

1997 Census of Agriculture Parish Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 31 percent from 50,319 acres in 1992 to 65,741 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 36 percent from 145 acres in 1992 to 197 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 9 percent from 172 farms in 1992 to 156 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

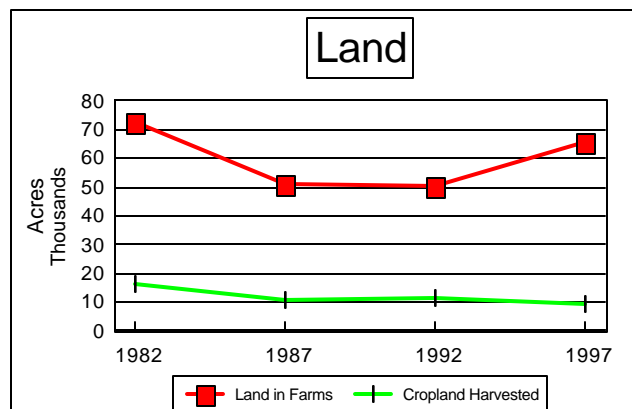
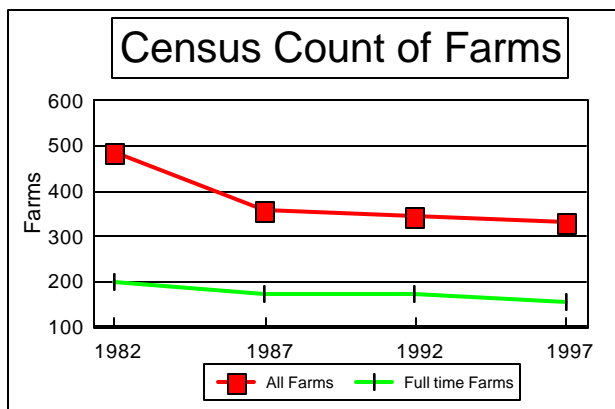
Increased 33 percent to \$30,224,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 2 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 98 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 39 percent from \$65,319 in 1992 to \$90,762 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	30,224	31	64	1,716	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	29,746	8	64	893	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	478	55	64	2,880	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	7	54	307	2,901
Dairy products	8,791	4	39	415	2,563
Cattle and calves	2,629	23	64	1,949	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	270	17	61	2,149	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	33	59	1,976	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	6,974	24	64	1,892	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	185	24	59	2,416	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	23	32	1,501	2,200
All goats sold	(D)	20	50	1,466	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	20	51	62	2,438	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	1	59	85	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	16,346	22	64	1,738	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	312	36	64	2,165	3,066
All goat inventory	168	18	59	1,316	2,983
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	137	31	52	1,819	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	8,282	19	64	1,882	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	615	5	26	1,327	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	132	36	50	2,324	2,691
Sorghum for silage-acres	(D)	5	9	569	1,323
Land used for vegetables-acres	51	23	59	1,545	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	224	232	-3
\$10,000 or more	109	115	-5
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	24,056	18,309	31
Average per farmdollars..	72,240	52,915	37
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	10,124	3,893	160
Average per farmdollars..	30,404	11,250	170
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	297	316	-6
Partnership or corporation	33	30	10
Other	3	1	200
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	156	172	-9
Other	177	175	1
Operators by sex:			
Male	296	308	-4
Female	37	39	-5
Operators by race:			
White	304	310	-2
Black and other races	29	37	-22
Average age of operator	56.7	55.6	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.