

1997 Census of Agriculture Parish Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 6 percent from 283,135 acres in 1992 to 264,841 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 11 percent from 247 acres in 1992 to 274 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 22 percent from 566 farms in 1992 to 441 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

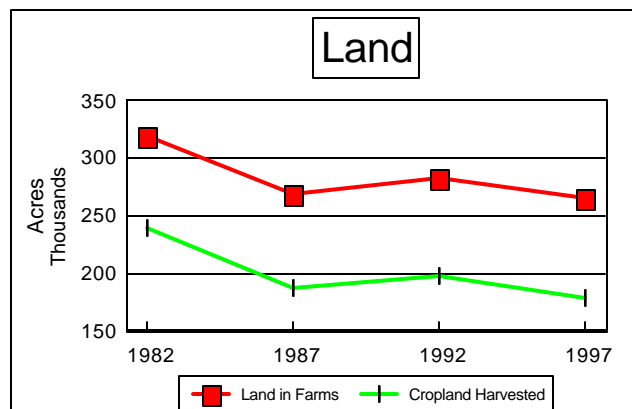
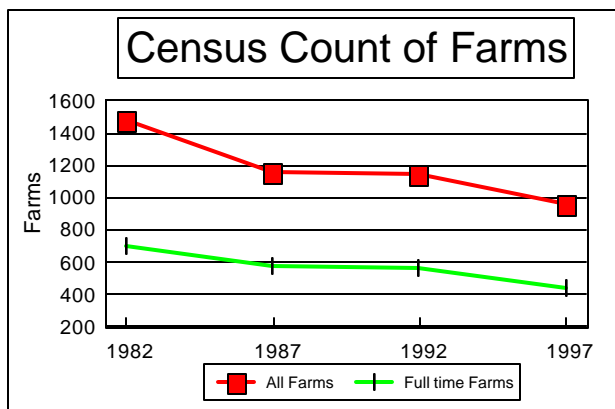
Increased 34 percent to \$63,850,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 87 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 13 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 59 percent from \$41,657 in 1992 to \$66,097 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	63,850	7	64	914	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	55,284	9	64	469	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	8,566	14	64	1,987	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Soybeans	20,974	1	48	272	2,136
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	10,439	7	38	73	1,971
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	9,574	15	49	140	2,237
Corn for grain	6,990	9	47	685	2,582
Nursery and greenhouse crops	4,672	5	59	415	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	12,767	11	64	1,394	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	252	20	59	2,323	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	102	11	62	903	3,015
Sheep and lambs sold	91	13	45	2,043	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	25	32	1,549	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	27,893	8	64	1,200	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	3	42	187	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	1,110	7	64	636	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	852	17	59	1,285	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	450	16	52	1,067	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	103,439	2	48	192	2,144
Rice-acres	27,068	7	35	39	153
Corn for grain-acres	22,093	8	50	779	2,691
Hay crops-acres	11,624	8	64	1,549	3,061
Sugarcane, sugar-acres	9,196	14	27	21	55

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	636	729	-13
\$10,000 or more	330	415	-20
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	43,945	35,445	24
Average per farmdollars..	45,539	30,957	47
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	16,024	9,161	75
Average per farmdollars..	16,606	8,001	108
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	852	985	-14
Partnership or corporation	108	148	-27
Other	6	11	-45
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	441	566	-22
Other	525	578	-9
Operators by sex:			
Male	899	1,059	-15
Female	67	85	-21
Operators by race:			
White	857	1,015	-16
Black and other races	109	129	-16
Average age of operator	54.5	54.3	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.