

1997 Census of Agriculture Parish Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service



JEFFERSON LOUISIANA

Land in farms

Increased 17 percent from 4,127 acres in 1992 to 4,836 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 10 percent from 71 acres in 1992 to 78 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 7 percent from 14 farms in 1992 to 13 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

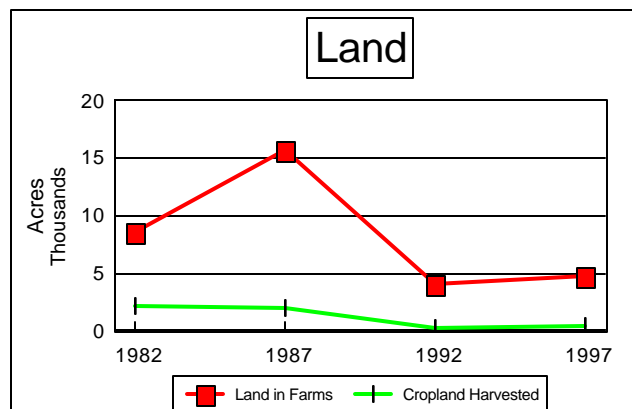
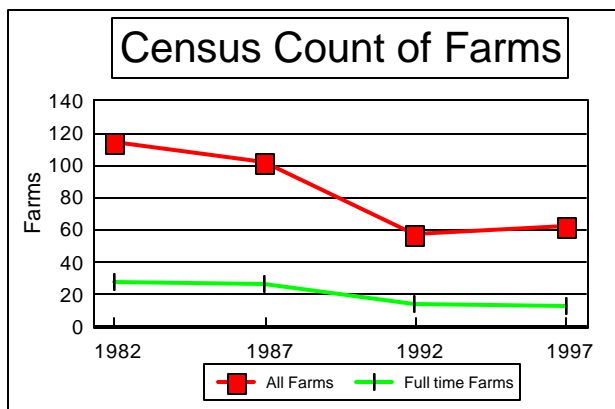
Increased 66 percent to \$2,353,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 16 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 84 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 55 percent from \$24,458 in 1992 to \$37,945 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	2,353	61	64	2,921	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	1,965	47	64	2,731	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	387	58	64	2,918	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Horses and ponies	(D)	2	62	52	3,015
Nursery and greenhouse crops	330	20	59	1,516	2,790
Cattle and calves	141	60	64	2,943	3,063
Hogs and pigs	(D)	9	59	1,943	2,976
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	(D)	32	38	1,020	1,971
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	9	59	1,857	2,976
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	7	25	280	1,593
Cattle and calves sold	480	59	64	2,929	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	180	16	32	1,200	2,200
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	15	20	1,391	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	1,218	58	64	2,918	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	378	21	52	1,164	2,884
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	12	59	2,060	3,005
Rabbit inventory	(D)	6	39	344	2,456
Colony of bees inventory	210	16	42	829	2,588
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	369	60	64	2,979	3,061
Rice-acres	(D)	32	35	142	153
Land used for vegetables-acres	22	35	59	1,922	2,741
All nursery-acres	(D)	28	55	1,827	2,619

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	51	48	6
\$10,000 or more	11	10	10
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	709	994	-29
Average per farmdollars..	11,435	17,131	-33
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,644	397	314
Average per farmdollars..	26,510	6,849	287
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	55	49	12
Partnership or corporation	7	9	-22
Other			
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	13	14	-7
Other	49	44	11
Operators by sex:			
Male	55	46	20
Female	7	12	-42
Operators by race:			
White	60	58	3
Black and other races	2	-	
Average age of operator	55.4	53.1	4

(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.