

1997 Census of Agriculture Parish Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 182,605 acres in 1992 to 188,804 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 9 percent from 327 acres in 1992 to 356 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 18 percent from 292 farms in 1992 to 240 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

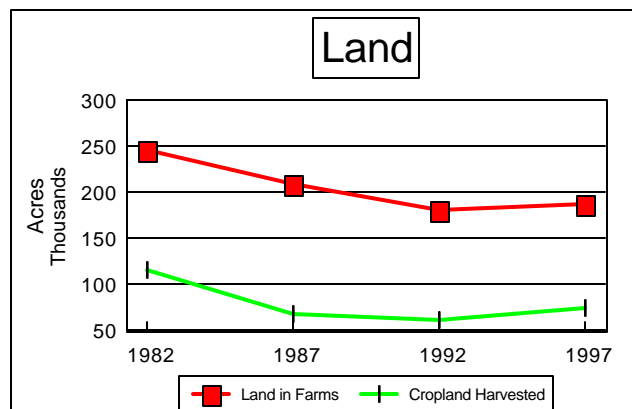
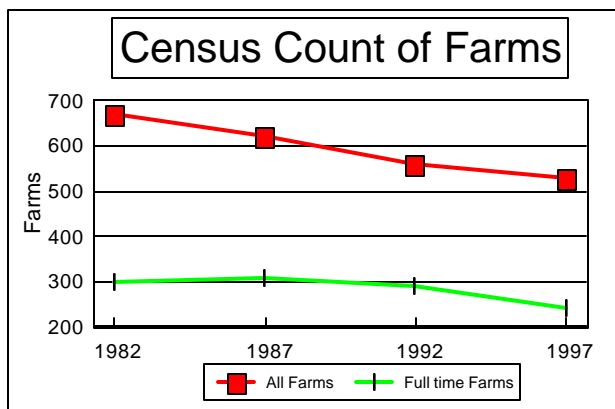
Increased 20 percent to \$50,068,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 35 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 65 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 27 percent from \$74,575 in 1992 to \$94,467 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	50,068	18	64	1,198	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	32,511	7	64	830	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	17,557	27	64	1,364	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	24,164	6	54	242	2,901
Cattle and calves	7,359	1	64	1,143	3,063
Corn for grain	6,746	11	47	694	2,582
Soybeans	4,093	17	48	789	2,136
Cotton, cottonseed	3,133	15	30	292	709
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	6,705,127	6	20	229	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	3	35	286	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	20,154	1	64	979	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	5	32	644	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	155	29	59	2,474	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	812,701	6	45	263	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	141,870	4	59	349	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	1	46	124	2,549
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	3	32	242	1,790
Cattle and calves inventory	36,049	5	64	923	3,064
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	20,606	17	48	786	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	20,124	10	50	815	2,691
Hay crops-acres	15,943	4	64	1,256	3,061
Wheat-acres	8,319	2	41	844	2,612
Cotton-acres	5,941	15	30	318	713

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	306	325	-6
\$10,000 or more	224	234	-4
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	36,165	35,258	3
Average per farmdollars..	68,236	63,187	8
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	11,725	6,059	94
Average per farmdollars..	22,123	10,858	104
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	456	469	-3
Partnership or corporation	72	87	-17
Other	2	3	-33
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	240	292	-18
Other	290	267	9
Operators by sex:			
Male	489	513	-5
Female	41	46	-11
Operators by race:			
White	473	506	-7
Black and other races	57	53	8
Average age of operator	55.4	55.5	-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.