

1997 Census of Agriculture Parish Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 6 percent from 147,826 acres in 1992 to 156,733 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 14 percent from 266 acres in 1992 to 304 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 202 farms in 1992 to 186 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

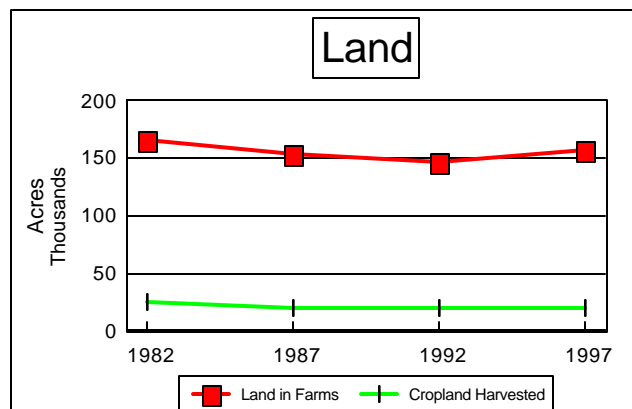
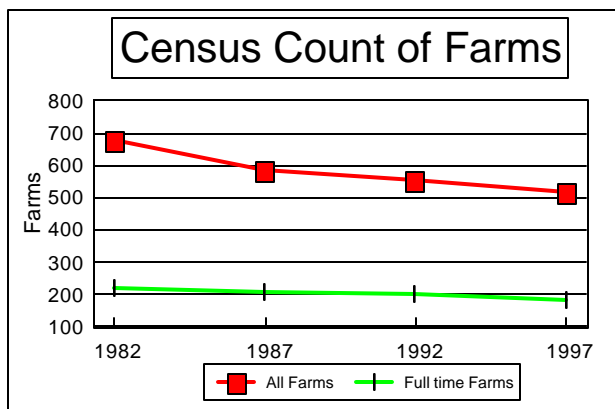
Increased 4 percent to \$19,430,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 7 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 93 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 12 percent from \$33,552 in 1992 to \$37,655 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	19,430	39	64	2,131	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	18,007	12	64	1,357	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,423	50	64	2,621	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	12,446	3	39	309	2,563
Cattle and calves	5,338	4	64	1,424	3,063
Cotton, cottonseed	(D)	22	30	473	709
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	427	6	61	1,754	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	199	27	59	1,767	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	15,342	6	64	1,227	3,063
Horses and ponies sold	72	19	62	1,274	3,015
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	35	45	2,620	2,765
Mules, burros, and donkeys sold	10	4	23	315	1,580
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	58	59	2,919	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	38,083	3	64	879	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	11	59	759	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	717	14	64	1,132	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	115	33	52	1,916	2,884
Broiler inventory	54	26	45	1,899	2,620
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	19,116	3	64	1,081	3,061
Cotton-acres	(D)	22	30	512	713
Soybeans for beans-acres	(D)	43	48	1,761	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	(D)	34	50	2,169	2,691
Total berries-acres	(D)	2	40	108	2,058

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	369	395	-7
\$10,000 or more	147	161	-9
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	16,970	16,981	-0
Average per farmdollars..	32,952	30,597	8
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,291	1,576	-18
Average per farmdollars..	2,508	2,839	-12
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	476	511	-7
Partnership or corporation	38	42	-10
Other	2	3	-33
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	186	202	-8
Other	330	354	-7
Operators by sex:			
Male	472	511	-8
Female	44	45	-2
Operators by race:			
White	467	503	-7
Black and other races	49	53	-8
Average age of operator	55.2	55.6	-1

(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.