

Honduras Agricultural Census 1993 – Main Results

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NUMBER AND AREA OF HOLDINGS CLASSIFIED BY SIZE OF TOTAL AREA OF HOLDINGS		
Holding size classes	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
Total	325 750	3 637 469
1 and under 5 ha	178 250	280 531
5 and under 10 ha	52 770	249 098
10 and under 20 ha	38 770	369 364
20 ha and above	55 960	2 738 476

AREA OF HOLDINGS BY TENURE OF LAND OPERATED	Area (ha)
Total	3 637 469
Area owned or in ownerlike possession	3 083 727
Area rented from others	88 168
Area operated under other forms of tenure	465 574

LAND USE	Area (ha)
Total land	3 637 469
Agricultural land	2 430 490
Cropland	867 993
Arable land	503 371
Land under temporary crops	477 861
Land temporarily fallow	25 510
Land under permanent crops	364 622
Land under permanent meadows/pastures	1 562 497
Wood or forest land	1 131 748
All other land	75 231

TEMPORARY CROPS (on arable land)	Number of holdings reporting	Area (ha)	Production (metric tons)
Rice	19 929	20 612	48 438
Maize	268 152	358 334	500 364
Sorghum for forage	127	1 326	36 740
Potatoes	2 973	1 611	17 328
Cassava	9 654	5 296	41 230
Soybeans	339	1 099	2 133
Tomatoes	3 093	3 568	122 815
Sugarcane	16 714	32 888	2 224 079
Beans, dry edible	114 276	85 465	43 276
Gama grass (maicillo)	50 803	56 781	54 826
Onions	2 147	994	14 014
Tobacco	85	6 035	95 578

PERMANENT CROPS	Number of holdings reporting	Area (ha)	Production (metric tons)
Bananas	5 536	23 327	1 012 868
Plantains	7 411	7 921	93 820
Coffee	92 528	150 605	110 481
Cocoa	3 231	3 656	1 865
Oil palm	393	20 528	367 870

LIVESTOCK	Number of holdings reporting	Total number of head
Cattle	99 911	2 077 460
Pigs	100 376	479 434
Sheep	816	13 145
Goats	5 889	27 077
Horses	107 198	232 492
Mules	41 763	73 784
Asses	17 442	27 259
Poultry	244 319	11 696 636
Rabbits	1 281	12 559
Beehives (units)	4 795	105 392

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Historical outline: The first census of agriculture in Honduras was undertaken in 1952, the second in 1965-66, and the third in 1974. Two Multi-Purpose National Agricultural Sample Surveys (EAN) were carried out respectively in 1984 and in 1989. The Fourth National Agriculture and Livestock Census was conducted in 1993. Processing of data from 1993 Agricultural Census on holding, holder, tenure and land use is still in progress, although data on crops and livestock are already available. However, to provide users with recent information on structural aspects of holdings, some data on number, area of holdings and land use, abstracted from the 1989 Multi-Purpose National Agricultural Sample Survey (EAN), are shown as temporary source, until 1993 census data are fully available.

Organization: The Ministry of Plans, Coordination and Budget (SECPLAN), in accordance with the Ministry of Natural Resources, was entrusted with the census by the Government of Honduras. An Executing Unit was successively created, assigned to plan and carry out all census operations under the direct control of the SECPLAN. Technical and financial assistance were provided by the UN Development Program, by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN, by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), by the US Bureau of the Census, and by the National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Informatics of Mexico (INEGI). A Census Committee, with advisory functions, was also formed. Census offices were created in the capital city of Tegucigalpa, in the 18 department capitals, and in the 291 municipalities of the country. The field work was carried out by 945 supervisors and 2967 enumerators, under the guidance of a census coordinator for each of the 18 departments and 291 municipalities of the country.

Enumeration period: The Fourth National Agriculture and Livestock Census was conducted 26 April-15 May 1993.

Reference date: Data on number and area of holdings, land tenure and land use, shown below, refer to the 1989 Survey. Data on temporary and permanent crops refer to the period 1 May 1992- 30 April 1993. Data on livestock numbers refer to 25 April 1993.

Definition: The statistical unit adopted was the Agricultural Holding, defined as all land of at least 0.2 Ha (0.3 manzanas), totally or partially used for agriculture or livestock rearing, made up of one or more parcels laying in the same municipality, kept under a single management, without regard to title or legal form.

Coverage: The Census covered the entire country.

Frame: An adequate cartography work, to clearly define census segments, was carried out in the pre-censal phase.

Methods: The country consists administratively of 7 regions, subdivided into 18 departments, including 291 municipalities which were in turn subdivided, for census purposes, into census segments to be investigated by enumerators. Complete enumeration of all holdings was carried out; data were collected by enumerators through direct interview; as a result, a total of 317,199 questionnaires were filled in.

Data source: República de Honduras - Secretaría de Planificación, Coordinación y Presupuesto (SECPLAN) - IV Censo Nacional Agropecuario 1993 - Tomo II, III, IV, V - Agosto 1993.

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