

1997 Census of Agriculture Parish Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 132,678 acres in 1992 to 135,042 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 5 percent from 322 acres in 1992 to 339 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 11 percent from 191 farms in 1992 to 170 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

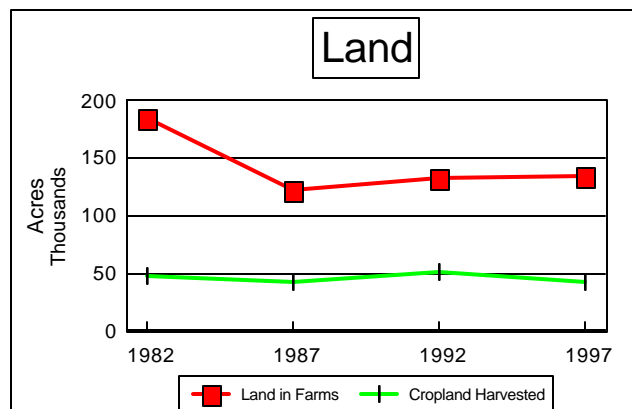
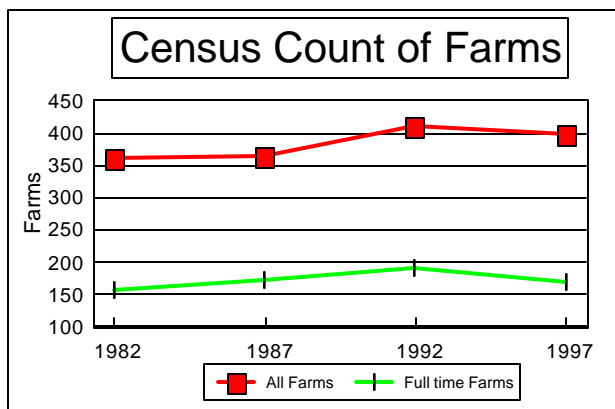
Increased 19 percent to \$32,207,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 83 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 17 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 23 percent from \$65,723 in 1992 to \$80,922 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	32,207	28	64	1,656	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	26,779	23	64	1,038	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	5,428	25	64	2,309	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	25,607	6	49	54	2,237
Cattle and calves	4,074	12	64	1,616	3,063
Aquaculture	(D)	8	43	101	1,505
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	439	5	61	1,726	3,043
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	356	7	59	864	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	11,630	13	64	1,477	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	135	30	59	2,503	2,976
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	15	25	843	1,593
Sheep and lambs sold	42	18	45	2,331	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	24	48	62	2,340	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	23,797	11	64	1,365	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	449	26	59	1,762	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	366	9	46	549	2,549
Horse and pony inventory	346	33	64	2,054	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	143	21	59	2,383	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Sugarcane, sugar-acres	30,053	6	27	8	55
Hay crops-acres	9,880	14	64	1,737	3,061
Sugarcane, seed-acres	2,232	5	24	6	39
Soybeans for beans-acres	(D)	45	48	1,848	2,144
Land used for vegetables-acres	167	11	59	1,023	2,741

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	223	224	
\$10,000 or more	175	188	-7
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	21,595	22,152	-3
Average per farmdollars..	53,989	53,637	1
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	9,930	5,480	81
Average per farmdollars..	24,825	13,270	87
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	318	300	6
Partnership or corporation	77	111	-31
Other	3	1	200
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	170	191	-11
Other	228	221	3
Operators by sex:			
Male	387	404	-4
Female	11	8	38
Operators by race:			
White	396	408	-3
Black and other races	2	4	-50
Average age of operator	53.2	52.4	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.