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### Population, Income, Education, and Employment

| Population              |            |             |             |
|-------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
|                         | Rural *    | Urban *     | Total       |
| Year                    |            |             |             |
| 1980                    | 45,582,560 | 180,959,644 | 226,542,204 |
| 1990                    | 44,769,175 | 203,940,698 | 248,709,873 |
| 2000                    | 48,841,966 | 232,579,940 | 281,421,906 |
| 2008 (latest estimates) | 50,157,328 | 253,902,396 | 304,059,724 |

More information on United States population  
 • [County-level Population Data](#)  
 • [Rural Population and Migration Briefing Room](#)  
 • Contact [John Cromartie](#), 202-694-5421.

| Income                           |         |         |        |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|
|                                  | Rural * | Urban * | Total  |
| Per-capita income (2007 dollars) |         |         |        |
| 2006                             | 28,023  | 39,806  | 37,842 |
| 2007                             | 28,781  | 40,570  | 38,615 |
| Percent change                   | 5.4     | 3.8     | 4.1    |
| Earnings per job (2007 dollars)  |         |         |        |
| 2006                             | 33,224  | 51,510  | 48,775 |
| 2007                             | 33,693  | 51,551  | 48,900 |
| Percent change                   | 2.8     | 0.2     | 0.5    |

| Poverty rate (percent)              |         |         |       |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|-------|
|                                     | Rural * | Urban * | Total |
| 1979                                | 15.9    | 11.6    | 12.4  |
| 1989                                | 17.3    | 12.2    | 13.1  |
| 1999                                | 14.8    | 11.9    | 12.4  |
| 2007 (latest model-based estimates) | 15.8    | 12.4    | 13.0  |

More information on United States poverty rates  
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 • See important notes about [decennial and model-based intercensal poverty estimates](#)  
 • Contact [Tracey Farrigan](#), 202-694-5489

| Education (Persons 25 and older)    |         |         |       |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|-------|
|                                     | Rural * | Urban * | Total |
| Percent not completing high school  |         |         |       |
| 1980                                | 41.8    | 31.6    | 33.5  |
| 1990                                | 31.4    | 23.3    | 24.8  |
| 2000                                | 23.5    | 18.8    | 19.6  |
| Percent completing high school only |         |         |       |

|  |      |      |      |
|--|------|------|------|
| 1980   | 35.0 | 34.4 | 34.6 |
| 1990   | 35.2 | 28.9 | 30.0 |
| 2000   | 35.9 | 27.1 | 28.6 |
| Percent completing some college  |      |      |      |
| 1980   | 12.4 | 16.4 | 15.7 |
| 1990   | 21.0 | 25.8 | 24.9 |
| 2000   | 25.5 | 27.8 | 27.4 |
| Percent completing college   |      |      |      |
| 1980   | 10.6 | 17.6 | 16.2 |
| 1990   | 12.4 | 22.1 | 20.3 |
| 2000   | 15.1 | 26.4 | 24.4 |
| More information on United States education  |      |      |      |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">County-level Education Data</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Rural Labor and Education Briefing Room</a></li> <li>• Contact <a href="#">Robert Gibbs</a>, 202-694-5423</li> </ul> |      |      |      |

| <b>Employment</b>   |                |                |              |
|---|----------------|----------------|--------------|
|   | <b>Rural *</b> | <b>Urban *</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| Total number of jobs  |                |                |              |
| 2006  | 26,603,697     | 151,213,903    | 177,817,600  |
| 2007  | 26,854,223     | 154,089,577    | 180,943,800  |
| Unemployment rate (percent)   |                |                |              |
| 2007  | 4.8            | 4.6            | 4.6          |
| 2008  | 5.6            | 5.8            | 5.8          |
| More information on United States unemployment rates  |                |                |              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">County-level Unemployment and Median Household Income Data</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Rural Labor and Education Briefing Room</a></li> <li>• Contact <a href="#">Lorin Kusmin</a>, 202-694-5429</li> </ul> |                |                |              |
| Percent employment change   |                |                |              |
| 2005-2006   | 0.2            | 2.2            | 1.9          |
| 2006-2007   | 0.0            | 1.3            | 1.1          |
| 2007-2008   | -1.3           | -0.3           | -0.5         |

\* Urban and rural (metro and nonmetro) definitions are based on the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) June 2003 classification. See [Measuring Rurality: New Definitions in 2003](#) for more information.

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- Contact [Tim Parker](#), 202-694-5435.

## Farm Characteristics

| <b>1997, 2002 and 2007 Census of Agriculture</b> |               |               |               |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|  | <b>1997</b>   | <b>2002</b>   | <b>2007</b>   |
| Approximate total land area (acres)              | 2,262,462,020 | 2,263,960,501 | 2,260,994,361 |
| Total farmland (acres)                           | 954,752,502   | 938,279,056   | 922,095,840   |
| Percent of total land area                       | 42.2          | 41.4          | 40.8          |
| Cropland (acres)                                 | 445,324,765   | 434,164,946   | 406,424,909   |
| Percent of total farmland                        | 46.6          | 46.3          | 44.1          |
| Percent in pasture                               | 14.9          | 13.9          | 8.8           |
| Percent irrigated                                | 11.5          | 11.6          | 12.7          |
| Harvested Cropland (acres)                       | 318,937,401   | 302,697,252   | 309,607,601   |

