

# 1997 Census of Agriculture Parish Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 14 percent from 116,221 acres in 1992 to 100,006 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 12 percent from 139 acres in 1992 to 123 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 401 farms in 1992 to 367 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

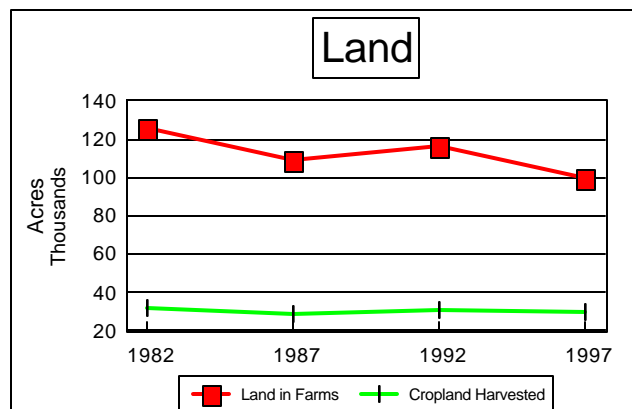
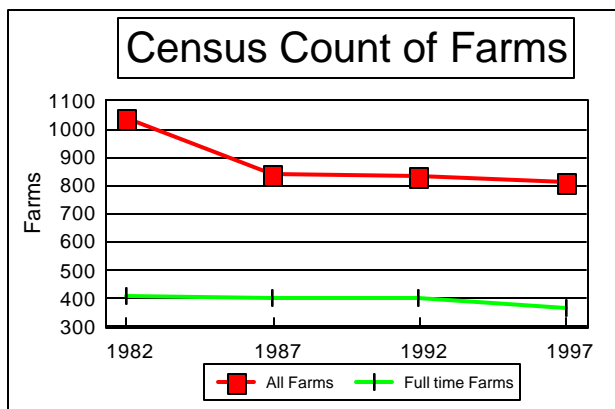
Increased 17 percent to \$45,118,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 26 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 74 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 20 percent from \$46,336 in 1992 to \$55,427 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	45,118	20	64	1,311	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	33,339	6	64	804	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	11,779	32	64	1,651	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Dairy products	27,963	2	39	156	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	10,112	2	59	201	2,790
Cattle and calves	5,029	7	64	1,460	3,063
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	492	4	59	747	2,739
Corn for grain	408	24	47	1,631	2,582
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	14,748	7	64	1,259	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	2,800	4	25	89	1,593
Hogs and pigs sold	458	15	59	2,095	2,976
All goats sold	405	2	50	240	2,686
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	16	35	1,393	2,203
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	39,670	2	64	839	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	6	42	253	2,588
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	817	18	59	1,311	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	718	13	64	1,130	3,066
All goat inventory	674	1	59	314	2,983
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	22,494	2	64	910	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	2,793	1	26	522	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	2,044	23	50	1,637	2,691
All nursery-acres	1,907	1	55	144	2,619
Soybeans for beans-acres	1,100	37	48	1,565	2,144

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 .....	542	546	-1
\$10,000 or more .....	272	289	-6
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	35,415	28,853	23
Average per farm .....dollars..	43,401	34,555	26
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	8,514	8,228	3
Average per farm .....dollars..	10,433	9,853	6
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	731	754	-3
Partnership or corporation .....	78	74	5
Other .....	5	7	-29
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	367	401	-8
Other .....	447	434	3
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	739	763	-3
Female .....	75	72	4
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	755	791	-5
Black and other races .....	59	44	34
Average age of operator .....	53.5	54.0	-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.