

1997 Census of Agriculture Parish Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 1 percent from 256,118 acres in 1992 to 259,340 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 17 percent from 269 acres in 1992 to 314 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 19 percent from 498 farms in 1992 to 403 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

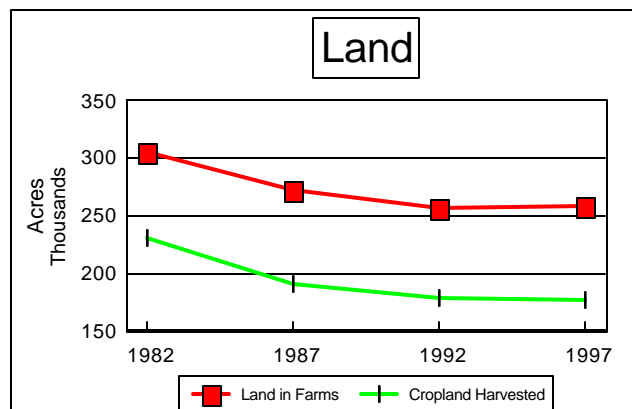
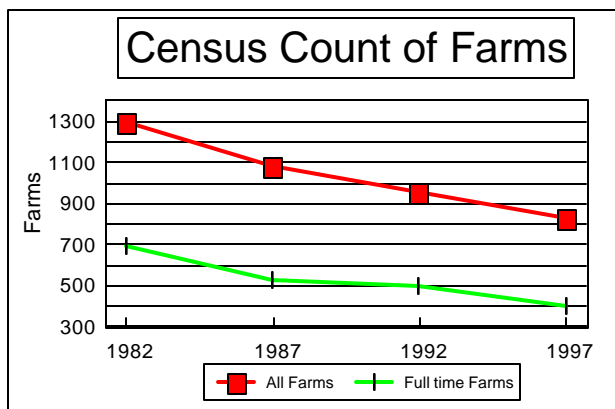
Increased 22 percent to \$61,085,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 93 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 7 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 41 percent from \$52,340 in 1992 to \$73,864 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	61,085	10	64	965	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	56,908	8	64	447	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	4,177	31	64	2,439	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Soybeans	17,878	3	48	347	2,136
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	15,117	10	49	95	2,237
Cotton, cottonseed	7,879	13	30	179	709
Corn for grain	6,902	10	47	688	2,582
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	4,230	14	38	145	1,971
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	10,416	17	64	1,578	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,009	7	59	1,811	2,976
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	3	5	180	611
All goats sold	49	19	50	1,450	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	11	54	62	2,702	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	20,892	15	64	1,502	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	4,369	2	42	141	2,588
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	545	24	59	1,615	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	416	9	59	1,950	3,005
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	368	22	52	1,173	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	93,283	4	48	239	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	20,398	9	50	812	2,691
Cotton-acres	14,378	13	30	218	713
Sorghum for grain-acres	13,885	2	30	177	1,508
Sugarcane, sugar-acres	11,556	13	27	19	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	427	537	-20
\$10,000 or more	400	416	-4
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	40,034	35,820	12
Average per farmdollars..	48,467	37,626	29
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	17,587	10,740	64
Average per farmdollars..	21,291	11,282	89
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	754	854	-12
Partnership or corporation	73	98	-26
Other	-	1	-100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	403	498	-19
Other	424	455	-7
Operators by sex:			
Male	786	903	-13
Female	41	50	-18
Operators by race:			
White	807	916	-12
Black and other races	20	37	-46
Average age of operator	52.3	52.0	1

(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.