|  |             |             |             |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Woodland (acres)   | 76,854,833  | 75,878,213  | 75,098,603  |
| Percent of total farmland  | 8.0         | 8.1         | 8.1         |
| Percent in pasture   | 40.4        | 41.0        | 38.1        |
|  |             |             |             |
| Pastureland (acres)  | 398,232,125 | 395,278,829 | 408,832,116 |
| Percent of total farmland  | 41.7        | 42.1        | 44.3        |
|  |             |             |             |
| Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. (acres)          | 34,340,781  | 32,957,068  | 31,740,212  |
| Percent of total farmland  | 3.6         | 3.5         | 3.4         |
|  |             |             |             |
| Conservation practices   |             |             |             |
| Farmland in conservation or wetlands reserve programs (acres)      | 31,901,955  | 32,723,967  | 38,547,450  |
|  |             |             |             |
| Average farm size (acres)  | 431         | 441         | 418         |
|  |             |             |             |
| Farms by size (percent)  |             |             |             |
| 1 to 99 acres  | 49.2        | 51.0        | 54.4        |
| 100 to 499 acres   | 34.7        | 33.1        | 31.0        |
| 500 to 999 acres   | 8.1         | 7.6         | 6.8         |
| 1000 to 1,999 acres  | 4.6         | 4.7         | 4.2         |
| 2,000 or more acres  | 3.4         | 3.7         | 3.6         |
|  |             |             |             |
| Farms by sales (percent)   |             |             |             |
| Less than \$9,999  | 55.3        | 59.3        | 59.8        |
| \$10,000 to \$49,999   | 21.4        | 19.4        | 18.3        |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999   | 7.4         | 6.6         | 5.7         |
| \$100,000 to \$499,999   | 12.7        | 11.3        | 10.9        |
| More than \$500,000  | 3.2         | 3.3         | 5.3         |
|  |             |             |             |
| Tenure of farmers  |             |             |             |
| Full owner (farms)   | 1,384,565   | 1,428,136   | 1,522,033   |
| Percent of total   | 62.5        | 67.1        | 69.0        |
|  |             |             |             |
| Part owner (farms)   | 615,902     | 551,004     | 542,192     |
| Percent of total   | 27.8        | 25.9        | 24.6        |
|  |             |             |             |
| Tenant owner (farms)   | 215,409     | 149,842     | 140,567     |
| Percent of total   | 9.7         | 7.0         | 6.4         |
|  |             |             |             |
| Farm organization  |             |             |             |
| Individuals/family, sole proprietorship (farms)                    | 1,922,590   | 1,909,598   | 1,906,335   |
| Percent of total   | 86.8        | 89.7        | 86.5        |
|  |             |             |             |
| Family-held corporations (farms)                                   | 81,621      | 66,667      | 85,837      |
| Percent of total   | 3.7         | 3.1         | 3.9         |
|  |             |             |             |
| Partnerships (farms)   | 185,607     | 129,593     | 174,247     |
| Percent of total   | 8.4         | 6.1         | 7.9         |
|  |             |             |             |
| Non-family corporations (farms)                                    | 8,811       | 7,085       | 10,237      |
| Percent of total   | 0.4         | 0.3         | 0.5         |
|  |             |             |             |
| Others - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. (farms) | 17,247      | 16,039      | 28,136      |
| Percent of total   | 0.8         | 0.8         | 1.3         |
|  |             |             |             |
| Characteristics of principal farm operators                        |             |             |             |
| Average operator age (years)                                       | 54.0        | 55.3        | 57.1        |
| Percent with farming as their primary occupation                   | 47.1        | 57.5        | 45.1        |
| Men  | 2,006,092   | 1,891,163   | 1,898,583   |
| Women  | 209,784     | 237,819     | 306,209     |

More information on farm characteristics

- [Census of Agriculture](#)
- Contact [NASS Customer Service](#), 1-800-727-9540.

### Farm Financial Indicators

| Farm income and value added data           |              |             |
|--|--------------|-------------|
|  | 2007         | 2008        |
| Number of farms                            | 2,204,950    | 2,200,000   |
|  | Thousands \$ |             |
| Final crop output                          | 151,107,498  | 182,656,570 |
| + Final animal output                      | 138,592,007  | 139,835,312 |
| + Services and forestry                    | 37,063,790   | 42,638,587  |
| = Final agricultural sector output         | 326,763,295  | 365,130,468 |
| - Intermediate consumption outlays         | 183,423,051  | 201,421,752 |
| + Net government transactions              | 944,393      | 919,498     |
| = Gross value added                        | 144,284,636  | 164,628,214 |
| - Capital consumption                      | 27,061,343   | 28,687,834  |
| = Net value added                          | 117,223,293  | 135,940,380 |
| - Factor payments                          | 46,092,423   | 48,615,272  |
| Employee compensation (total hired labor)  | 23,990,358   | 24,884,897  |
| Net rent received by nonoperator landlords | 6,985,318    | 9,266,441   |
| Real estate and nonreal estate interest    | 15,116,747   | 14,463,934  |
| = Net farm income                          | 71,130,870   | 87,325,108  |

More information on farm income

- [Farm Income Data](#)
- [Farm Income and Costs Briefing Room](#)
- Contact [Roger Strickland](#), 202-694-5592.

**Farm balance sheet**

• Estimation of State-level Balance Sheets has been suspended. See the [Farm Balance Sheet](#) data page for more information.

### Top Commodities, Exports, and Counties

| Top 5 agriculture commodities, 2008 |                                  |                              |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                                     | Value of receipts<br>thousand \$ | Percent of US<br>total value |
| 1. Corn                             | 51,552,311                       | 15.9                         |
| 2. Cattle and calves                | 48,189,205                       | 14.9                         |
| 3. Dairy products                   | 34,772,735                       | 10.7                         |
| 4. Soybeans                         | 29,058,111                       | 9.0                          |
| 5. Broilers                         | 23,112,184                       | 7.1                          |
| All commodities                     | 324,299,574                      |                              |

More information on United States's top agriculture commodities

- Contact [Roger Strickland](#), 202-694-5592.

| <b>Top 5 agriculture exports, estimates, FY 2008</b>   |  |                             |
|--|--|-----------------------------|
|  |  | <b>Value<br/>million \$</b> |
| 1. Soybeans and products   |  | 19,331.9                    |
| 2. Feed grains and products  |  | 18,147.5                    |
| 3. Wheat and products  |  | 14,836.0                    |
| 4. Other   |  | 12,681.1                    |
| 5. Live animals and meat   |  | 9,454.6                     |
| Overall rank   |  | 115,451.5                   |
| More information on agricultural exports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">State Export Data</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Agricultural Trade Briefing Room</a></li> <li>• Contact <a href="#">Nora Brooks</a>, 202-694-5211.</li> </ul> |  |                             |

| <b>Top 5 counties in agricultural sales 2007</b>   |   |                     |
|--|---|---------------------|
|  | <b>Percent of US<br/>total receipts</b> | <b>Thousands \$</b> |
| 1. Fresno County, CA   | 1.3                                     | 3,730,546           |
| 2. Tulare County, CA   | 1.1                                     | 3,335,014           |
| 3. Kern County, CA   | 1.1                                     | 3,204,147           |
| 4. Merced County, CA   | 0.8                                     | 2,330,408           |
| 5. Monterey County, CA   | 0.7                                     | 2,178,470           |
| US total   |   | 297,220,491         |
| More information on agricultural sales <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Census of Agriculture</a></li> <li>• Contact <a href="#">NASS Customer Service</a>, 1-800-727-9540.</li> </ul> |   |                     |

