

1997 Census of Agriculture Parish Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 247,106 acres in 1992 to 236,721 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 13 percent from 434 acres in 1992 to 490 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 16 percent from 374 farms in 1992 to 315 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

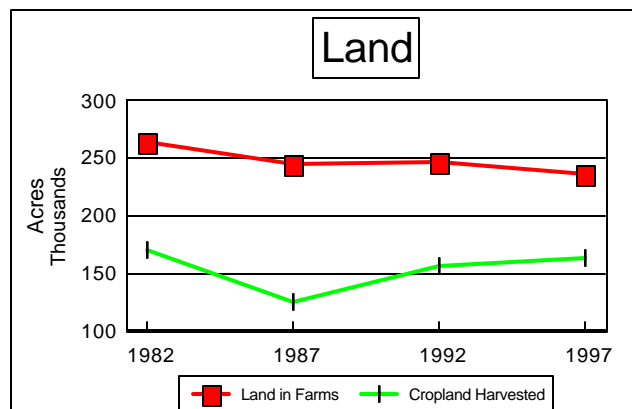
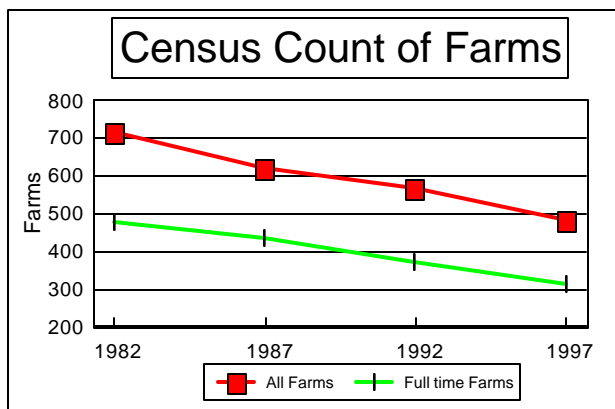
Decreased 1 percent to \$57,475,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 94 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 6 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 16 percent from \$102,336 in 1992 to \$118,996 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	57,475	13	64	1,039	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	54,222	10	64	482	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	3,253	37	64	2,561	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cotton, cottonseed	35,649	3	30	38	709
Corn for grain	9,421	5	47	577	2,582
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	4,543	12	38	137	1,971
Soybeans	3,797	18	48	804	2,136
Cattle and calves	2,946	20	64	1,862	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	10	35	634	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	7,687	21	64	1,823	3,063
Horses and ponies sold	41	28	62	1,856	3,015
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	43	59	2,767	2,976
All goats sold	(D)	35	50	2,164	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	14,492	25	64	1,835	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	239	45	64	2,443	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	91	37	52	2,037	2,884
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	21	42	1,202	2,588
All goat inventory	50	41	59	2,243	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Cotton-acres	89,685	1	30	28	713
Corn for grain-acres	30,390	5	50	670	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	26,086	16	48	720	2,144
Rice-acres	9,719	14	35	66	153
Hay crops-acres	5,296	33	64	2,231	3,061

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	184	183	1
\$10,000 or more	299	387	-23
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	44,009	49,412	-11
Average per farmdollars..	91,304	86,536	6
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	10,295	9,740	6
Average per farmdollars..	21,360	17,058	25
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	396	455	-13
Partnership or corporation	83	107	-22
Other	4	8	-50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	315	374	-16
Other	168	196	-14
Operators by sex:			
Male	448	536	-16
Female	35	34	3
Operators by race:			
White	468	548	-15
Black and other races	15	22	-32
Average age of operator	53.6	51.3	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.