Vermilion Parish continues to lead the state of Louisiana in income from marketed agricultural products.

That fact was borne out in the recent report filed by the Vermilion Parish Cooperative Extension Service with the Police Jury and School Board.

According to estimates from the local office presented by County Agent Terril Faul, a total of $80,831,607 was realized in Vermilion from Marketed Agriculture Products.

The largest revenue producer in the Parish was Rice with income estimated in 1986 at $24,-

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Faul reported that rice this season averaged 30.75 barrels per acre with an average price of $11.66. Vermilion topped the state in acres planted to rice with 68,100 in 1986. That was less than the 69,540 planted in 1985, but the yields of this year topped the 25 barrels per acre average of 1985.

Some products producing the second highest revenue in the Parish were those from fisheries: menhaden (poggy fish), alligator, shrimp, crab, fish and fowl. $22,210,700 was realized from fisheries and what helped swell that amount was the fact that it is the first year that menhaden and alligator were included in the total. $12,302,400 was realized from those two products.

Soybean revenue was up in 1986 to $11,471,850 as compared to $6,440,000 in 1985, but down from the $16,975,000 in 1984 and the large $24,655,440 in 1983.

Sale of Beef Cattle produced $8,562,102 in revenue; Crawfish, $4,200,000; Sugarcane, $2,642,546; Animal Science (horses, sheep, dairy, swine and poultry products) $1,793,867; and Plant Science (wheat, feed grains, vegetables, hay, corn and sorghum), $5,522,800.

Faul said that he expected acreage for crawfish would increase from the estimated 14,000 in 1986 to 20,000 in 1987.

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Faul's report also included agriculture statistics.

The report indicated that Vermilion had a total of 783,360 acres and 297,679 acres of that total is agricultural land. The 1,218 square mile area includes 133,171 acres of salt water marsh; 195,840 acres of fresh water marsh and 156,679 acres of roads, canals and state owned land.

There are 1,275 farms in Vermilion with an average size of 267 acres.

Vermilion has 121,957 acres which are allotted to rice and 68,100 acres are planted to rice. There are 655 rice farmers in the Parish.

There are 92,900 acres planted to soybeans with 400 soybean farmers.

5,500 acres are planted to sugarcane with 20 sugarcane farmers; 1,200 acres are planted to wheat with 90 wheat farmers; 1,200 acres are planted to sorghum and 500 acres to oats. There are 39,150 head of beef cows and 900 farms in Vermilion with cattle.

Including the 14,000 acres of crawfish ponds are 425 crawfish farmers.