

# 1997 Census of Agriculture Parish Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Increased slightly from 110,637 acres in 1992 to 111,464 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 6 percent from 284 acres in 1992 to 300 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 159 farms in 1992 to 147 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

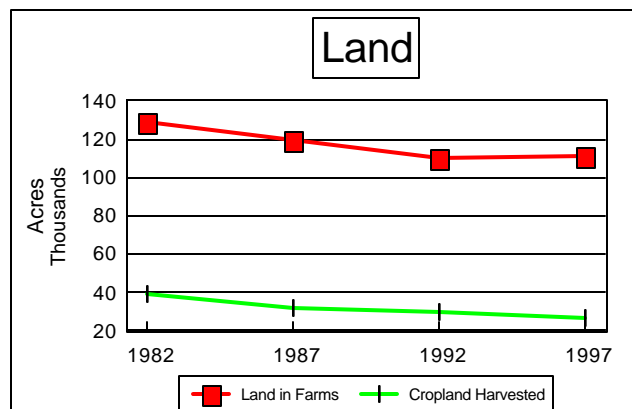
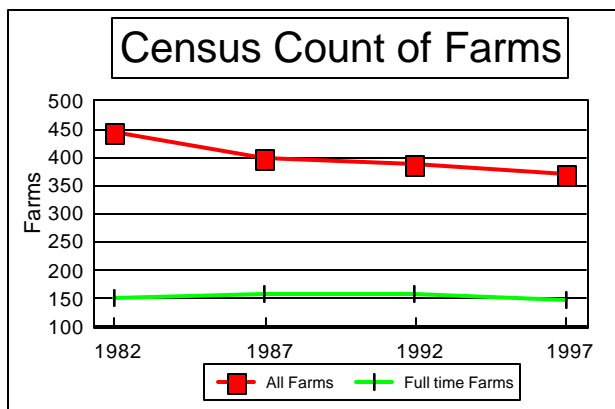
Decreased 33 percent to \$8,909,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 43 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 57 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 30 percent from \$34,261 in 1992 to \$23,949 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	8,909	48	64	2,562	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	5,084	30	64	2,354	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	3,825	43	64	2,261	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	3,932	14	64	1,651	3,063
Soybeans	1,604	27	48	1,051	2,136
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	702	2	61	1,288	3,043
Cotton, cottonseed	617	21	30	445	709
Horses and ponies	456	4	62	318	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	10,799	16	64	1,545	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	12	32	873	2,200
Horses and ponies sold	159	4	62	505	3,015
Hogs and pigs sold	81	36	59	2,611	2,976
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	4	5	288	611
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	22,821	13	64	1,410	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	1,259	5	64	525	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	9	52	767	2,884
Colony of bees inventory	645	13	42	558	2,588
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	271	33	59	2,138	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	13,896	6	64	1,370	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	8,203	27	48	1,062	2,144
Wheat-acres	2,454	15	41	1,349	2,612
Cotton-acres	1,181	21	30	473	713
Corn for grain-acres	717	31	50	1,953	2,691

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 .....	252	267	-6
\$10,000 or more .....	120	122	-2
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	7,996	12,850	-38
Average per farm .....dollars..	21,552	33,033	-35
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	(937)	(1,058)	11
Average per farm .....dollars..	(2,527)	(2,721)	7
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	329	341	-4
Partnership or corporation .....	41	43	-5
Other .....	2	5	-60
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	147	159	-8
Other .....	225	230	-2
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	332	356	-7
Female .....	40	33	21
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	344	365	-6
Black and other races .....	28	24	17
Average age of operator .....	54.5	55.6	-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.