

# 1997 Census of Agriculture Parish Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service



## VERMILION LOUISIANA

### Land in farms

Increased 4 percent from 316,691 acres in 1992 to 328,565 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 16 percent from 284 acres in 1992 to 330 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 12 percent from 668 farms in 1992 to 591 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

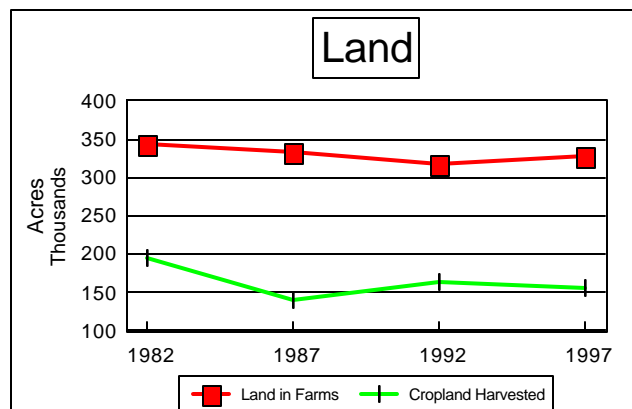
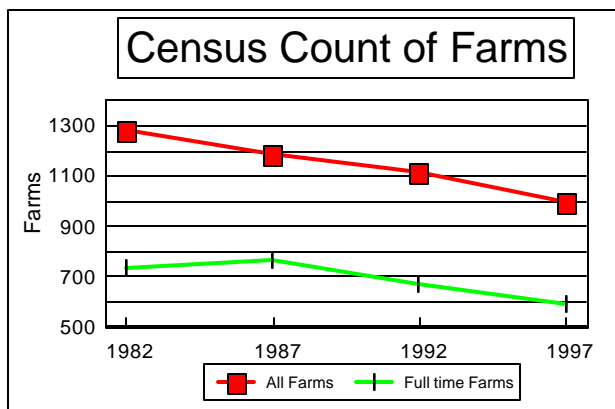
Increased 53 percent to \$70,111,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 91 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 9 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 72 percent from \$40,910 in 1992 to \$70,464 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	70,111	5	64	825	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	63,678	5	64	370	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	6,433	21	64	2,198	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	42,210	2	38	11	1,971
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	17,230	8	49	79	2,237
Cattle and calves	5,239	5	64	1,435	3,063
Soybeans	3,666	19	48	816	2,136
Aquaculture	664	15	43	158	1,505
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	17,537	4	64	1,121	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	330	2	45	1,477	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	157	28	59	2,469	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	37	31	62	1,953	3,015
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	27	32	1,752	2,200
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	34,855	6	64	963	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	1,117	8	52	647	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	657	16	64	1,223	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	619	21	59	1,508	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	503	1	52	1,414	2,864
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Rice-acres	102,255	1	35	5	153
Sugarcane, sugar-acres	22,035	8	27	10	55
Soybeans for beans-acres	20,446	18	48	788	2,144
Hay crops-acres	8,233	21	64	1,887	3,061
Sugarcane, seed-acres	1,145	9	24	11	39

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 .....	536	609	-12
\$10,000 or more .....	459	508	-10
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	45,682	36,391	26
Average per farm .....dollars..	45,774	32,579	41
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	21,182	8,692	144
Average per farm .....dollars..	21,225	7,781	173
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	888	1,010	-12
Partnership or corporation .....	96	93	3
Other .....	11	14	-21
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	591	668	-12
Other .....	404	449	-10
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	941	1,045	-10
Female .....	54	72	-25
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	960	1,103	-13
Black and other races .....	35	14	150
Average age of operator .....	53.8	54.4	-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.