

Terrebonne 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 & Consumer Sciences

Family Nutrition Program Classes aim to help individuals to achieve a healthy weight and to improve healthy food choices. The program is offered at the Department of Children and Family Services, Terrebonne Parish Head Start, and Council on Aging. After completing the nutrition lessons, clients reported changes were made in their daily diets to improve their health. As a result, 40% of the participants have increased fresh fruits and vegetables into their food choices daily and have added 30 minutes of exercise daily.

4-H Youth Development

4-H develops leadership skills in 4-H youth through educational programs conducted in school club meetings, service learning projects, workshops, and after-school settings. The Terrebonne Junior Leaders is a club made up of over 60 7th – 12th graders, learn the importance of teamwork, leadership, responsibility, and civic involvement. Terrebonne Junior Leaders volunteer their time cooking for the local homeless shelter, hosting fundraiser booths and the local Relay for Life, as well as helping out at all 4-H parish functions. Over 204 youth from Terrebonne participated in overnight 4-H trips such as 4-H Camp, Challenge Camp, LOST Camp, Junior Leadership Conference, Citizenship Camp, and 4-H University. Youth involved in the Terrebonne 4-H program are accepted by their peers and adults, feel a sense of belonging and are more confident about them.



Agriculture & Natural Resources

Terrebonne Parish is dependent on the oil and gas industry, seafood industry and agriculture industry. The recent oil spill has affected these industries in both environmental and economic concerns. LSU Agents and Sea Grant Fisheries Agents have been involved in assessing the economic impact and environmental impacts caused from it. Meetings with producers and fishermen have taken place. We are guiding local fisherman in directions where they can sustain economic stability.

Seafood consumption safety is a key issue and agents are working with the LSU Vet School and Wildlife and Fisheries. Samples are being taken and analyzed to determine the health status of the seafood and the safety of the consumption of the seafood.

Our coast continues to be venerable to hurricanes and flood damage. We continue to promote tree plantings in the right locations that will benefit with wind damage protection and absorption of storm surge water.

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Programs

4-H and Youth Development

Agriculture & Natural Resources (ANR)

Fisheries/Coastal Issues
Animal Production
Beef Cattle
Environment/Watersheds
Horticulture/Lawns and Gardens
Pest Management
Urban Forestry
Sugarcane

Family & Consumer Sciences (FCS)

Parents Preparing for Success
Family Resource Management
FNP -Family Nutrition Program
Nutrition and Health

Who we reach.

1874 - Youth (includes 1224 4-H members & 37 school 4-H clubs, 638 Smart bodies prgm, youth wetlands week, project clubs)

24,901 - Adults
 3,548 Ag & Natural Resources
 21,353 Family Consumer Sciences

How we reach them:

4-H clubs	Class series
School Enrichment	Demonstrations
Field days	Workshops
Newsletters	Web sites
Publications	Social media

Expanding our efforts:

150 Volunteers -
 4-H, Youth/Adult Master Gardeners, Family & Community, Master Horse men

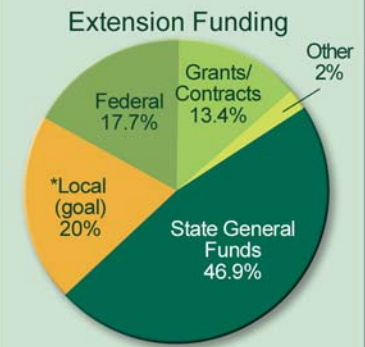
Parish Facts

LSU AgCenter County Agents provide research-based information on plant, aquaculture, wildlife and animal enterprises to Terrebonne Parish clientele. The 2009 total dollar amount from these commodities were:
 —Plant enterprises - \$18,820,171.
 —Aquaculture and wildlife - \$57,366,828.
 —Animal enterprises - \$2,442,860.

Data from the Louisiana Ag Summary

Web site: LSUAgCenter.com/agsummary

Population - 109,291
 Land area (square miles) - 1,254.
 Persons under 18 years old - 26.7%
 Persons 65 years old and over - 11.5%
 Median household income - \$49,786
 Persons below poverty - 15.82%



**Local Funding
 Parish Consolidated Government
 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.

Local Issues & Plans for this year.

1. Increase productivity and profitability of Louisiana Agriculture.

- Conduct Sugarcane Field Day
- Conduct Master Garden Vegetable Field Day, spring and fall and open to public
- Write news column, web page content, and seminars on agriculture practices
- Conduct farm and home educational visits



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

- Before and after hurricane tree care seminars
- Acorns of Hope Coastal Tree plantings
- Develop a Comprehensive Tree Management Plan and --
- Tree Best Management Practices plan for guidelines of trees on public property.
- Organize/conduct Crawfish Production Program: seminar with experts, social media with follow-up field visits.
- Develop/promote social media network to enable information and knowledge dissemination and adoption.
- Shrimpers Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program workshops and follow up support.

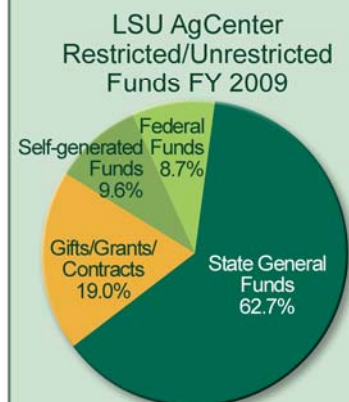


3. Build leaders and good citizens through 4-H youth development.

- Develop and implement service learning projects throughout the parish
- Hands on educational activities and programs on safety (internet safety, bullying, food safety, first aid)
- National Rifle Association grant recipient. Supports the educational outreach efforts of the shooting sports program
- Junior Leaders will work with CASA, Character Education projects, and Fashion Club members on promoting youth development activities

4. Strengthen families and communities

- FNP clients will receive training on feeding their families nutritionally on a budget



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