

URUGUAY - Agricultural Census 2000 – Main Results

Please refer to the Explanatory Notes given at the end of the tables

Number and area of holdings		
	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
Total	57 131	16 419 683

Number and area of holdings by size		
	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
Total	57 131	16 419 683
1 - 4 ha	6 260	16 516
5 - 9	7 086	47 611
10 - 19	7 118	97 841
20 - 49	8 934	285 254
50 - 99	6 647	472 928
100 - 199	6 382	910 286
200 - 499	6 783	2 162 836
500 - 999	3 887	2 725 637
1000 - 2500	2 912	4 441 627
2500 - 5000	838	2 837 134
5000 - 10000	228	1 504 482
10000 >	56	917 531

Legal status		
	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
Total	57 131	16 419 683
Civil person	49 302	10 159 084
Corporation	7 336	6 103 333
Government	395	75 543
Other	98	81 723

Tenure of land		
		Area (ha)
Total	—	16 419 683
Owned	—	11 384 688
Rented	—	3 854 882
Other forms of tenure	—	1 180 113

Holder's household members by sex and age		
	Number of persons	
Total	189 838	—
male	111 761	—
< 14 years	20 766	—
14 - 64	78 670	—
65 >	12 325	—
female	78 077	—
< 14 years	18 628	—
14 - 64	50 881	—
65 >	8 568	—

Members of the holder's household engaged in agricultural work on the holding		
	Number of persons	
Total	114 488	—
male	76 734	—
female	37 754	—

Hired permanent workers		
	Number of workers	
Total	56 044	—
male	47 549	—
female	8 495	—

Land use		
		Area (ha)
All land	—	16 419 683
Agricultural land	—	14 956 889
Cropland	—	1 414 119
Arable land	—	1 373 198
Permanent crops	—	40 921
Permanent mead./pastures	—	13 542 770
Wood or forest land	—	1 250 722
All other land	—	212 072

Temporary crops		
	Holdings reporting	Area (ha)
Wheat	2 112	213 538
Rice	634	174 728
Maize	4 516	51 177
Sorghum	647	27 547
Barley	888	67 014
Oats	1 453	32 251
Soybeans	64	13 901
Cotton	8	709
Sugarcane	129	2 811
Sunflower	314	51 655
Tobacco	132	257
Linseed	4	129

Permanent crops		
	Holdings reporting	Number of trees/plants
Oranges	536	2 816 149
Tangerines	364	2 762 473
Lemons	323	653 925
Pomelos	96	163 895
Apples	966	2 119 064
Pears	629	529 944
Quinces	190	206 634
Peaches	1 374	2 007 497
Nectarines	126	75 737
plums	637	253 868
Grapes	1 721	30 170 658

Livestock		
	Holdings reporting	Head/units
Cattle	47 735	10 137 957
Sheep	28 796	12 900 237
Pigs	18 923	293 874
Horses	39 657	415 434
Chickens and other fowls	32 623	10 617 288
Beehives	7 069	315 653

URUGUAY - Agricultural Census 2000 - Explanatory Notes

Historical outline:

Seventeen agricultural and livestock censuses have been carried out in Uruguay from 1852 to 1990, of which thirteen agricultural and four livestock censuses. The eighteenth and latest, to which data here presented refer, is the 2000 General Census of Agriculture.

Organization:

A National Census Committee was formed to coordinate the various phases of the census. The Direction of Agriculture and Livestock Statistics (DIEA) of the Ministry of Livestock, Agriculture and Fisheries (MGAP), was charged with the organization and conducting of the 2000 General Census of Agriculture.

Enumeration period:

The census enumeration was conducted between 14 August and 10 November 2000.

Reference date:

The reference date for holder and holdings characteristics and livestock numbers was 30 June 2000. For area sown and crop production, the reference period was the agricultural year (census year) 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000.

Definitions:

Agricultural holding is a production unit under single management, including all land totally or partly used for agriculture, livestock keeping or forestry.

For census purposes, were included in the enumeration only the agricultural holdings reporting a minimum size of 1 hectare, operated during the entire census year or a part of it, regardless of the type of activity, either for home consumption or for sale.

Area operated includes all land of all parcels, operated by the holder under any tenure form, at 30 June 2000.

Coverage:

The census covered all holdings one hectare and more of the country.

Frame:

A new digitalized cartographic system was adopted for the 2000 Agricultural Census, in order to have the Agricultural Census cartography more comparable with the one used for the Population and Dwelling Census.

Methods:

The 2000 census was conducted on a complete enumeration basis, according to a 1978 Decree which stated that an agriculture and livestock census was to be undertaken on a complete enumeration basis in years ending in zero, in line with the FAO World Census of Agriculture Programme; while, in years ending in five, an agricultural survey was to be conducted on a sampling basis. The country, administratively divided into Departments, was sub-divided into 634 Enumeration Areas (AE) and 103 Supervision Areas (AS). 700 persons all over the country were employed as enumerators or supervisors. Data were collected through personal interview of the holders using a questionnaire consisting of ten thematic sections.

Data source:

Ministerio de Ganadería, Agricultura y Pesca – Estadísticas Agropecuarias – Censo General Agropecuario 2000 - Resultados Definitivos, Volumen I and II.

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