

1997 Census of Agriculture Parish Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 12 percent from 86,856 acres in 1992 to 76,164 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 4 percent from 496 acres in 1992 to 515 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 27 percent from 62 farms in 1992 to 45 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

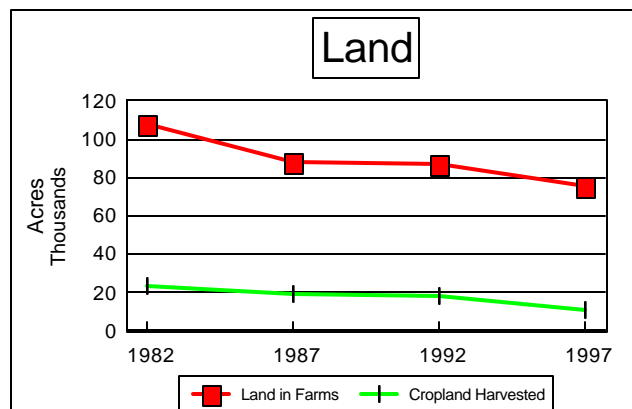
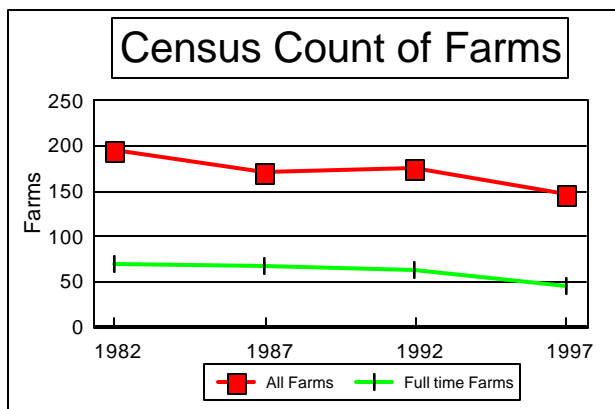
Decreased 50 percent to \$3,406,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 52 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 48 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 41 percent from \$39,030 in 1992 to \$23,015 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	3,406	59	64	2,857	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	1,768	47	64	2,555	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	1,638	49	64	2,788	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	1,596	34	64	2,303	3,063
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	(D)	25	49	582	2,237
Soybeans	(D)	33	48	1,342	2,136
Corn for grain	(D)	27	47	1,733	2,582
Cotton, cottonseed	(D)	25	30	561	709
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	4,784	37	64	2,199	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	47	41	59	2,733	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	31	43	62	2,122	3,015
All goats sold	(D)	29	50	1,917	2,686
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	43	45	2,731	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	10,539	32	64	2,098	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	187	49	64	2,629	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	70	34	59	2,598	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	51	51	59	2,798	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	34	46	1,990	2,549
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	6,813	25	64	2,054	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	(D)	34	48	1,487	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	(D)	28	50	1,806	2,691
Wheat-acres	650	30	41	1,801	2,612
Cotton-acres	(D)	28	30	611	713

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	105	121	-13
\$10,000 or more	43	54	-20
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	3,329	6,168	-46
Average per farmdollars..	22,491	35,447	-37
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	200	419	-52
Average per farmdollars..	1,352	2,405	-44
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	133	159	-16
Partnership or corporation	14	14	
Other	1	2	-50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	45	62	-27
Other	103	113	-9
Operators by sex:			
Male	131	152	-14
Female	17	23	-26
Operators by race:			
White	131	151	-13
Black and other races	17	24	-29
Average age of operator	54.5	54.2	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.