

LSU AgCenter Terrebonne Parish Profile

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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

Nutrition and Community Health

Nutrition and Community Health agents and educators are improving the overall health of residents by helping to reduce chronic diseases which are related to poor nutrition and sedentary lifestyles and improving the health outcomes in which Louisiana has traditionally ranked so low. This community-based work helps individuals and families adopt the nutrition and physical activity principles we have long been teaching.

4-H Youth Development

The Terrebonne 4-H Youth Development Program focuses on enriching the lives of young people through fun, interactive, hands-on learning. Youth participate in 4-H project work, camps, demonstrations, contests, workshops, and service-learning projects. Terrebonne 4-H youth have gained valuable life skills through participation in parish, state, and national programs. In 2025-2026 over 700 Terrebonne 4-H youth are participating in a lesson series about life skills. These lessons teach important life skills that will benefit children and teens as they grow into competent, caring adults.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Terrebonne Parish Agricultural outputs include sugarcane, soybeans, commercial vegetables, home gardens, beef cattle, aquaculture, and fisheries. The Terrebonne Parish Agriculture and Natural Resources Program provides research-based recommendations through seminars, demonstrations, workshops, farm and home visits, and electronic and printed extension publications. These outreach efforts help residents achieve their economic and aesthetic goals on farms and home gardens and landscapes while conserving the parish's abundant natural resources.

PROGRAMS

4-H and Youth Development

- 4-H

Agriculture and Natural Resources

- Fisheries/Coastal Issues
- Animal Production
- Beef Cattle
- Environment/Watersheds
- Horticulture/Lawn and Garden
- Pest Management
- Urban Forestry
- Sugarcane

Nutrition and Community Health

- Healthy Communities
- Flavors of Health.
- Farm to Fork Food Safety.

- Seafood Safety and Quality

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WHOM WE REACH:

5,121 youth (includes 785 4-H members and 36 school 4-H Clubs)
11,200 adults (through agriculture and natural resources and nutrition and community health)

HOW WE REACH THEM:

4-H Clubs, school enrichment, field days, publications, newsletters, class series, website, social media and workshops.

EXPANDING OUR EFFORTS:

150 volunteers from 4-H, Master Gardeners, and TVFC (Terrebonne Volunteers for Family and Community.)

PARISH FACTS:

LSU AgCenter county agents provide research-based information on plant, aquaculture, wildlife and animal enterprises to Terrebonne Parish residents. The total dollar amount from these commodities were: Animal enterprises, \$3,905,432; aquaculture and wildlife, \$60,323,586; plant enterprises, \$23,994,494. Land area — 1,229.9 square miles; Population — 103,864; Population under 18 years old — 24.3%; Population 65 years old and over — 17.0%; Median household income — \$64,819; Persons below poverty — 16.5%

LOCAL ISSUES AND PLANS FOR THIS YEAR:

Increase productivity and profitability of Louisiana agriculture.

- Conduct farm and home educational visits.
- Inform the community through news columns, webpage content and seminars on agriculture practices.
- Conduct Pesticide Certification Testing.

Promote the wide use of natural resources and protection of the environment.

- Deliver the latest research to assist in harvest sustainability, marketing, and product quality assurance.
- Provide technical assistance upon request regarding gear installation on shrimp vessels, proper water quality and circulation information and suggestions in softshell crab and shedding operations. Sharing research on processing at the dock are a few of the ways the fisheries agent interacts with the fishing community.
- Providing all community members with accurate information about nutritional, economic and sustainable benefits of consuming domestic seafood is an ongoing goal of the fisheries agent.

Build leaders and good citizens through 4-H Youth Development.

- Engage youth in parish-wide service-learning projects to promote civic responsibility and community involvement.
- Offer meaningful leadership roles within clubs and events to help youth develop confidence and decision-making skills.
- Foster a sense of belonging by creating inclusive environments that celebrate and encourage collaboration.
- Deliver educational programs on essential life skills during 4-H club meetings to prepare youth for success in everyday life.

Strengthen families and communities.

- Conduct nutrition programs that help create healthy communities by improving overall nutrition and increasing physical activity levels, in youth and adults, which will help produce long-lasting behavior changes.
- Teach nutrition lessons and healthy recipe demonstrations to audiences in the parish.
- Collaborate with community leaders and stakeholders on parish needs assessment.



HOW IS EXTENSION FUNDED?

- Federal funding from the USDA/ NIFA.
- State general funds from the Louisiana Legislature.
- Local support from parish government, including police juries and school boards.
- Self-generated funds.



WHAT ROLE DO YOU PLAY?

Our stakeholders at the parish level are the local supporters and beneficiaries of the LSU AgCenter cooperative extension programs. Their support keeps these critical programs in their communities.



EACH PARISH OFFERS PROGRAMMING IN:

- 4-H and Youth Development.
- Agriculture and Natural Resources.
- Nutrition and Community Health



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