

# 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 58,790 acres in 1992 to 50,296 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 8 percent from 160 acres in 1992 to 147 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 5 percent from 143 farms in 1992 to 136 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

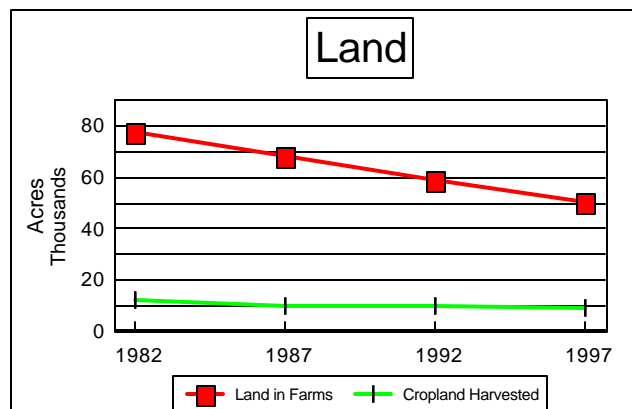
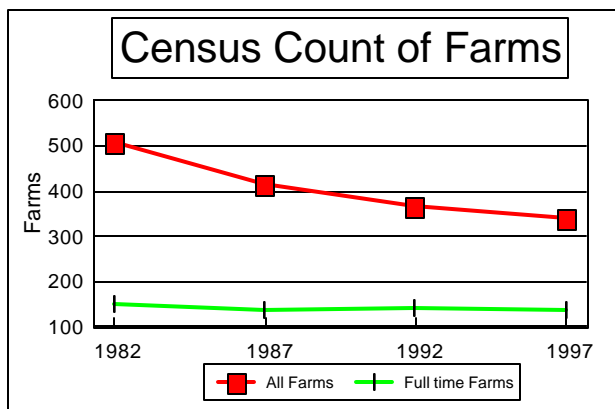
Increased 59 percent to \$5,642,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 9 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 91 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 71 percent from \$9,655 in 1992 to \$16,546 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	5,642	55	64	2,727	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	5,126	29	64	2,351	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	516	54	64	2,868	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	2,418	13	54	752	2,901
Cattle and calves	1,696	32	64	2,271	3,063
Dairy products	623	16	39	1,638	2,563
Aquaculture	(D)	24	43	301	1,505
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	152	30	61	2,498	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	13	20	544	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	5	35	323	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	5,387	32	64	2,108	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	13	32	1,048	2,200
Horses and ponies sold	69	20	62	1,307	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	123,713	5	59	382	3,002
Broiler inventory	(D)	11	45	519	2,620
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	5	46	252	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	10,667	31	64	2,088	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	785	12	52	791	2,884
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	8,262	20	64	1,884	3,061
Cotton-acres	(D)	24	30	549	713
Land in orchards-acres	54	40	61	1,366	2,693
Land used for vegetables-acres	51	23	59	1,545	2,741
Cowpeas, dry peas-acres	(D)	1	4	76	177

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 .....	261	299	-13
\$10,000 or more .....	80	69	16
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	4,730	3,658	29
Average per farm .....dollars..	13,870	9,940	40
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	1,690	(395)	528
Average per farm .....dollars..	4,956	(1,072)	562
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	323	343	-6
Partnership or corporation .....	16	20	-20
Other .....	2	5	-60
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	136	143	-5
Other .....	205	225	-9
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	312	341	-9
Female .....	29	27	7
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	328	353	-7
Black and other races .....	13	15	-13
Average age of operator .....	57.2	58.6	-2

(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.