

Information Letter No. 3

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NOTE TO LOUISIANA STAFF FROM CORE/RESEARCH

The following parishes will now be included in Information Letters. - Ascension, Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, DeSoto, East Feliciana, Iberville, Jackson, Lincoln, Livingston, Madison, Ouachita, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, Red River, Richland, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Washington, Webster, and West Feliciana. Special reports have been made to supplement the handbook on Plaquemines, Caddo, Bossier, and DeSoto Parishes and were submitted, upon request, to Ronnie Moore and Oretta Castle.

1964 VOTING POTENTIAL (21 YEARS AND OVER)

<u>Parish</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Negro</u>
Ascension	11,203	4,753
Bienville	5,982	4,657
Bossier	26,439	7,823
Caddo	94,334	48,405
Claiborne	6,849	5,707
DeSoto	7,039	7,710
East Feliciana	7,425	6,729
Iberville	9,494	8,023
Jackson	7,249	2,882
Lincoln	11,971	7,614
Livingston	13,655	2,058
Madison	3,612	5,769
Ouachita	44,444	18,168
Plaquemines	9,467	3,355
Pointe Coupee	6,613	6,082
Rapides	51,344	20,373
Red River	3,534	2,520
Richland	8,354	5,266
St. Helena	2,578	2,461
St. Tammany	17,517	5,664
Tangipahoa	25,168	10,604
Washington	18,322	7,741
Webster	17,033	7,970
West Feliciana	3,029	5,185

PERCENT NON-WHITE - BY PARISH (1960)

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Ascension	31.9
Bienville	49.4
Bossier	24.9
Caddo	36.5
Claiborne	50.3
DeSoto	57.5
East Feliciana	54.0
Iberville	49.0
Jackson	32.4
Lincoln	41.8
Livingston	15.0
Madison	64.9
Ouachita	32.2
Plaquemines	28.8
Pointe Coupee	53.6
Rapides	30.5
Red River	47.6
Richland	44.4
St. Helena	55.5
St. Tammany	27.5
Tangipahoa	33.9
Washington	33.9
Webster	34.5
West Feliciana	66.1

Highest Non-white population in state - West Feliciana, 66.1%

Tensas, 65.0%

Madison, 64.9%

Lowest Non-white population in state - Cameron, 6.4%

St. Bernard, 7.5%

VOTER REGISTRATION STATISTICS - CADDO, RED RIVER, TANGIPAHOA

Caddo - total registered - 67,316
white " - 62,362
Negro " - 4,954

Red River - total registered - 3,607
white " - 3,510
Negro " - 97

VOTER REGISTRATION STATISTICS (CON'T)

Tangipahoa -

<u>Ward & Precinct</u>	<u>Total Reg.</u>	<u>Total White</u>	<u>Total Negro</u>	<u>Illit. White</u>	<u>Illit. Negro</u>
Ward 1, pre. 1	654	506	148	1	0
pre. 2	308	225	83	6	0
pre. 3	696	654	42	6	0
Ward 2, pre. 1	196	142	54	3	0
pre. 2	354	354	0	5	0
pre. 3	187	176	11	0	0
Ward 3, pre. 1	148	90	58	0	3
pre. 2	666	527	139	9	5
pre. 3	527	517	10	2	1
pre. 4	476	367	109	4	1
pre. 5	434	291	143	9	2
pre. 6	587	418	169	1	3
pre. 7	598	470	128	10	2
Ward 4, pre. 1	281	234	47	4	3
pre. 2	379	278	101	1	7
pre. 3	294	209	85	1	6
pre. 4	208	208	0	0	0
Ward 5, pre. 1	238	228	10	3	1
pre. 2	382	356	26	1	2
pre. 3	202	152	50	2	3
pre. 4	324	247	77	2	3
pre. 5	406	406	0	10	0
Ward 6, pre. 1	272	209	63	10	0
pre. 2	622	554	68	4	1
pre. 3	217	182	35	3	1
pre. 4	506	468	38	15	3
pre. 5	441	403	38	10	0
pre. 6	341	326	15	14	1
pre. 7	537	485	52	7	5
pre. 8	496	475	21	20	1
Ward 7, pre. 1	675	386	289	0	13
pre. 2	538	462	76	1	2
pre. 3	911	597	314	2	3
pre. 4	505	381	124	4	9
pre. 5	325	313	12	0	2
pre. 6	621	499	122	2	0
pre. 7	242	189	53	2	0
pre. 8	677	564	113	1	3
pre. 9	696	686	10	1	0
pre. 10	518	477	41	0	0
pre. 11	728	724	4	0	0
pre. 12	566	512	54	1	7
pre. 13	454	447	7	6	0
pre. 14	303	203	0	0	0
pre. 15	533	506	27	1	0
pre. 16	516	465	51	2	0
pre. 17	426	383	43	2	2
pre. 18	695	640	55	2	1
pre. 19	543	541	2	3	0
Ward 8, pre. 1	323	320	3	2	2
pre. 2	393	366	27	0	3

