

1997 Census of Agriculture Parish Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service



ST BERNARD LOUISIANA

Land in farms

Decreased 45 percent from 6,166 acres in 1992 to 3,404 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 49 percent from 247 acres in 1992 to 126 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 12 farms in 1992 to 11 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

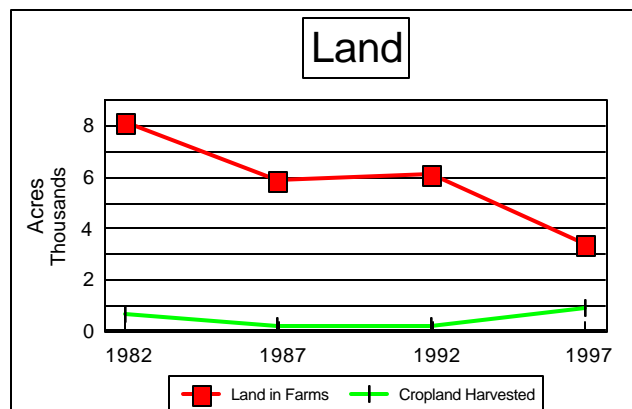
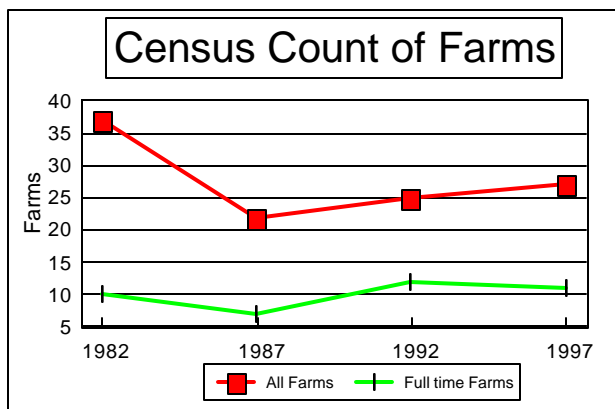
Decreased 6 percent to \$425,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 0 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 0 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 13 percent from \$18,016 in 1992 to \$15,747 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 | 425 | 63 | 64 | 3,030 | 3,076 |
| Value of livestock and poultry | (D) | 59 | 64 | 2,976 | 3,069 |
| Value of crops including nursery | (D) | 63 | 64 | 3,026 | 3,070 |
| TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves | 321 | 57 | 64 | 2,851 | 3,063 |
| Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons | 38 | 34 | 59 | 1,766 | 2,739 |
| Nursery and greenhouse crops | (D) | 50 | 59 | 2,394 | 2,790 |
| Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds | (D) | 54 | 61 | 2,945 | 3,043 |
| Fruits, nuts, berries | 8 | 41 | 56 | 1,864 | 2,547 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves sold | 747 | 58 | 64 | 2,877 | 3,063 |
| Horses and ponies sold | 10 | 55 | 62 | 2,737 | 3,015 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves inventory | 1,020 | 60 | 64 | 2,936 | 3,064 |
| All goat inventory | (D) | 40 | 59 | 2,219 | 2,983 |
| Horse and pony inventory | (D) | 64 | 64 | 3,010 | 3,066 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA | | | | | |
| Hay crops-acres | 855 | 55 | 64 | 2,896 | 3,061 |
| Land used for vegetables-acres | 16 | 39 | 59 | 2,039 | 2,741 |
| Land in orchards-acres | 9 | 52 | 61 | 2,185 | 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 | 19 | 17 | 12 |
| \$10,000 or more | 8 | 8 | |
| Total farm production expenses\$1,000.. | 324 | 371 | -13 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 12,005 | 14,821 | -19 |
| Net cash return from agricultural sales | | | |
| for the farm unit\$1,000.. | 101 | 80 | 26 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 3,742 | 3,195 | 17 |
| Farms by type of organization: | | | |
| Individual or family | 26 | 24 | 8 |
| Partnership or corporation | 1 | 1 | |
| Other | | | |
| OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
| Operators by principal occupation: | | | |
| Farming | 11 | 12 | -8 |
| Other | 16 | 13 | 23 |
| Operators by sex: | | | |
| Male | 26 | 22 | 18 |
| Female | 1 | 3 | -67 |
| Operators by race: | | | |
| White | 27 | 25 | 8 |
| Black and other races | | | |
| Average age of operator | 60.9 | 58.5 | 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.