

1997 Census of Agriculture Parish Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 61,883 acres in 1992 to 63,170 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased slightly from 146 acres in 1992 to 145 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 5 percent from 202 farms in 1992 to 213 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

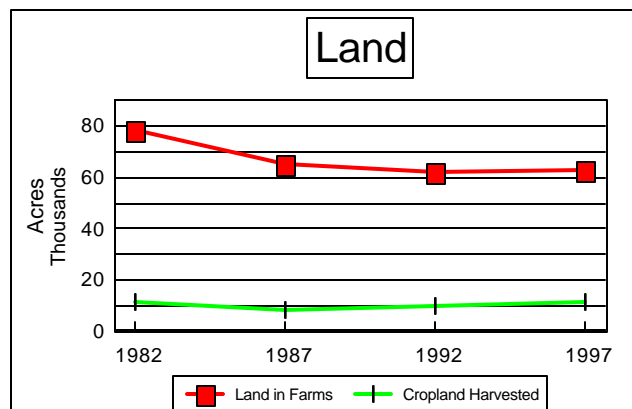
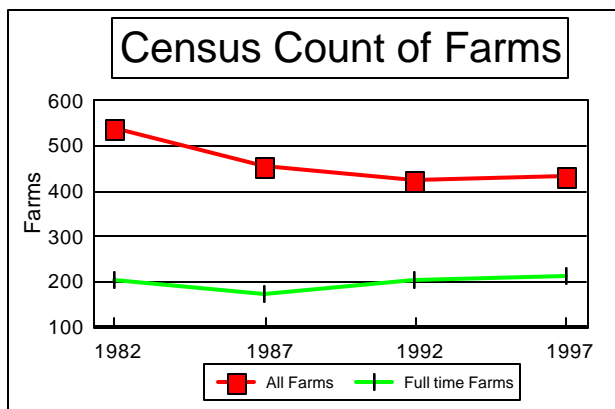
Increased 45 percent to \$86,387,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 0 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 100 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 41 percent from \$140,431 in 1992 to \$198,135 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	86,387	2	64	639	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	85,967	1	64	242	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	420	57	64	2,904	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	81,935	1	54	59	2,901
Cattle and calves	2,579	24	64	1,971	3,063
Dairy products	868	12	39	1,486	2,563
Hogs and pigs	454	2	59	1,262	2,976
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	361	11	61	1,928	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	42,682,778	1	20	39	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	493,681	2	35	177	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	7,254	23	64	1,867	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	4,725	2	59	1,244	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	81	16	62	1,147	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	8,344,057	1	45	26	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	158,149	3	59	334	3,002
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	2	32	201	1,790
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	7	46	347	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	18,298	19	64	1,621	3,064
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	11,578	9	64	1,555	3,061
Land in orchards-acres	28	47	61	1,736	2,693
All nursery-acres	26	27	55	1,766	2,619
Cut christmas trees harvested-acres	26	8	36	664	1,965
Land used for vegetables-acres	22	35	59	1,922	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	255	251	2
\$10,000 or more	181	174	4
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	73,480	47,947	53
Average per farmdollars..	168,919	112,816	50
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	11,219	10,327	9
Average per farmdollars..	25,791	24,299	6
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	413	402	3
Partnership or corporation	21	23	-9
Other	2	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	213	202	5
Other	223	223	
Operators by sex:			
Male	397	393	1
Female	39	32	22
Operators by race:			
White	424	415	2
Black and other races	12	10	20
Average age of operator	54.3	54.4	-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.