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### Population, Income, Education, and Employment

| Population              |           |           |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                         | Rural *   | Urban *   | Total     |
| Year                    |           |           |           |
| 1980                    | 1,094,847 | 1,191,510 | 2,286,357 |
| 1990                    | 1,073,804 | 1,276,921 | 2,350,725 |
| 2000                    | 1,156,949 | 1,516,451 | 2,673,400 |
| 2008 (latest estimates) | 1,147,682 | 1,707,708 | 2,855,390 |

More information on Arkansas population
 

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| Income                           |         |         |        |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|
|                                  | Rural * | Urban * | Total  |
| Per-capita income (2007 dollars) |         |         |        |
| 2006                             | 24,950  | 32,276  | 29,284 |
| 2007                             | 25,650  | 33,258  | 30,177 |
| Percent change                   | 5.6     | 6.1     | 6.1    |

| Earnings per job (2007 dollars) |         |         |        |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|
|                                 | Rural * | Urban * | Total  |
| 2006                            | 30,893  | 40,282  | 36,893 |
| 2007                            | 31,376  | 40,899  | 37,501 |
| Percent change                  | 3.1     | 3.1     | 3.3    |

| Poverty rate (percent)              |         |         |       |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|-------|
|                                     | Rural * | Urban * | Total |
| 1979                                | 22.5    | 15.6    | 19.0  |
| 1989                                | 22.8    | 15.9    | 19.1  |
| 1999                                | 18.2    | 14.1    | 15.8  |
| 2007 (latest model-based estimates) | 20.0    | 15.9    | 17.6  |

More information on Arkansas poverty rates
 

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| Education (Persons 25 and older)    |         |         |       |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|-------|
|                                     | Rural * | Urban * | Total |
| Percent not completing high school  |         |         |       |
| 1980                                | 50.9    | 38.6    | 44.5  |
| 1990                                | 39.5    | 28.7    | 33.7  |
| 2000                                | 29.3    | 21.1    | 24.7  |
| Percent completing high school only |         |         |       |

|  |      |      |      |
|--|------|------|------|
| 1980   | 32.0 | 34.6 | 33.2 |
| 1990   | 33.7 | 31.9 | 32.7 |
| 2000   | 36.6 | 32.2 | 34.1 |
| Percent completing some college  |      |      |      |
| 1980   | 9.2  | 13.6 | 11.5 |
| 1990   | 17.0 | 23.1 | 20.3 |
| 2000   | 22.0 | 26.6 | 24.5 |
| Percent completing college   |      |      |      |
| 1980   | 8.3  | 13.2 | 10.8 |
| 1990   | 9.8  | 16.3 | 13.3 |
| 2000   | 12.2 | 20.2 | 16.7 |
| More information on Arkansas education   |      |      |      |
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| <b>Employment</b>   |                |                |              |
|---|----------------|----------------|--------------|
|   | <b>Rural *</b> | <b>Urban *</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| Total number of jobs  |                |                |              |
| 2006  | 573,834        | 1,016,286      | 1,590,120    |
| 2007  | 573,201        | 1,032,886      | 1,606,087    |
| Unemployment rate (percent)   |                |                |              |
| 2007  | 6.0            | 4.5            | 5.1          |
| 2008  | 6.0            | 4.5            | 5.1          |
| More information on Arkansas unemployment rates   |                |                |              |
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| Percent employment change   |                |                |              |
| 2005-2006   | 1.7            | 1.1            | 1.3          |
| 2006-2007   | -0.4           | 1.2            | 0.6          |
| 2007-2008   | 0.5            | 0.8            | 0.7          |

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## Farm Characteristics

| <b>1997, 2002 and 2007 Census of Agriculture</b> |             |             |             |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | <b>1997</b> | <b>2002</b> | <b>2007</b> |
| Approximate total land area (acres)              | 33,328,208  | 33,323,626  | 33,287,812  |
| Total farmland (acres)                           | 14,823,865  | 14,502,793  | 13,872,862  |
| Percent of total land area                       | 44.5        | 43.5        | 41.7        |
| Cropland (acres)                                 | 10,271,653  | 9,576,047   | 8,432,221   |
| Percent of total farmland                        | 69.3        | 66.0        | 60.8        |
| Percent in pasture                               | 19.9        | 17.8        | 8.6         |
| Percent irrigated                                | 36.7        | 43.3        | 52.8        |
| Harvested Cropland (acres)                       | 7,814,711   | 7,457,599   | 7,367,068   |

