gross Farm Value (\$)



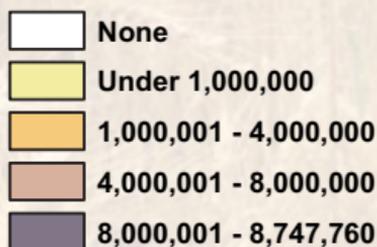
Louisiana **Wheat**

- **10 million bushels produced**
- **150,000 acres in production**
- **440 producers**

Total value of Louisiana wheat production during 2014: \$75 million



Wheat Gross Farm Value (\$)



2014 Progress Report

Plant Commodities

Commodity	Gross Farm Value	Value Added	Total Value
Cotton	\$158,336,324	\$39,584,081	\$197,920,405
Feed Grain Crops	\$337,326,338	\$59,032,109	\$396,358,447
Forestry	\$878,643,611	\$2,635,930,834	\$3,514,574,446
Fruit Crops	\$36,460,502	\$12,761,176	\$49,221,678
Greenhouse Vegetables	\$2,332,285	\$816,300	\$3,148,585
Hay, Sold	\$145,729,499	\$25,502,662	\$171,232,161
Home Gardens	\$262,627,575	-	\$262,627,575
Nursery Stock & Ornamentals	\$107,686,500	\$59,227,575	\$166,914,075
Other Oilseed	\$108,600	\$5,430	\$114,030
Peanuts	\$1,080,452	\$162,068	\$1,242,520
Pecans	\$17,373,914	\$4,777,826	\$22,151,741
Rice	\$492,384,445	\$163,964,020	\$656,348,465
Sod Production	\$17,575,000	\$13,181,250	\$30,756,250
Soybeans	\$988,139,472	\$172,924,408	\$1,161,063,880
Sugarcane	\$440,764,545	\$305,890,594	\$746,655,139
Sweet Potatoes	\$66,717,784	\$50,038,338	\$116,756,122
Vegetables, Commercial	\$76,094,155	\$102,727,109	\$178,821,264
Wheat	\$63,447,670	\$11,103,342	\$74,551,012
Total	\$4,092,828,672	\$3,657,629,123	\$7,750,457,793

Animal Commodities

Commodity	Gross Farm Value	Value Added	Total Value
Cattle and Calves	\$795,346,335	\$99,418,292	\$894,764,626
Milk	\$58,684,542	\$94,482,113	\$153,166,655
Horses	\$457,735,000	\$50,350,850	\$508,085,850
Poultry	\$868,904,371	\$847,181,762	\$1,716,086,133
Rabbits	\$183,938	\$19,313	\$203,251
Ostrich/Ratite	\$875	\$44	\$919
Quail/Pheasant	\$86,100	\$9,471	\$95,571
Sheep	\$722,814	\$83,124	\$805,938
Goats	\$2,066,679	\$258,335	\$2,325,014
Swine	\$2,030,739	\$253,842	\$2,284,581
Exotic Animals	\$65,400	\$6,867	\$72,267
Total	\$2,185,826,793	\$1,092,064,013	\$3,277,890,805

Fisheries and Wildlife Commodities

Commodity	Gross Farm Value	Value Added	Total Value
Aquaculture	\$293,752,571	\$198,282,985	\$492,035,556
Fisheries			
Freshwater	\$18,943,623	\$16,575,670	\$35,519,292
Marine	\$328,665,448	\$320,448,811	\$649,114,259
Fur Animals	\$371,691	\$92,923	\$464,614
Alligators (wild)	\$10,843,500	\$5,963,925	\$16,807,425
Hunting Lease Enterprise	\$96,255,043	\$8,181,679	\$104,436,722
Honey	\$3,757,450	\$939,362	\$4,696,812
Total	\$752,589,325	\$550,485,355	\$1,303,074,680

Total of All Commodities	\$7,031,244,789	\$5,300,178,491	\$12,331,423,278
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