POINTE COUPEE IN FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

Pointe Coupee Parish, along with Acadia, Natchitoches, Vermilion, St. Landry, St. Martin, and Winn Parishes, will participate this year for the first time in the Food Stamp Program. This is a program to provide food assistance to low-income families. The State Welfare Dept. is responsible for the issuance of coupons. For further information, write to Mrs. Mary Evelyn Parker, Commissioner, Department of Public Welfare, Welfare Building, P.O. Box 4065, Capitol Station, Baton Rouge, La. Avoyelles and Evangeline Parishes have been participating, and will continue to do so.

ALL PARISHES: FROM ASCS MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS

"Just a reminder that November 30, 1964, is the final date for accepting your applications, requests for cost-shares under the winter cover crop practice, consisting of ryegrass, oats, crimson clover, hairy vetches and also fertilizers for this practice. This deadline is also the same for Bahia Grass and Clovers. This is also the final dates for issuing purchase orders under these practices. Therefore, we suggest if you are still planning on using these practices that you had better get busy and get your applications in as this closing date isn't too long off."

ENCOURAGE NEGRO FARMERS TO APPLY FOR THIS ASSISTANCE, AND SEE IF THEY ARE TREATED FAIRLY. IF NOT, CONTACT THE CORE/RESEARCH OFFICE FOR INFORMATION ON MAKING A COMPLINT. MORE INFORMATION ON ABOVE AVAILABLE FROM LOCAL ASC OFFICES - LISTED IN HANDBOOK BY PARISHES.

SCS INFORMATION FOR SPECIFIC PARISHES

This information is a supplement to pages 25-29 of the handbook, since it was not available at the time the handbook was prepared. Page 24 discusses the use of this information, and page 23 discusses the functions and elections of the ASC county committee.

1. Bossier Parish

a. County Office Manager - Mr. J. T. Coleman, County Office Manager
Bossier Parish ASC Office
Box 217
Benton, La. (Tel. 965-2185)

b. Mailing List

- 1) 1533 farmers on list
- 2) made up of all owners and operators of farms who have contracts on file in local ASC Office. (Should include all farmers - tenants, sharecroppers, etc.)

c. Elections

- 1) held by meeting place method; nominations are made at the meeting and ballots for individual positions are cast by secret ballot
- 2) 100 farmers voted in the community committee elections in August, 1964
- 3) there are 6 ASC communities in Bossier Parish; there are also 6 wards - find out if the boundaries are the same

d. Programs

- 1) the following programs are carried out in Bossier Parish: cotton, rice, and wheat allotments, Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP), Soil Bank Program, Price Support Program, Feed Grain Program, Wool Program
- 2) local farmers are notified of these programs by letters, radio, news media

2. Claiborne Parish

a. County Office Manager - Mr. James R. Garland, County Office Manager
Claiborne Parish ASC Office
Robertson Building
Homer, La. (Tel. Nr 7-3826)

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ASCS INFORMATION (CON'T)

