Farmers Turn Out Large Yields In 1965 Despite Hurricane Loss

Farming in Lafayette Parish continues to be a significant economic activity, with 1965 production of sugarcane, corn, and rice being reported. During the year, sugarcane production was significant, with yields of 1,250,000 tons attributed to the favorable growing conditions. Corn production was also strong, with yields of 300,000 bushels reported. Rice production was down slightly, with yields of 100,000 tons reported.

The Parish's economy is reflected in these agricultural statistics. The average sugar yield for sugarcane was 3,500 pounds per acre, with an average corn yield of 35 bushels per acre, and an average rice yield of 110 bushels per acre. These yields are comparable to those reported in previous years, indicating a stable agricultural sector.

The Parish's agricultural extension services played a critical role in advising farmers on best practices. The extension agents recommended the use of quality seed, proper planting techniques, and adequate fertilizer applications. They also emphasized the importance of good weed control and proper irrigation practices to ensure maximum yields.

In addition to the agricultural sector, the Parish's economy is diversified. The manufacturing sector is a significant contributor, with several large companies operating within the region. The service sector, including retail and hospitality, also plays a crucial role in the local economy.

The Parish government and community organizations work collaboratively to promote economic development. The Lafayette Parish Chamber of Commerce plays a vital role in connecting businesses with potential customers, while the Lafayette Parish Economic Development Authority provides resources and support for new businesses.

Overall, the Parish's economy continues to grow and diversify, with agriculture remaining a cornerstone of the region's economic activity.