

Iberville 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

Food & Nutrition/Expanded Food & Nutrition (EFNEP)

In an effort to serve our community through nutrition education and assist in creating a healthier Iberville Parish, the LSU AgCenter offers several community nutrition programs that help to improve the quality of life for individuals and families. Our programs are designed to educate participants about the importance of nutrition and developing healthy eating habits. Our programs include The **Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP)**, **Smart Bodies**, and **Take Charge of Your Health**. **EFNEP** is part of a national nutrition education outreach program. The mission of EFNEP is to empower limited-income families with young children to make informed decisions about food purchasing, food safety and meal management. **EFNEP** is delivered through a series of eight lessons taught by nutrition educators. Nutrition classes are also conducted at the Councils on Aging using the **Take Charge of Your Health** curriculum. We work in conjunction with Iberville Parish schools to offer our **Smart Bodies** program, which aims to decrease childhood obesity. We also partner with community food banks to teach food recipients how to cook healthful meals with the items given in their food baskets. In partnership with community agencies and churches, we participate in community outreach by teaching nutrition at health fairs.

4-H Youth Development

With the help of more than 40 dedicated volunteers, the Iberville Parish 4-H Youth Development and 4-H Cloverbuds programs foster life-skill development in local youth. This year, 372 Iberville Parish youth enrolled in 12 traditional 4-H clubs. 725 K through third-graders enrolled the 4-H Cloverbuds Program at five Head Start locations and five lower elementary schools. The Iberville Parish Youth Development Program provides diverse opportunities for youth and adult volunteers to make a difference in their lives and that of their communities. Young people acquire valuable knowledge and life skills through participation in local, parish, state and national programs. 4-H offers various opportunities for youth and family participation, including 4-H after-school workshops, overnight camps, livestock shows, contests and service-learning projects. Iberville Parish 4-H workshops and events include the following: Science Ba-YOU Environmental Program, Louisiana Chef Science Program, Art Extravaganza & Photography Contest, 4-H Fall Carnival, Parish Livestock Shows, Jr. Leadership Club Guest Speaker Series and Gardening Funshops.

Agriculture & Natural Resources

Iberville producers raised a multitude of crops, including sugarcane, soybeans, wheat, corn and grain sorghum. Sugarcane, which is being grown throughout the parish near several populated areas, remains the largest crop in both income and acreage. Farmers along with the LSU AgCenter extension agents and specialists are meeting the challenges presented to farmers concerning the burning of sugarcane and the safe use of pesticides. All our sugarcane farmers have attended a Prescribed Burn Certification Class as well as recertification offered every five years to insure safe burning. Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification and Worker Protection Standards Training are both offered to all farmers attending LDAF approved grower meetings. These yearly training programs have significantly improved applicator and community environmental safety.

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PROGRAMS

4-H and Youth Development

Agriculture & Natural Resources (ANR)

Sugarcane
Soybeans
Grain Crops
Corn
Animal Production
Beef Cattle
Horticulture/Lawns and Gardens
Master Gardeners
Master Farmers
Master Cattlemen
Pest Management
Fisheries/Coastal Issues
Urban Forestry
Soil Sampling Services

Food & Nutrition Expanded Food & Nutrition (EFNEP)

Nutrition
Smart Bodies
Take Charge of Your Health
Community Outreach
Health Fairs

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Who we reach:

1,097 4-H Youth

- 372 4-H members at 12 school 4-H Clubs
- 725 Cloverbuds at 5 Head start and 5 lower elementary schools

4,223 Adults

- 1,523 Ag & Natural Resources
- 2,700 Food & Nutrition & EFNEP

How we reach them:

4-H Clubs	Class series
School enrichment	Demonstrations
Field days	Workshops
Newsletters	Websites
Publications	Social media
Crop production meetings	

Expanding our efforts:

257 Volunteers –
4-H, Master Gardeners, Food & Nutrition

Parish Facts

LSU AgCenter county agents provide research-based information on plant, aquaculture, wildlife and animal enterprises to Iberville Parish clientele. The 2013 total dollar amount from these commodities were:

- Plant Enterprises – \$90,742,787
- Aquaculture & Wildlife – \$9,396,147
- Animal enterprises – \$11,693,597

Data from the Louisiana Ag Summary

Website: LSUAgCenter.com/agsummary

Population – 33,228

Land area (square miles) – 618.63

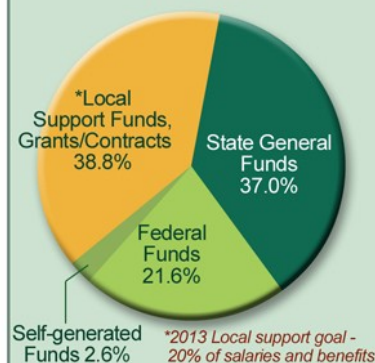
Persons under 18 years old – 22%

Persons 65 years old and over – 13%

Median household income – \$43,195

Persons below poverty – 17.9%

Extension Funding FY 2013



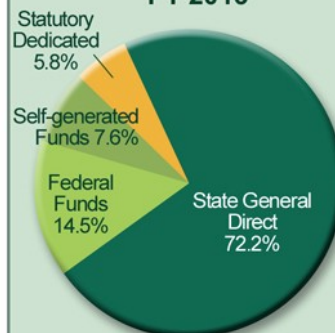
How we are funded.

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 and health to enhance the quality of life for Louisiana citizens.

LSU AgCenter State Appropriated Funds FY 2013



For the latest research-based information on just about anything, visit our Web site:

LSUAgCenter.com

Local Issues & Plans for this year.

1. Increase productivity and profitability of Louisiana Agriculture

- Conduct Winter and Summer Sugarcane Production Meeting
- Conduct and Participate in Sugarcane Field Day at Sugar Research Station in St. Gabriel
- Conduct Master Gardener, Farmer, Cattlemen and Horsemen classes
- Use graduates of classes to provide community service & service-learning for homeowners, on-farm training in environmental issues and 4-H activities
- Write and distribute newsletters, produce webpage content and conduct seminars on agricultural Best Management Practices
- Conduct variety trials in sugarcane, soybeans and corn
- Conduct farm and home visits to provide educational information on problem solving
- Promote agriculture to general public
- Conduct Prescribe Burn training for sugarcane producers
- Promote school and community gardens
- Conduct Master Gardener classes

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

- Promote wise use of natural resources
- Teach 4-H members & Cloverbuds about agriculture & how it relates to our environment
- Increase going green awareness and energy conservation for a healthier environment
- Work with NRCS to promote conservation tillage programs
- Conduct PPA & WPS recertification training at Farm Forum and Iberville sugarcane growers meeting
- Provide Private Pesticide Applicator Training for new certification applicants
- Promote wise use of BMPs through horticulture and agronomic programs

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

- Develop and implement parish-wide service-learning projects addressing community issues through teen 4-H community service work
- Expand 4-H programming throughout Iberville Parish

4. Strengthen families and communities

- Develop and implement parish-wide programming which benefits the clientele in Iberville Parish