

1997 Census of Agriculture Parish Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 16 percent from 51,799 acres in 1992 to 43,615 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 110 acres in 1992 to 113 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 20 percent from 202 farms in 1992 to 161 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

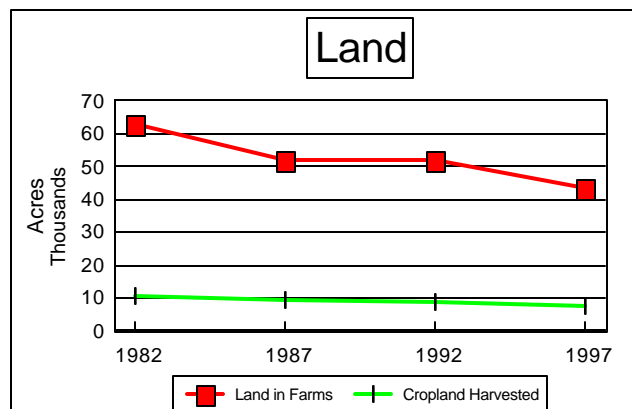
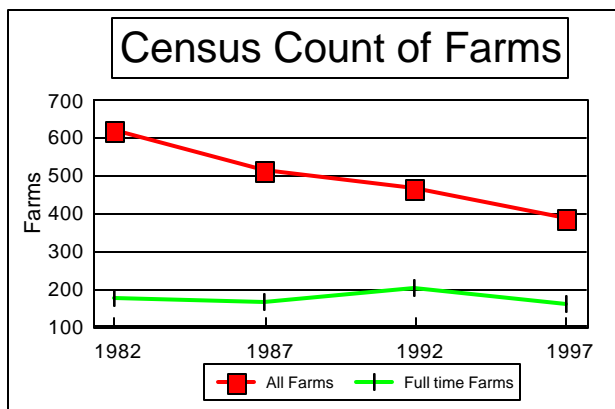
Decreased 21 percent to \$8,271,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 4 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 96 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 4 percent from \$22,253 in 1992 to \$21,372 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	8,271	50	64	2,601	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	7,925	16	64	2,049	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	346	59	64	2,932	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	4,738	9	54	615	2,901
Cattle and calves	1,751	31	64	2,255	3,063
Dairy products	1,365	8	39	1,254	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	168	28	61	2,460	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	37	59	2,060	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	2,568,200	8	20	356	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	6,012	28	64	2,006	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	6	25	167	1,593
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	805	11	35	1,006	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	306	17	59	2,253	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	426,022	7	45	347	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	14,178	26	64	1,843	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,056	15	59	1,171	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	512	21	64	1,558	3,066
All goat inventory	361	3	59	666	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	7,269	24	64	1,987	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	62	20	59	1,460	2,741
Field seeds-acres	(D)	4	12	691	1,212
Corn for grain-acres	31	42	50	2,513	2,691
Land in orchards-acres	31	45	61	1,692	2,693

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	317	381	-17
\$10,000 or more	70	88	-20
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	8,318	8,714	-5
Average per farmdollars..	21,550	18,619	16
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(739)	1,409	-152
Average per farmdollars..	(1,914)	3,012	-164
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	376	447	-16
Partnership or corporation	10	19	-47
Other	1	3	-67
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	161	202	-20
Other	226	267	-15
Operators by sex:			
Male	349	435	-20
Female	38	34	12
Operators by race:			
White	378	461	-18
Black and other races	9	8	13
Average age of operator	56.4	56.8	-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.