

1997 Census of Agriculture Parish Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service



EVANGELINE LOUISIANA

Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 176,952 acres in 1992 to 181,063 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 5 percent from 293 acres in 1992 to 308 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 3 percent from 281 farms in 1992 to 273 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

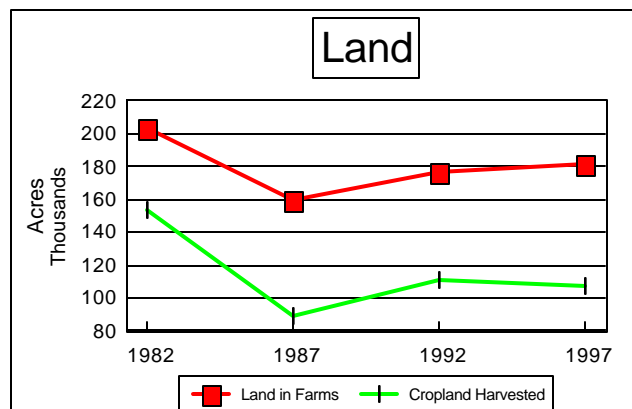
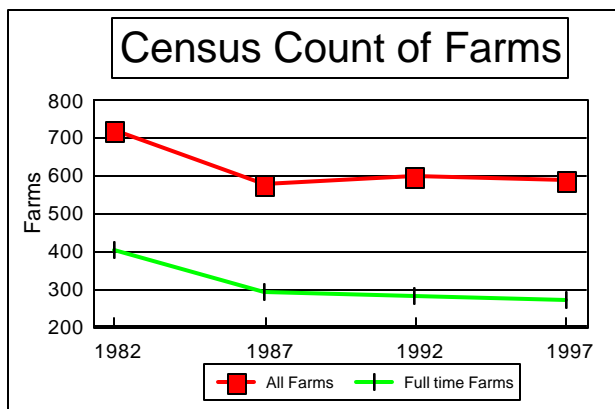
Increased 48 percent to \$44,482,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 85 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 15 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 52 percent from \$49,687 in 1992 to \$75,650 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	44,482	21	64	1,321	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	37,860	19	64	770	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	6,623	20	64	2,176	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	24,134	4	38	27	1,971
Soybeans	7,145	13	48	645	2,136
Aquaculture	(D)	3	43	40	1,505
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	3,297	20	49	286	2,237
Cattle and calves	2,216	25	64	2,089	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	6,755	25	64	1,918	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	1,516	6	32	658	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	170	26	59	2,445	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	53	23	62	1,587	3,015
Sheep and lambs sold	41	19	45	2,339	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	14,966	24	64	1,805	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	6	52	625	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	311	37	64	2,172	3,066
Broiler inventory	148	19	45	1,457	2,620
Hogs and pigs inventory	140	22	59	2,386	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Rice-acres	55,181	4	35	21	153
Soybeans for beans-acres	39,302	13	48	597	2,144
Hay crops-acres	5,361	32	64	2,225	3,061
Wheat-acres	3,683	11	41	1,197	2,612
Sweetpotatoes-acres	2,018	5	21	11	465

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	342	332	3
\$10,000 or more	246	271	-9
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	23,917	23,201	3
Average per farmdollars..	40,675	38,541	6
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	14,978	5,030	198
Average per farmdollars..	25,472	8,355	205
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	493	516	-4
Partnership or corporation	85	81	5
Other	10	6	67
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	273	281	-3
Other	315	322	-2
Operators by sex:			
Male	561	559	0
Female	27	44	-39
Operators by race:			
White	571	586	-3
Black and other races	17	17	
Average age of operator	51.0	51.9	-2

(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.