|  |           |           |           |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Woodland (acres)   | 2,467,239 | 2,369,950 | 2,239,119 |
| Percent of total farmland  | 16.6      | 16.3      | 16.1      |
| Percent in pasture   | 41.6      | 38.4      | 33.2      |
|  |           |           |           |
| Pastureland (acres)  | 1,546,307 | 1,977,177 | 2,637,556 |
| Percent of total farmland  | 10.4      | 13.6      | 19.0      |
|  |           |           |           |
| Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. (acres)          | 538,666   | 579,619   | 563,966   |
| Percent of total farmland  | 3.6       | 4.0       | 4.1       |
|  |           |           |           |
| Conservation practices   |           |           |           |
| Farmland in conservation or wetlands reserve programs (acres)      | 188,902   | 147,878   | 441,655   |
|  |           |           |           |
| Average farm size (acres)  | 300       | 305       | 281       |
|  |           |           |           |
| Farms by size (percent)  |           |           |           |
| 1 to 99 acres  | 44.5      | 46.0      | 54.3      |
| 100 to 499 acres   | 40.4      | 39.5      | 33.2      |
| 500 to 999 acres   | 8.3       | 7.4       | 6.0       |
| 1000 to 1,999 acres  | 4.7       | 4.5       | 3.7       |
| 2,000 or more acres  | 2.1       | 2.6       | 2.8       |
|  |           |           |           |
| Farms by sales (percent)   |           |           |           |
| Less than \$9,999  | 57.0      | 60.3      | 59.6      |
| \$10,000 to \$49,999   | 18.0      | 17.9      | 20.6      |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999   | 4.2       | 3.9       | 3.4       |
| \$100,000 to \$499,999   | 14.3      | 12.2      | 7.0       |
| More than \$500,000  | 6.6       | 5.8       | 9.3       |
|  |           |           |           |
| Tenure of farmers  |           |           |           |
| Full owner (farms)   | 30,914    | 31,523    | 34,736    |
| Percent of total   | 62.5      | 66.4      | 70.4      |
|  |           |           |           |
| Part owner (farms)   | 13,305    | 12,291    | 11,287    |
| Percent of total   | 26.9      | 25.9      | 22.9      |
|  |           |           |           |
| Tenant owner (farms)   | 5,274     | 3,669     | 3,323     |
| Percent of total   | 10.7      | 7.7       | 6.7       |
|  |           |           |           |
| Farm organization  |           |           |           |
| Individuals/family, sole proprietorship (farms)                    | 43,020    | 43,458    | 42,470    |
| Percent of total   | 86.9      | 91.5      | 86.1      |
|  |           |           |           |
| Family-held corporations (farms)                                   | 1,985     | 1,054     | 1,622     |
| Percent of total   | 4.0       | 2.2       | 3.3       |
|  |           |           |           |
| Partnerships (farms)   | 4,095     | 2,626     | 4,667     |
| Percent of total   | 8.3       | 5.5       | 9.5       |
|  |           |           |           |
| Non-family corporations (farms)                                    | 157       | 128       | 232       |
| Percent of total   | 0.3       | 0.3       | 0.5       |
|  |           |           |           |
| Others - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. (farms) | 236       | 217       | 355       |
| Percent of total   | 0.5       | 0.5       | 0.7       |
|  |           |           |           |
| Characteristics of principal farm operators                        |           |           |           |
| Average operator age (years)                                       | 53.4      | 54.9      | 56.5      |
| Percent with farming as their primary occupation                   | 47.8      | 57.7      | 44.5      |
| Men  | 44,922    | 42,644    | 43,015    |
| Women  | 4,571     | 4,839     | 6,331     |

More information on farm characteristics

- [Census of Agriculture](#)
- Contact [NASS Customer Service](#), 1-800-727-9540.

## Farm Financial Indicators

| Farm income and value added data           |              |           |
|--|--------------|-----------|
|  | 2007         | 2008      |
| Number of farms                            | 49,300       | 49,300    |
|  | Thousands \$ |           |
| Final crop output                          | 2,940,980    | 4,346,986 |
| + Final animal output                      | 4,173,835    | 4,333,610 |
| + Services and forestry                    | 804,654      | 1,130,099 |
| = Final agricultural sector output         | 7,919,468    | 9,810,694 |
| - Intermediate consumption outlays         | 4,789,189    | 5,422,272 |
| + Net government transactions              | 347,393      | 254,981   |
| = Gross value added                        | 3,477,673    | 4,643,404 |
| - Capital consumption                      | 508,983      | 539,394   |
| = Net value added                          | 2,968,690    | 4,104,010 |
| - Factor payments                          | 881,783      | 1,013,310 |
| Employee compensation (total hired labor)  | 278,978      | 295,023   |
| Net rent received by nonoperator landlords | 230,321      | 353,861   |
| Real estate and nonreal estate interest    | 372,484      | 364,426   |
| = Net farm income                          | 2,086,907    | 3,090,700 |

More information on farm income

- [Farm Income Data](#)
- [Farm Income and Costs Briefing Room](#)
- Contact [Roger Strickland](#), 202-694-5592.

### Farm balance sheet

• Estimation of State-level Balance Sheets has been suspended. See the [Farm Balance Sheet](#) data page for more information.

## Top Commodities, Exports, and Counties

| Top 5 agriculture commodities, 2008 |                                  |  |                        |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|------------------------|
|                                     | Value of receipts<br>thousand \$ | Percent of state<br>total<br>farm receipts | Percent of US<br>value |
| 1. Broilers                         | 2,807,200                        | 33.6                                       | 12.1                   |
| 2. Rice                             | 1,407,130                        | 16.9                                       | 43.8                   |
| 3. Soybeans                         | 1,031,325                        | 12.4                                       | 3.5                    |
| 4. Cotton                           | 515,409                          | 6.2  | 9.1                    |
| 5. Cattle and calves                | 494,614                          | 5.9  | 1.0                    |
| All commodities                     | 8,347,334                        |  | 2.6                    |

More information on Arkansas's top agriculture commodities

• Contact [Roger Strickland](#), 202-694-5592.

#### Top 5 agriculture exports, estimates, FY 2008

|                          | Rank among states | Value million \$ |
|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. Rice                  | 1                 | 918.1            |
| 2. Soybeans and products | 9                 | 806.8            |
| 3. Poultry and products  | 2                 | 508.9            |
| 4. Cotton and linters    | 3                 | 473.0            |
| 5. Wheat and products    | 18                | 275.8            |
| Overall rank             | 11                | 3,216.1          |

More information on agricultural exports

- [State Export Data](#)
- [Agricultural Trade Briefing Room](#)
- Contact [Nora Brooks](#), 202-694-5211.

#### Top 5 counties in agricultural sales 2007

|                       | Percent of state total receipts | Thousands \$ |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Benton County      | 5.8                             | 433,957      |
| 2. Washington County  | 5.6                             | 417,965      |
| 3. Carroll County     | 3.5                             | 261,109      |
| 4. Mississippi County | 2.6                             | 195,596      |
| 5. Phillips County    | 2.5                             | 185,088      |
| State total           |                                 | 7,508,806    |

More information on agricultural sales

- [Census of Agriculture](#)
- Contact [NASS Customer Service](#), 1-800-727-9540.

