

1997 Census of Agriculture Parish Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 7 percent from 110,173 acres in 1992 to 102,628 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 19 percent from 289 acres in 1992 to 344 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 29 percent from 214 farms in 1992 to 153 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

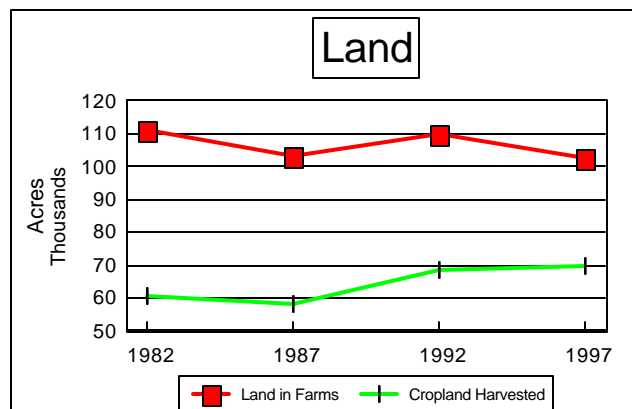
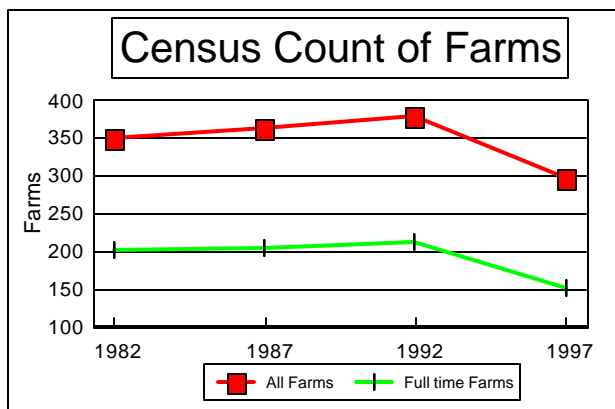
Increased 17 percent to \$49,797,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 98 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 2 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 50 percent from \$111,684 in 1992 to \$167,106 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	49,797	19	64	1,201	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	48,864	12	64	563	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	933	54	64	2,886	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	47,212	1	49	22	2,237
Cattle and calves	673	49	64	2,688	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	622	15	59	1,219	2,790
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	572	27	38	384	1,971
Soybeans	259	35	48	1,482	2,136
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	1,995	49	64	2,653	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	65	39	59	2,661	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	64	15	45	2,185	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	45	26	62	1,770	3,015
All goats sold	(D)	30	50	1,971	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	4,884	49	64	2,588	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	690	15	52	858	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	319	35	64	2,146	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	239	35	59	2,220	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	103	15	52	2,161	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Sugarcane, sugar-acres	61,618	1	27	2	55
Sugarcane, seed-acres	3,196	2	24	3	39
Hay crops-acres	2,132	48	64	2,691	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	1,444	35	48	1,491	2,144
Rice-acres	1,253	27	35	106	153

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	158	198	-20
\$10,000 or more	140	183	-23
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	33,361	33,727	-1
Average per farmdollars..	111,575	88,060	27
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	14,045	10,488	34
Average per farmdollars..	46,972	27,384	72
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	227	304	-25
Partnership or corporation	65	70	-7
Other	6	7	-14
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	153	214	-29
Other	145	167	-13
Operators by sex:			
Male	280	361	-22
Female	18	20	-10
Operators by race:			
White	287	363	-21
Black and other races	11	18	-39
Average age of operator	54.8	53.8	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.