

Calcasieu Parish Profile



Report to Stakeholders

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About the LSU AgCenter

The LSU AgCenter is dedicated to providing innovative research, information and education to improve people's lives. Working in a unique statewide network of parish extension offices, research stations and academic departments, the LSU AgCenter helps Louisiana citizens make the best use of natural resources, protect the environment, enhance agricultural enterprises and develop human and community resources.



Program Highlights

Family, Nutrition, and Health

Since 2005, 1200 families have completed the Home Buyer Education program taught by the AgCenter in which 59 low income families have received a total of \$635,000 from the City of Lake Charles down payment assistance funds. Over 3200 families and school youth participate in the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) which helps participants to make healthier food choices, manage food dollars and increase physical activities, which leads to decrease risk for chronic diseases and decrease level of obesity. LSU/SU Ag Center provides a direct and proven pathway of success and more conscious awareness to the interaction between parent and child by conducting Parenting Classes for 872 families.



4-H Youth Development

Over 1700 youth gained knowledge & skills in Louisiana Wetland Education through six monthly 4-H club meetings. 1235 youth learned skills in Health and nutrition during Smart Bodies program & body walk. Organized school garden at local inter-city school to give youth hands-on experience in gardening. Over 6,000 youth participated in "Youth Wetlands Education Program". 72 youth gained leadership & citizenships skills by participating in Relay for Life and KPLC Community Christmas.



Agriculture & Natural Resources/ Horticulture

Over 4000 garden and landscape participants attended the annual Southwest Louisiana Garden Festival with 846 attending 11 horticulture lectures during the two day event. Demonstration gardens at the AgCenter office continue to grow and experiment with new varieties. 88 Local farmers attended production and management meetings for rice and soybeans. A demonstration farm plot was conducted on rice water weevil management techniques. 55 Cattle producers gained new skills and tips in Beef calf management. Speckled Trout telemetry project in Calcasieu Lake was completed showing yearly migration habitats of trout.



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Programs

4-H, Youth, and Family Development

Citizenship/Leadership
Science, Engineering & Technology
Healthy Living
Parents Preparing for Success
Family Resource Management
EFNEP -Family Nutrition Program
Nutrition and Health

Agriculture & Natural Resources (ANR)

Fisheries/Coastal Issues
Animal Production
Beef Cattle
Environment/Watersheds
Horticulture/Lawns and Gardens

Who we reach.

27,542- Youth (includes 1530 4-Hers' & 57 school 4-H clubs)
29,113- Adults
16,560 Ag, Hort. & Natural Resource
12,553 Family Consumer Sciences

How we reach them:

4-H clubs	Class series
School Enrichment	Demonstrations
Field days	Workshops
Newsletters	Web sites
Publications	Social media
Project Clubs	Camps
Television	Radio

Expanding our efforts:

367 Volunteers -
4-H (231), Master Gardeners(96),
Master Horsemen, other programs

Parish Facts

LSU AgCenter County Agents provide research-based information on plant, aquaculture, wildlife and animal enterprises to Calcasieu Parish clientele. The 2011 total dollar amount from these commodities were:

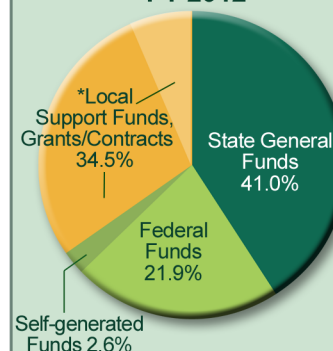
—Plant enterprises - \$26,601,407
—Aquaculture and wildlife - \$6,834,849
—Animal enterprises - \$36,744,287

Data from the Louisiana Ag Summary

Web site: LSUAgCenter.com/agsummary

Population - 192,768
Land area (square miles) - 1,063.66
Persons under 18 years old - 25.4%
Persons 65 years old and over - 12.6%
Median household income - \$43,758
Persons below poverty - 16.2%

Extension Funding FY 2012



Local Funding
Parish Police Jury
Parish School Board

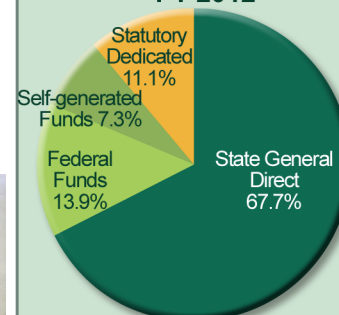
How we are funded.

You are the local supporters and beneficiaries in the LSU AgCenter's Extension programs. Just 20 percent support keeps these programs in your community.

Your parish extension office offers programs in:

- Sustaining Louisiana's agriculture, forestry and fisheries.
- Building leaders and good citizens through 4-H youth development.
- Family, nutrition, health and community development to enhance the quality of life for Louisiana citizens.

LSU AgCenter State Appropriated Funds FY 2012



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LSUAgCenter.com

Local Issues & Plans for this year.

1. Increase productivity and profitability of Louisiana Agriculture.

- Conduct commodity producer meetings and field days.
- Use mail, email distributions, web page, newsletters and news media to disseminate timely information.
- Conduct farm and home educational visits
- Conduct variety and related on-farm demonstrations.
- Work closely with commodity and farm organizations.

2. Promote the wise use of natural resources and protection of the environment.

- Managing stormwater has been mandated for many municipal areas in LA. A demonstration site has been constructed by the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury at the Calcasieu AgCenter
- Conduct saltwater level test on rice to support local farmers continuing to face problems.

3. Build leaders and good citizens through 4-H youth development.

- Develop and implement service learning projects.
- Implement Jr. Master gardener club, camping club
- Continue to develop leadership opportunities for youth
- Junior Leaders will focus monthly on service related organizations to learn about and volunteer service.

4. Strengthen families and communities

- Market Family Nutrition and Health programs in the primary focus areas – Family Development and Nutrition, Diet and Health.
- Conduct monthly nutrition education programs for families and youth and Family Nutrition Nights
- Conduct Positive Parenting workshops for young families