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### Population, Income, Education, and Employment

| Population              |           |           |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                         | Rural *   | Urban *   | Total     |
| Year                    |           |           |           |
| 1980                    | 1,570,899 | 949,871   | 2,520,770 |
| 1990                    | 1,549,014 | 1,024,202 | 2,573,216 |
| 2000                    | 1,650,106 | 1,194,552 | 2,844,658 |
| 2008 (latest estimates) | 1,643,353 | 1,295,265 | 2,938,618 |

More information on Mississippi population  
 • [County-level Population Data](#)  
 • [Rural Population and Migration Briefing Room](#)  
 • Contact [John Cromartie](#), 202-694-5421.

| Income                           |         |         |        |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|
|                                  | Rural * | Urban * | Total  |
| Per-capita income (2007 dollars) |         |         |        |
| 2006                             | 24,983  | 31,562  | 27,843 |
| 2007                             | 25,267  | 32,742  | 28,541 |
| Percent change                   | 2.3     | 7.5     | 5.0    |
| Earnings per job (2007 dollars)  |         |         |        |
| 2006                             | 32,575  | 39,653  | 35,941 |
| 2007                             | 32,586  | 39,017  | 35,692 |
| Percent change                   | 0.1     | -3.2    | -1.4   |

| Poverty rate (percent)              |         |         |       |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|-------|
|                                     | Rural * | Urban * | Total |
| 1979                                | 26.9    | 19.0    | 23.9  |
| 1989                                | 28.4    | 20.3    | 25.2  |
| 1999                                | 23.1    | 15.6    | 19.9  |
| 2007 (latest model-based estimates) | 24.1    | 16.4    | 20.7  |

More information on Mississippi poverty rates  
 • [County-level Poverty Data](#)  
 • [Rural Income, Poverty, and Welfare Briefing Room](#)  
 • See important notes about [decennial and model-based intercensal poverty estimates](#)  
 • Contact [Tracey Farrigan](#), 202-694-5489

| Education (Persons 25 and older)    |         |         |       |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|-------|
|                                     | Rural * | Urban * | Total |
| Percent not completing high school  |         |         |       |
| 1980                                | 50.3    | 36.6    | 45.2  |
| 1990                                | 40.6    | 28.4    | 35.7  |
| 2000                                | 31.7    | 21.0    | 27.1  |
| Percent completing high school only |         |         |       |

|  |      |      |      |
|--|------|------|------|
| 1980   | 27.0 | 32.0 | 29.2 |
| 1990   | 27.6 | 27.4 | 27.5 |
| 2000   | 30.4 | 27.9 | 29.4 |
| Percent completing some college  |      |      |      |
| 1980   | 11.6 | 16.2 | 13.3 |
| 1990   | 19.5 | 25.8 | 22.0 |
| 2000   | 23.8 | 30.4 | 26.6 |
| Percent completing college   |      |      |      |
| 1980   | 10.5 | 15.2 | 12.3 |
| 1990   | 12.3 | 18.4 | 14.7 |
| 2000   | 14.1 | 20.7 | 16.9 |
| More information on Mississippi education  |      |      |      |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">County-level Education Data</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Rural Labor and Education Briefing Room</a></li> <li>• Contact <a href="#">Robert Gibbs</a>, 202-694-5423</li> </ul> |      |      |      |

| <b>Employment</b>   |                |                |              |
|---|----------------|----------------|--------------|
|   | <b>Rural *</b> | <b>Urban *</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| Total number of jobs  |                |                |              |
| 2006  | 802,579        | 727,784        | 1,530,363    |
| 2007  | 810,711        | 757,352        | 1,568,063    |
| Unemployment rate (percent)   |                |                |              |
| 2007  | 7.2            | 5.2            | 6.3          |
| 2008  | 7.9            | 5.7            | 6.9          |
| More information on Mississippi unemployment rates  |                |                |              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">County-level Unemployment and Median Household Income Data</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Rural Labor and Education Briefing Room</a></li> <li>• Contact <a href="#">Lorin Kusmin</a>, 202-694-5429</li> </ul> |                |                |              |
| Percent employment change   |                |                |              |
| 2005-2006   | -0.5           | -1.6           | -1.0         |
| 2006-2007   | -0.3           | 2.9            | 1.2          |
| 2007-2008   | -0.2           | 0.0            | -0.1         |

\* Urban and rural (metro and nonmetro) definitions are based on the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) June 2003 classification. See [Measuring Rurality: New Definitions in 2003](#) for more information.

More information on socioeconomic conditions

- [Rural Emphasis Page](#)
- Contact [Tim Parker](#), 202-694-5435.

## Farm Characteristics

| <b>1997, 2002 and 2007 Census of Agriculture</b> |             |             |             |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | <b>1997</b> | <b>2002</b> | <b>2007</b> |
| Approximate total land area (acres)              | 30,024,752  | 30,020,449  | 30,012,193  |
| Total farmland (acres)                           | 11,436,287  | 11,097,543  | 11,456,241  |
| Percent of total land area                       | 38.1        | 37.0        | 38.2        |
| Cropland (acres)                                 | 6,324,156   | 5,822,786   | 5,530,825   |
| Percent of total farmland                        | 55.3        | 52.5        | 48.3        |
| Percent in pasture                               | 19.7        | 15.4        | 13.4        |
| Percent irrigated                                | 17.5        | 20.2        | 24.7        |
| Harvested Cropland (acres)                       | 4,519,775   | 4,139,341   | 4,223,708   |

