

# 1997 Census of Agriculture Parish Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service



## ST MARY LOUISIANA

### Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 81,747 acres in 1992 to 83,166 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased slightly from 809 acres in 1992 to 807 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 76 farms in 1992 to 70 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

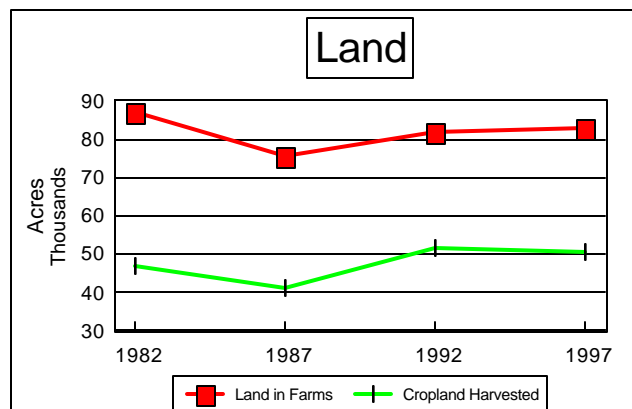
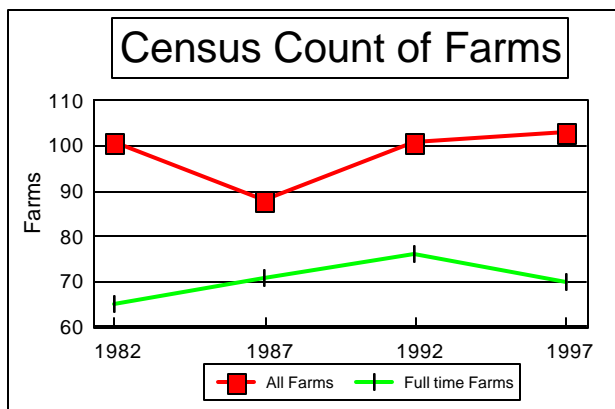
Increased 48 percent to \$39,430,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 99 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 1 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 46 percent from \$263,089 in 1992 to \$382,811 in 1997.



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#### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	39,430	24	64	1,449	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	39,116	17	64	733	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	314	60	64	2,980	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	38,649	2	49	34	2,237
Soybeans	390	34	48	1,376	2,136
Cattle and calves	283	58	64	2,872	3,063
Wheat	(D)	33	41	1,971	2,578
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	20	54	1,619	2,901
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	1,700	4	32	631	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	942	57	64	2,833	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	34	44	59	2,787	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	2,460	3	52	393	2,884
Cattle and calves inventory	1,675	56	64	2,867	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	77	59	64	2,905	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	71	49	59	2,731	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	53	40	59	2,667	3,005
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Sugarcane, sugar-acres	45,710	2	27	4	55
Sugarcane, seed-acres	2,421	3	24	4	39
Soybeans for beans-acres	1,376	36	48	1,504	2,144
Wheat-acres	631	31	41	1,818	2,612
Hay crops-acres	500	59	64	2,947	3,061

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

#### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	38	25	52
\$10,000 or more .....	65	76	-14
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	26,109	23,286	12
Average per farm .....dollars..	253,484	230,552	10
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	13,276	3,286	304
Average per farm .....dollars..	128,891	32,537	296
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	60	63	-5
Partnership or corporation .....	43	37	16
Other .....	-	1	-100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	70	76	-8
Other .....	33	25	32
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	100	99	1
Female .....	3	2	50
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	100	93	8
Black and other races .....	3	8	-63
Average age of operator .....	51.7	51.8	-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.