

1997 Census of Agriculture Parish Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 9 percent from 51,401 acres in 1992 to 46,759 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 6 percent from 200 acres in 1992 to 212 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 20 percent from 99 farms in 1992 to 79 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

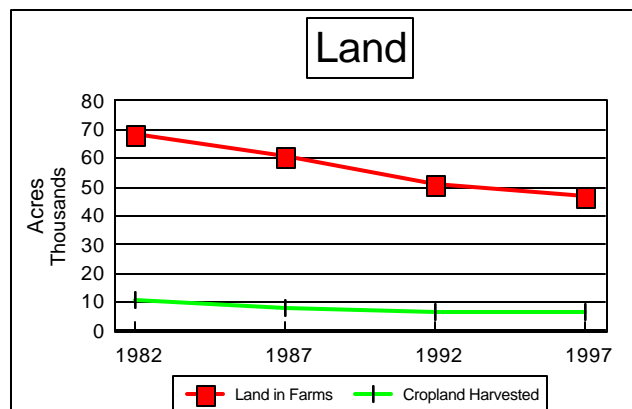
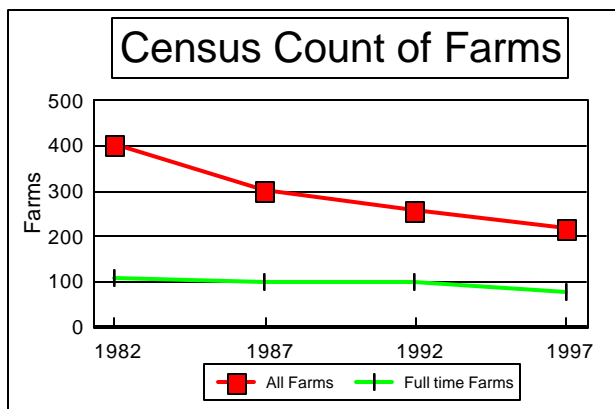
Increased 7 percent to \$5,875,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 10 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 90 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 24 percent from \$21,445 in 1992 to \$26,584 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	5,875	54	64	2,716	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	5,314	26	64	2,322	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	561	53	64	2,853	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	3,336	12	54	679	2,901
Cattle and calves	1,204	42	64	2,447	3,063
Dairy products	762	14	39	1,550	2,563
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	371	6	59	852	2,739
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	129	33	61	2,575	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	11	20	484	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	93,057	9	35	486	2,203
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	3	32	420	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	3,655	42	64	2,372	3,063
Horses and ponies sold	16	52	62	2,555	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	106,856	6	59	413	3,002
Broiler inventory	(D)	12	45	531	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	8,043	40	64	2,325	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	7	52	627	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	211	46	64	2,556	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	5,706	30	64	2,174	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	423	3	59	705	2,741
Corn for silage-acres	91	12	26	2,051	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	(D)	40	50	2,452	2,691
Sweetpotatoes-acres	(D)	11	21	92	465

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	166	207	-20
\$10,000 or more	55	50	10
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	5,074	4,764	7
Average per farmdollars..	22,961	18,611	23
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(103)	572	-118
Average per farmdollars..	(466)	2,233	-121
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	197	244	-19
Partnership or corporation	21	13	62
Other	3	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	79	99	-20
Other	142	158	-10
Operators by sex:			
Male	195	228	-14
Female	26	29	-10
Operators by race:			
White	206	232	-11
Black and other races	15	25	-40
Average age of operator	57.4	58.9	-3

(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.