|  |           |           |           |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Woodland (acres)   | 3,348,635 | 3,264,040 | 3,610,991 |
| Percent of total farmland  | 29.3      | 29.4      | 31.5      |
| Percent in pasture   | 23.9      | 24.7      | 15.5      |
|  |           |           |           |
| Pastureland (acres)  | 1,091,802 | 1,403,451 | 1,639,243 |
| Percent of total farmland  | 9.5       | 12.6      | 14.3      |
|  |           |           |           |
| Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. (acres)          | 671,694   | 607,266   | 675,182   |
| Percent of total farmland  | 5.9       | 5.5       | 5.9       |
|  |           |           |           |
| Conservation practices   |           |           |           |
| Farmland in conservation or wetlands reserve programs (acres)      | 729,313   | 807,340   | 1,107,406 |
|  |           |           |           |
| Average farm size (acres)  | 271       | 263       | 273       |
|  |           |           |           |
| Farms by size (percent)  |           |           |           |
| 1 to 99 acres  | 48.1      | 51.3      | 48.8      |
| 100 to 499 acres   | 40.3      | 38.8      | 40.4      |
| 500 to 999 acres   | 6.2       | 5.0       | 5.4       |
| 1000 to 1,999 acres  | 3.2       | 2.7       | 3.0       |
| 2,000 or more acres  | 2.1       | 2.3       | 2.4       |
|  |           |           |           |
| Farms by sales (percent)   |           |           |           |
| Less than \$9,999  | 72.6      | 74.1      | 71.2      |
| \$10,000 to \$49,999   | 13.0      | 13.0      | 15.4      |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999   | 2.7       | 2.5       | 2.6       |
| \$100,000 to \$499,999   | 6.4       | 5.9       | 4.5       |
| More than \$500,000  | 5.3       | 4.5       | 6.3       |
|  |           |           |           |
| Tenure of farmers  |           |           |           |
| Full owner (farms)   | 29,160    | 31,248    | 30,932    |
| Percent of total   | 69.2      | 74.1      | 73.7      |
|  |           |           |           |
| Part owner (farms)   | 9,814     | 8,474     | 8,572     |
| Percent of total   | 23.3      | 20.1      | 20.4      |
|  |           |           |           |
| Tenant owner (farms)   | 3,176     | 2,464     | 2,455     |
| Percent of total   | 7.5       | 5.8       | 5.9       |
|  |           |           |           |
| Farm organization  |           |           |           |
| Individuals/family, sole proprietorship (farms)                    | 37,524    | 39,035    | 36,353    |
| Percent of total   | 89.0      | 92.5      | 86.6      |
|  |           |           |           |
| Family-held corporations (farms)                                   | 892       | 608       | 1,248     |
| Percent of total   | 2.1       | 1.4       | 3.0       |
|  |           |           |           |
| Partnerships (farms)   | 3,310     | 2,166     | 3,769     |
| Percent of total   | 7.9       | 5.1       | 9.0       |
|  |           |           |           |
| Non-family corporations (farms)                                    | 136       | 97        | 219       |
| Percent of total   | 0.3       | 0.2       | 0.5       |
|  |           |           |           |
| Others - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. (farms) | 288       | 280       | 370       |
| Percent of total   | 0.7       | 0.7       | 0.9       |
|  |           |           |           |
| Characteristics of principal farm operators                        |           |           |           |
| Average operator age (years)                                       | 55.3      | 57.2      | 58.6      |
| Percent with farming as their primary occupation                   | 36.8      | 48.8      | 38.0      |
| Men  | 37,542    | 36,945    | 35,829    |
| Women  | 4,608     | 5,241     | 6,130     |

More information on farm characteristics

- [Census of Agriculture](#)
- Contact [NASS Customer Service](#), 1-800-727-9540.

## Farm Financial Indicators

| Farm income and value added data           |              |           |
|--|--------------|-----------|
|  | 2007         | 2008      |
| Number of farms                            | 42,000       | 42,000    |
|  | Thousands \$ |           |
| Final crop output                          | 1,686,654    | 2,033,456 |
| + Final animal output                      | 2,706,964    | 2,907,617 |
| + Services and forestry                    | 775,469      | 803,910   |
| = Final agricultural sector output         | 5,169,087    | 5,744,983 |
| - Intermediate consumption outlays         | 3,413,554    | 3,637,408 |
| + Net government transactions              | 459,142      | 199,813   |
| = Gross value added                        | 2,214,675    | 2,307,388 |
| - Capital consumption                      | 399,551      | 422,330   |
| = Net value added                          | 1,815,124    | 1,885,058 |
| - Factor payments                          | 587,269      | 586,995   |
| Employee compensation (total hired labor)  | 221,323      | 225,535   |
| Net rent received by nonoperator landlords | 122,893      | 127,483   |
| Real estate and nonreal estate interest    | 243,053      | 233,977   |
| = Net farm income                          | 1,227,855    | 1,298,063 |

More information on farm income

- [Farm Income Data](#)
- [Farm Income and Costs Briefing Room](#)
- Contact [Roger Strickland](#), 202-694-5592.

### Farm balance sheet

• Estimation of State-level Balance Sheets has been suspended. See the [Farm Balance Sheet](#) data page for more information.

## Top Commodities, Exports, and Counties

| Top 5 agriculture commodities, 2008 |                                  |  |                        |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|------------------------|
|                                     | Value of receipts<br>thousand \$ | Percent of state<br>total<br>farm receipts | Percent of US<br>value |
| 1. Broilers                         | 2,194,245                        | 44.2                                       | 9.5                    |
| 2. Soybeans                         | 633,094                          | 12.7                                       | 2.2                    |
| 3. Corn                             | 460,291                          | 9.3  | 0.9                    |
| 4. Cotton                           | 328,379                          | 6.6  | 5.8                    |
| 5. Aquaculture                      | 247,666                          | 5.0  | 18.2                   |
| All commodities                     | 4,967,838                        |  | 1.5                    |

More information on Mississippi's top agriculture commodities

• Contact [Roger Strickland](#), 202-694-5592.

#### Top 5 agriculture exports, estimates, FY 2008

|                          | Rank among states | Value million \$ |
|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. Soybeans and products | 12                | 512.2            |
| 2. Poultry and products  | 5                 | 353.8            |
| 3. Cotton and linters    | 7                 | 249.3            |
| 4. Rice                  | 4                 | 149.4            |
| 5. Wheat and products    | 27                | 148.5            |
| Overall rank             | 23                | 1,654.3          |

More information on agricultural exports

- [State Export Data](#)
- [Agricultural Trade Briefing Room](#)
- Contact [Nora Brooks](#), 202-694-5211.

#### Top 5 counties in agricultural sales 2007

|                     | Percent of state total receipts | Thousands \$ |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Smith County     | 4.9                             | 238,666      |
| 2. Scott County     | 4.7                             | 231,571      |
| 3. Neshoba County   | 4.7                             | 227,042      |
| 4. Leake County     | 4.6                             | 225,042      |
| 5. Sunflower County | 3.9                             | 190,158      |
| State total         |                                 | 4,876,781    |

More information on agricultural sales

- [Census of Agriculture](#)
- Contact [NASS Customer Service](#), 1-800-727-9540.

