

1997 Census of Agriculture Parish Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 13 percent from 63,446 acres in 1992 to 55,270 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 2 percent from 195 acres in 1992 to 198 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 5 percent from 110 farms in 1992 to 105 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

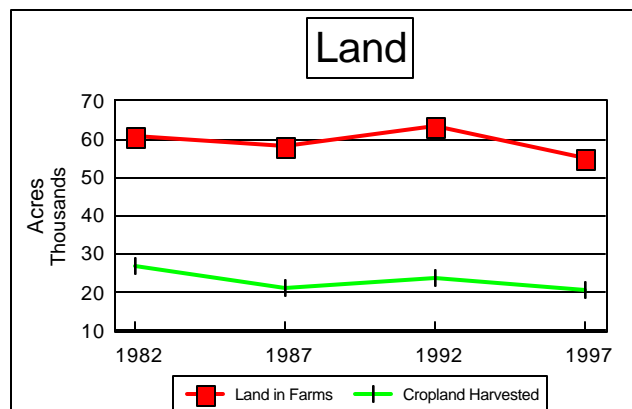
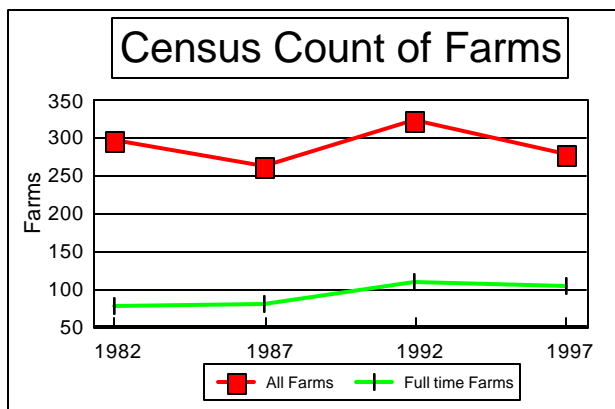
Increased 2 percent to \$15,277,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 90 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 10 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 18 percent from \$46,305 in 1992 to \$54,757 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	15,277	40	64	2,288	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	13,765	30	64	1,547	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	1,512	50	64	2,807	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	11,731	12	49	117	2,237
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	11	59	745	2,790
Cattle and calves	1,323	41	64	2,407	3,063
Soybeans	(D)	41	48	1,598	2,136
Horses and ponies	136	16	62	1,120	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	5,874	29	64	2,029	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	2	32	368	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	32	59	2,563	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	82	15	62	1,134	3,015
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	20	45	2,348	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	9,627	36	64	2,181	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	2	52	238	2,884
Broiler inventory	(D)	14	45	832	2,620
Horse and pony inventory	509	22	64	1,567	3,066
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	6	32	416	1,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Sugarcane, sugar-acres	14,977	10	27	13	55
Hay crops-acres	4,109	36	64	2,410	3,061
Sugarcane, seed-acres	814	14	24	17	39
Soybeans for beans-acres	(D)	42	48	1,723	2,144
Land in orchards-acres	263	19	61	665	2,693

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	216	257	-16
\$10,000 or more	63	68	-7
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	11,142	13,003	-14
Average per farmdollars..	39,794	39,886	-0
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	3,482	2,623	33
Average per farmdollars..	12,437	8,047	55
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	247	282	-12
Partnership or corporation	31	43	-28
Other	1	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	105	110	-5
Other	174	215	-19
Operators by sex:			
Male	256	302	-15
Female	23	23	
Operators by race:			
White	269	314	-14
Black and other races	10	11	-9
Average age of operator	54.8	54.7	0

(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.