

ST. Bernard Parish Profile

Report to Stakeholders October 2019



About the LSU AgCenter

The LSU AgCenter is dedicated to providing innovative research, information and education to improve people's lives. Working in a 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 and Consumer Sciences

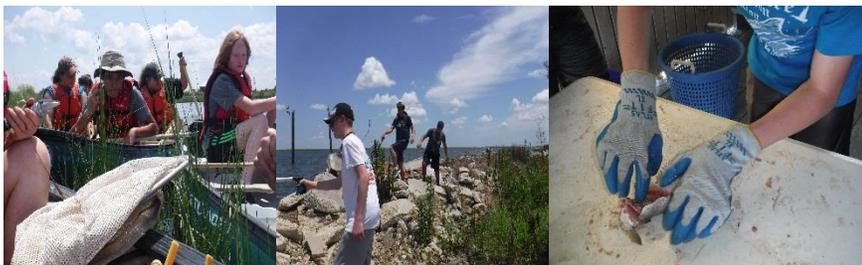
The St. Bernard Parish Volunteers for Family and Community have worked in cooperation with the LSU AgCenter for the past 20 years. Members of the SBLVFC involve the community in procuring sponsorships for their annual 4-H Scholarship Award. This award is presented to a graduating senior from the parish. The SBLVFC also provide invaluable service during the annual "Ag Magic on the River" event. They provide meals and act as tour guides for some of the exhibits.

4-H Youth Development

A crucial issue that continues to affect St. Bernard Parish is loss of our valuable coastline. Coastal restoration continues to be our priority. Through the combined efforts of parish government, school board, Chalmette High School, The Meraux Foundation and the LSU AgCenter, this issue is being addressed. Youth, community leaders, adult volunteers and AgCenter staff participate in environmental camps, environmental educational trips, prepare seeds for planting and planting trees in the marshes surrounding the parish. 62 volunteers and over 3,000 youth were reached. The Meraux Foundation has also partnered with LSU AgCenter to present Ag Magic OnThe River. This is a four day agricultural event for third-fifth grade youth in the metropolitan area. Youth learn about all facets of Louisiana agriculture through hands-on educational sessions. Over 3,700 students participate in this annual event

Agriculture and Natural Resources

The LSU AgCenter provides resources through educational workshops, lectures and publications to the residents of St. Bernard Parish. Ongoing projects include: school gardens, tree plantings and home gardens. The Sea Grant Fisheries Agent provides leadership to seafood fisherman, commercial and recreational fisherman and participates in waterfront projects such as the South Shore Direct and Safe Harbor Project.



Youth participating in activities during the Marsh Dawgs Environmental Camp.

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Programs 4-H and Youth Development

Environmental Camps
Louisiana Wetlands
Responsible Pet Care
Bicycle Safety
4-H Camp
Cookery Contest
4-H University
4-H LOST Camp
Seedling planting

Agriculture and Natural Resources

- Fisheries/Coastal Issues
- Environmental Education
- Horticulture/Lawns/Gardens
- Pest Management
- Coastal Restoration

Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS)

- Community Outreach
- Ag Magic on the River
- Tour of Homes
- Scholarships

Who we reach:

4,592 **youth** which includes 782 4-H members, 100 enrichment, 3,700 AgMagic.
135 **adults** which includes 80 4-H adult volunteers, 25 agriculture and natural resources volunteers and 30 family consumer science volunteers.

How we reach them:

4-H Clubs, school enrichment, field days, environmental camps, tree plantings, publications, newsletters, class series, website and workshops.

Expanding our efforts:

135 volunteers from 4-H, Coastal restoration projects, Family and Community

Parish Facts:

LSU AgCenter county agents provide research-based information on plant, aquaculture, wildlife and animal enterprises to St. Bernard Parish residents. The total dollar amount from these commodities were: Animal enterprises, \$879,965; aquaculture and wildlife, \$31,946,033; plant enterprises, \$3,571,219.
Land area — 2,158 square miles; Population — 45,067; Population under 18 years old — 27.5%; Population 65 years old and over — 13.1%; Median household income — \$45,265; Persons below poverty — 19.7%

Local issues and plans for this year

Increase productivity and profitability of Louisiana agriculture.

- Conduct educational lectures for hobby citrus growers/horticulture/fishermen
- Write news column, webpage content and seminars on agriculture practices.
- Conduct farm and home educational visits.

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

- Hurricane recovery programs for commercial/recreational/fishery sector
- Louisiana Crab Task Force and Louisiana Catfish promotion and research
- Sustainable use of resources by parish citizens
- Conduct Coastal Restoration projects with schools and 4-H youth to grow native grasses and mangrove trees.

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

- Develop and implement service-learning projects throughout the parish.
- Plant mangrove trees
- 4-H Junior Leaders help youth develop leadership and citizenship through service learning projects
- Youth are educated in STEM activities by participating in parish, regional and state 4-H events and programs.

Strengthen families and communities

- Community Outreach
- St. Bernard Parish LVFC programs
- The Meraux Foundation

How we are funded

You are the local supporters and beneficiaries in the LSU AgCenter extension programs. Just 20% support keeps these programs in your community.

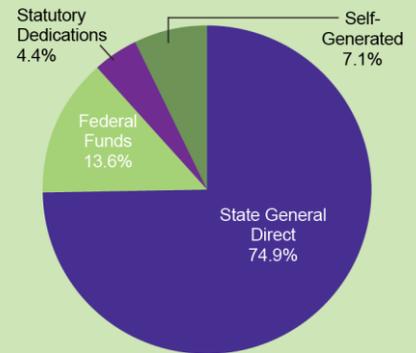
Your parish extension office offers programs in:

Sustaining Louisiana 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's citizens.

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