2. Claiborne Parish (con't)

b. Mailing List

- 1) 1626 farmers on list
- 2) made up of farm operators and land owners (should include all farmers - tenants, sharecroppers, etc.)

c. Elections

- 1) held by mail
- 2) 791 farmers voted in the ASC community committee elections in Aug. 1964
- 3) there are 9 ASC communities in Claiborne Parish

d. Programs

- 1) the following programs are carried out in Claiborne Parish: Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP), cotton and peanut allotment programs and marketing quota program, soil bank program, wheat and grain program, emergency livestock feed program, cotton loan program, wool incentive payment program, cotton price support program
- 2) local farmers are notified of these programs by letter, post cards, newspapers, radio, public meetings, and individual contacts

3. DeSoto Parish

a. County Office Manager - Mr. W. L. Welch, County Office Manager

DeSoto Parish ASC Office

Box 311

Mansfield, La. (Tel. 33)

b. Mailing list

- 1) 2021 farmers on list
- 2) made up of farm operators (should include all farmers - tenants, sharecroppers, etc.)

c. Elections

- 1) held by mail (sample ballots available in CORE/Research Office upon request)
- 2) 1198 farmers voted in community committee election of 8/64/ (request)
- 3) there are 8 ASC communities in DeSoto Parish; there are also 8 wards - find out if the boundaries are the same

d. Programs

- 1) the following programs are carried out in DeSoto Parish: Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP), crop allotment, soil bank, emergency programs, and agricultural adjustment
- 2) local farmers are informed of these programs by newspapers, radio, newsletters, personal letters and committeemen

4. Jackson Parish

a. County Office Manager - listed in handbook (page 25)

b. Mailing list

- 1) 1086 farmers on list
- 2) ask local ASC office how list is made up

c. Elections

- 1) held by mail (sample ballots available from CORE/research upon request)
- 2) **865** farmers voted in the community committee elections in Aug. 1964
- 3) there are 7 ASC communities in Jackson Parish - the boundaries are the same as the 7 wards

d. Programs

- 1) the following programs are carried out in Jackson Parish - soil conservation, crop allotment, soil bank, agricultural adjustment and CCC Purchasing
- 2) local farmers are informed of these programs by newsletters, newspaper, radio, letters to individual farmers, post cards, telephone & personal contacts

5. Red River Parish

- a. County Office Manager - Mr. Curtis Jones, County Office Manager
Red River Parish ASC Office
Box 310
Coushatta, La. (Tel. 932-4231)
- b. Mailing List
 - 1) 1020 farmers on list
 - 2) made up of owners and operators of farms (should include all farmers tenants, sharecroppers, etc.)
- c. Elections
 - 1) held by mail
 - 2) 784 farmers voted in the community committee elections in Aug. 1964
 - 3) there are 7 ASC communities in Red River Parish
- d. Programs
 - 1) the following programs are carried out in Red River Parish: Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP), crop allotment, soil band, agricultural adjustment, CCC loans
 - 2) local farmers are informed of these programs by personal contacts, letters, bulletins, meetings, news media, radio

6. Webster Parish

- a. County Office Manager - Miss Katie M. Crowover, County Office Manager
Webster Parish ASC Office
Box 785
Minden, La. (Tel. FR7-1871)
- b. Mailing List
 - 1) 2046 farmers on list
 - 2) made up of all known farmers in parish
- c. Elections
 - 1) held by mail
 - 2) an average of 759 farmers voted in the community committee elections in each of the last 5 years
 - 3) there are 5 ASC communities in Webster parish; there are also 5 wards - find out if the boundaries are the same
- d. Programs
 - 1) the following programs are carried out in Webster Parish: soil conservation, crop allotment (cotton, wheat, perhaps others), soil agricultural adjustment
 - 2) local farmers are informed of these programs by cards, letters, radio, television, personal contacts, newspapers and meetings.

In 1964 farmers in Webster Parish used \$75,235.00 as government cost-share help conserve soil, water, woodland, and wildlife.

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