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### Population, Income, Education, and Employment

| Population   |           |           |           |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|  | Rural *   | Urban *   | Total     |
| Year   |           |           |           |
| 1980   | 1,117,072 | 3,089,044 | 4,206,116 |
| 1990   | 1,091,103 | 3,128,870 | 4,219,973 |
| 2000   | 1,128,309 | 3,340,667 | 4,468,976 |
| 2008 (latest estimates)  | 1,133,982 | 3,276,814 | 4,410,796 |
| More information on Louisiana population <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">County-level Population Data</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Rural Population and Migration Briefing Room</a></li> <li>• Contact <a href="#">John Cromartie</a>, 202-694-5421.</li> </ul> |           |           |           |

| Income  |         |         |        |
|---|---------|---------|--------|
|   | Rural * | Urban * | Total  |
| Per-capita income (2007 dollars)  |         |         |        |
| 2006  | 26,162  | 36,530  | 33,767 |
| 2007  | 27,121  | 37,890  | 35,100 |
| Percent change  | 7.3     | 7.4     | 7.9    |
| Earnings per job (2007 dollars)   |         |         |        |
| 2006  | 35,169  | 44,687  | 42,727 |
| 2007  | 35,734  | 45,010  | 43,123 |
| Percent change  | 3.2     | 1.4     | 1.9    |
| Poverty rate (percent)  |         |         |        |
| 1979  | 24.0    | 16.7    | 18.6   |
| 1989  | 29.7    | 21.5    | 23.6   |
| 1999  | 24.2    | 18.1    | 19.6   |
| 2007 (latest model-based estimates)   | 23.7    | 17.1    | 18.8   |
| More information on Louisiana poverty rates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">County-level Poverty Data</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Rural Income, Poverty, and Welfare Briefing Room</a></li> <li>• See important notes about <a href="#">decennial and model-based intercensal poverty estimates</a></li> <li>• Contact <a href="#">Tracey Farrigan</a>, 202-694-5489</li> </ul> |         |         |        |

| Education (Persons 25 and older)    |         |         |       |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|-------|
|                                     | Rural * | Urban * | Total |
| Percent not completing high school  |         |         |       |
| 1980                                | 52.5    | 38.7    | 42.3  |
| 1990                                | 40.5    | 28.7    | 31.7  |
| 2000                                | 32.6    | 22.7    | 25.2  |
| Percent completing high school only |         |         |       |

|  |      |      |      |
|--|------|------|------|
| 1980   | 29.0 | 31.6 | 30.9 |
| 1990   | 34.1 | 30.8 | 31.7 |
| 2000   | 36.5 | 31.1 | 32.4 |
| Percent completing some college  |      |      |      |
| 1980   | 9.0  | 14.2 | 12.8 |
| 1990   | 15.2 | 22.3 | 20.5 |
| 2000   | 18.8 | 25.3 | 23.7 |
| Percent completing college   |      |      |      |
| 1980   | 9.3  | 15.5 | 13.9 |
| 1990   | 10.2 | 18.1 | 16.1 |
| 2000   | 12.1 | 20.9 | 18.7 |
| More information on Louisiana education  |      |      |      |
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| <b>Employment</b>   |                |                |              |
|---|----------------|----------------|--------------|
|   | <b>Rural *</b> | <b>Urban *</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| Total number of jobs  |                |                |              |
| 2006  | 501,271        | 1,933,459      | 2,434,730    |
| 2007  | 512,029        | 2,005,056      | 2,517,085    |
| Unemployment rate (percent)   |                |                |              |
| 2007  | 4.4            | 3.6            | 3.8          |
| 2008  | 5.3            | 4.4            | 4.6          |
| More information on Louisiana unemployment rates  |                |                |              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">County-level Unemployment and Median Household Income Data</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Rural Labor and Education Briefing Room</a></li> <li>• Contact <a href="#">Lorin Kusmin</a>, 202-694-5429</li> </ul> |                |                |              |
| Percent employment change   |                |                |              |
| 2005-2006   | 3.9            | 2.9            | 3.2          |
| 2006-2007   | 0.3            | 51.9           | 35.5         |
| 2007-2008   | 1.2            | 1.9            | 1.7          |

\* Urban and rural (metro and nonmetro) definitions are based on the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) June 2003 classification. See [Measuring Rurality: New Definitions in 2003](#) for more information.

More information on socioeconomic conditions

- [Rural Emphasis Page](#)
- Contact [Tim Parker](#), 202-694-5435.

## Farm Characteristics

| <b>1997, 2002 and 2007 Census of Agriculture</b> |             |             |             |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | <b>1997</b> | <b>2002</b> | <b>2007</b> |
| Approximate total land area (acres)              | 27,882,310  | 27,879,582  | 27,668,285  |
| Total farmland (acres)                           | 8,367,843   | 7,830,664   | 8,109,975   |
| Percent of total land area                       | 30.0        | 28.1        | 29.3        |
| Cropland (acres)                                 | 5,567,627   | 5,071,537   | 4,691,344   |
| Percent of total farmland                        | 66.5        | 64.8        | 57.8        |
| Percent in pasture                               | 16.3        | 16.6        | 13.5        |
| Percent irrigated                                | 17.1        | 18.3        | 19.4        |
| Harvested Cropland (acres)                       | 4,022,664   | 3,332,146   | 3,342,048   |

