

1997 Census of Agriculture Parish Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 9 percent from 250,607 acres in 1992 to 228,693 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased slightly from 595 acres in 1992 to 600 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 21 percent from 256 farms in 1992 to 201 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

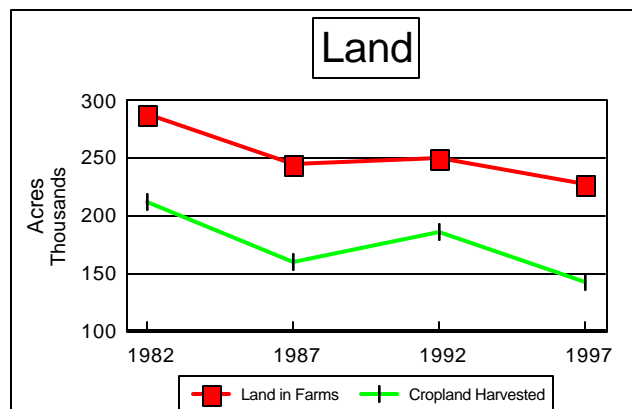
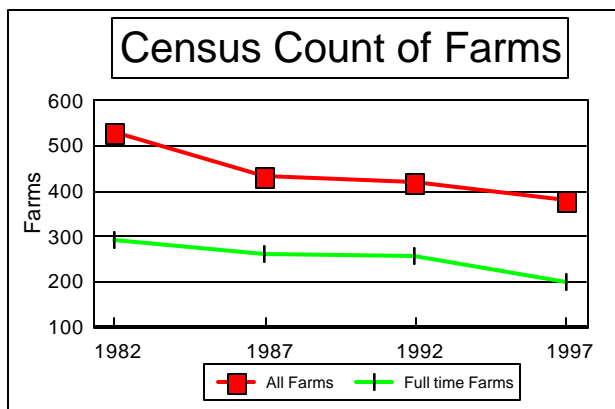
Decreased 9 percent to \$42,950,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 91 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 9 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased slightly from \$112,637 in 1992 to \$112,731 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	42,950	23	64	1,364	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	38,989	18	64	734	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	3,961	33	64	2,468	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cotton, cottonseed	23,515	6	30	61	709
Soybeans	10,387	9	48	528	2,136
Aquaculture	2,411	5	43	63	1,505
Grain sorghum	2,221	2	29	155	1,275
Cattle and calves	1,484	37	64	2,344	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	3,809	41	64	2,351	3,063
Horses and ponies sold	21	50	62	2,417	3,015
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	49	59	2,873	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	29	32	2,031	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	7,609	41	64	2,354	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	242	44	64	2,431	3,066
All goat inventory	90	31	59	1,819	2,983
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	90	47	59	2,670	3,002
Mule burro, and donkey inventory	17	25	56	1,538	2,901
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	71,339	7	48	360	2,144
Cotton-acres	45,984	5	30	76	713
Sorghum for grain-acres	14,380	1	30	175	1,508
Corn for grain-acres	5,011	15	50	1,315	2,691
Hay crops-acres	3,599	40	64	2,474	3,061

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	166	151	10
\$10,000 or more	215	270	-20
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	32,630	35,214	-7
Average per farmdollars..	85,868	83,644	3
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	8,602	10,260	-16
Average per farmdollars..	22,636	24,371	-7
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	330	354	-7
Partnership or corporation	50	65	-23
Other	1	2	-50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	201	256	-21
Other	180	165	9
Operators by sex:			
Male	353	400	-12
Female	28	21	33
Operators by race:			
White	368	406	-9
Black and other races	13	15	-13
Average age of operator	52.5	50.0	5

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

* Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.