

Guadeloupe (Fr) Agricultural Census 1989 – Main Results

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NUMBER AND AGRICULTURAL AREA OF HOLDINGS CLASSIFIED BY SIZE OF AGRICULTURAL AREA OF HOLDINGS		
Holding size classes	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
Total	16 530	46 740
Holdings without agricultural land	258	-
Under 1 ha	5 043	2 409
1 and under 2 ha	4 441	5 926
2 and under 3 ha	2 700	6 231
3 and under 4 ha	1 622	5 356
4 and under 5 ha	882	3 806
5 and under 10 ha	1 163	7 539
10 and under 20 ha	272	3 489
20 ha and above	149	11 984

TENURE OF AGRICULTURAL LAND	Area (ha)
Owned or in ownerlike possession	30 890
Rented from others	10 081
Area operated under other forms of tenure	5 769

HOLDERS BY SEX	Total	Male	Female
Holders	16 530	13 497	3 033

HOLDERS BY AGE	Number of holders
Total	16 530
under 35 years	2 476
35 to 49 years	4 784
50 to 64 years	6 188
65 years and over	3 082

HOLDERS BY MAIN TYPE OF ACTIVITY	Number of holders
Total	16 530
Agricultural work on the holding	9 799
Work of the holding	6 731

FARM POPULATION BY SEX	Total	Male	Female
Total	62 310	33 532	28 778

EMPLOYMENT IN AGRICULTURE

Household members engaged in agricultural work on the holding	6 322
Household members engaged in work off the holding	21 313
Household members not economically active	34 675
Hired permanent workers	3 718
Hired occasional workers	10 217

LAND USE	Area (ha)
Total land	53 559
Agricultural land	46 740
Cropland	30 507
Arable land	22 312
Land under temporary crops	21 430
Land temporarily fallow	882
Land under permanent crops	8 195
Land under permanent meadows/pastures	16 233
Wood or forest land	2 516
All other land	4 303

TEMPORARY CROPS (on arable land)	Number of holdings reporting	Area (ha)
Sugarcane	7 591	16 723
Flowers	113	126

PERMANENT CROPS	Number of holdings reporting	Area (ha)
Bananas	2 888	7 328
Pineapples	459	261

LIVESTOCK	Number of holdings reporting	Total number of head
Cattle	10 135	65 302
Pigs	6 625	28 658
Sheep	405	3 385
Goats	3 243	28 187
Chickens	-	319 930

MACHINERY / EQUIPMENT	Number of holdings reporting	Units
4-wheel tractors used	550	862
4-wheel tractors owned	-	833
2-wheel tractors used	187	208
2-wheel tractors owned	-	203
Fertilizer distributors used	254	293
Fertilizer distributors owned	-	291
Sprayers / Dusters used	4 916	5 990
Sprayers / Dusters owned	-	5 970
Lorries used	339	397
Lorries owned	-	393
Trailers	419	677

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Information: Guadeloupe is part of the French Territory, and it is only for practical purposes that it is recorded in the Data Bank at country level in the North and Central American Region. Consequently, results related to France bear only upon the territory of France in Europe (France Métropolitaine).

Historical outline: The 1988-89 Agricultural Census is the second taken in Guadeloupe; the first was carried out in 1980-81.

Organization: The census was organized by the Central Service of Statistical Surveys and Studies (SCEES) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, in collaboration with the local Statistical Offices of the above mentioned Ministry.

Enumeration period: The census was carried out in 1988-89.

Definitions:

- “Superficie agricole utilisée” includes arable land, land under permanent crops, and land under permanent meadows and pastures.
- “Superficie agricole utile” includes “superficie agricole utilisée” plus land occupied by buildings, roads, and ditches as well as unproductive land.
- “Superficie totale” includes “superficie agricole utile”, wood or forest land, aquaculture basins, and all other land not suitable for agriculture.
- Agricultural holding is an economic unit of agricultural production satisfying at the same time the following four conditions:
 - an agricultural output;
 - at least 0.5 Ha of “superficie agricole utile” or 0.1 Ha of “superficie agricole utilisée”, or overstepping a certain number of livestock (depending on the type of animal), or a certain level of agricultural output;
 - an autonomous management;
 - accurately located in a municipality and identified by the most important building or the most important parcel.

Coverage: The census covered the entire country.

Frame: In the first half of 1988, a list of agricultural holdings, based on the list prepared for the previous census, was established in each municipality and used as frame.

Methods: Complete enumeration of holdings was conducted through direct interview.

Data source: Recensement Agricole 1988-89, Résultats Départementaux.

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