|  |           |           |           |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Woodland (acres)   | 1,068,660 | 1,017,937 | 1,188,689 |
| Percent of total farmland  | 12.8      | 13.0      | 14.7      |
| Percent in pasture   | 32.0      | 29.5      | 17.8      |
|  |           |           |           |
| Pastureland (acres)  | 1,096,526 | 1,194,963 | 1,544,080 |
| Percent of total farmland  | 13.1      | 15.3      | 19.0      |
|  |           |           |           |
| Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. (acres)          | 635,030   | 546,227   | 685,862   |
| Percent of total farmland  | 7.6       | 7.0       | 8.5       |
|  |           |           |           |
| Conservation practices   |           |           |           |
| Farmland in conservation or wetlands reserve programs (acres)      | 182,379   | 273,839   | 524,824   |
|  |           |           |           |
| Average farm size (acres)  | 275       | 286       | 269       |
|  |           |           |           |
| Farms by size (percent)  |           |           |           |
| 1 to 99 acres  | 57.0      | 57.7      | 60.9      |
| 100 to 499 acres   | 29.1      | 28.4      | 27.7      |
| 500 to 999 acres   | 7.0       | 6.7       | 5.0       |
| 1000 to 1,999 acres  | 4.6       | 4.6       | 3.7       |
| 2,000 or more acres  | 2.4       | 2.7       | 2.7       |
|  |           |           |           |
| Farms by sales (percent)   |           |           |           |
| Less than \$9,999  | 65.2      | 66.5      | 69.3      |
| \$10,000 to \$49,999   | 15.9      | 16.3      | 16.4      |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999   | 4.4       | 4.7       | 3.6       |
| \$100,000 to \$499,999   | 10.9      | 9.0       | 6.0       |
| More than \$500,000  | 3.7       | 3.5       | 4.7       |
|  |           |           |           |
| Tenure of farmers  |           |           |           |
| Full owner (farms)   | 17,769    | 17,184    | 20,472    |
| Percent of total   | 58.4      | 62.7      | 68.0      |
|  |           |           |           |
| Part owner (farms)   | 8,753     | 7,358     | 7,024     |
| Percent of total   | 28.8      | 26.8      | 23.3      |
|  |           |           |           |
| Tenant owner (farms)   | 3,903     | 2,871     | 2,610     |
| Percent of total   | 12.8      | 10.5      | 8.7       |
|  |           |           |           |
| Farm organization  |           |           |           |
| Individuals/family, sole proprietorship (farms)                    | 26,736    | 24,915    | 25,716    |
| Percent of total   | 87.9      | 90.9      | 85.4      |
|  |           |           |           |
| Family-held corporations (farms)                                   | 1,214     | 952       | 1,639     |
| Percent of total   | 4.0       | 3.5       | 5.4       |
|  |           |           |           |
| Partnerships (farms)   | 2,141     | 1,323     | 2,395     |
| Percent of total   | 7.0       | 4.8       | 8.0       |
|  |           |           |           |
| Non-family corporations (farms)                                    | 120       | 89        | 136       |
| Percent of total   | 0.4       | 0.3       | 0.5       |
|  |           |           |           |
| Others - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. (farms) | 214       | 134       | 220       |
| Percent of total   | 0.7       | 0.5       | 0.7       |
|  |           |           |           |
| Characteristics of principal farm operators                        |           |           |           |
| Average operator age (years)                                       | 53.5      | 55.1      | 57.3      |
| Percent with farming as their primary occupation                   | 43.8      | 54.0      | 41.8      |
| Men  | 27,908    | 24,866    | 26,248    |
| Women  | 2,517     | 2,547     | 3,858     |

More information on farm characteristics

- [Census of Agriculture](#)
- Contact [NASS Customer Service](#), 1-800-727-9540.

## Farm Financial Indicators

| Farm income and value added data           |              |           |
|--|--------------|-----------|
|  | 2007         | 2008      |
| Number of farms                            | 30,000       | 30,000    |
|  | Thousands \$ |           |
| Final crop output                          | 1,781,159    | 1,887,786 |
| + Final animal output                      | 1,006,673    | 1,049,784 |
| + Services and forestry                    | 333,115      | 339,062   |
| = Final agricultural sector output         | 3,120,947    | 3,276,632 |
| - Intermediate consumption outlays         | 1,770,550    | 1,847,406 |
| + Net government transactions              | 216,654      | 149,189   |
| = Gross value added                        | 1,567,051    | 1,578,415 |
| - Capital consumption                      | 268,703      | 285,575   |
| = Net value added                          | 1,298,348    | 1,292,840 |
| - Factor payments                          | 458,698      | 502,981   |
| Employee compensation (total hired labor)  | 198,652      | 202,432   |
| Net rent received by nonoperator landlords | 110,691      | 156,728   |
| Real estate and nonreal estate interest    | 149,355      | 143,821   |
| = Net farm income                          | 839,650      | 789,859   |

More information on farm income

- [Farm Income Data](#)
- [Farm Income and Costs Briefing Room](#)
- Contact [Roger Strickland](#), 202-694-5592.

### Farm balance sheet

• Estimation of State-level Balance Sheets has been suspended. See the [Farm Balance Sheet](#) data page for more information.

## Top Commodities, Exports, and Counties

| Top 5 agriculture commodities, 2008 |                                  |  |                        |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|------------------------|
|                                     | Value of receipts<br>thousand \$ | Percent of state<br>total<br>farm receipts | Percent of US<br>value |
| 1. Rice                             | 399,663                          | 13.2                                       | 12.4                   |
| 2. Corn                             | 389,162                          | 12.8                                       | 0.8                    |
| 3. Cane for sugar                   | 327,720                          | 10.8                                       | 38.6                   |
| 4. Soybeans                         | 272,424                          | 9.0  | 0.9                    |
| 5. Cattle and calves                | 191,012                          | 6.3  | 0.4                    |
| All commodities                     | 3,034,689                        |  | 0.9                    |

More information on Louisiana's top agriculture commodities

• Contact [Roger Strickland](#), 202-694-5592.

#### Top 5 agriculture exports, estimates, FY 2008

|                             | Rank among states | Value million \$ |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. Rice                     | 3                 | 261.5            |
| 2. Soybeans and products    | 18                | 204.8            |
| 3. Feed grains and products | 18                | 127.3            |
| 4. Wheat and products       | 30                | 121.0            |
| 5. Cotton and linters       | 11                | 102.6            |
| Overall rank                | 31                | 925.8            |

More information on agricultural exports

- [State Export Data](#)
- [Agricultural Trade Briefing Room](#)
- Contact [Nora Brooks](#), 202-694-5211.

#### Top 5 counties in agricultural sales 2007

|                        | Percent of state total receipts | Thousands \$ |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Union Parish        | 5.1                             | 133,773      |
| 2. Lincoln Parish      | 4.6                             | 119,727      |
| 3. Franklin Parish     | 4.1                             | 106,258      |
| 4. Sabine Parish       | 4.0                             | 105,344      |
| 5. East Carroll Parish | 3.7                             | 96,037       |
| State total            |                                 | 2,617,981    |

More information on agricultural sales

- [Census of Agriculture](#)
- Contact [NASS Customer Service](#), 1-800-727-9540.

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