

HUNGARY - 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 of holdings (ha)
Total	966 916	6 448 000

Number and area of holdings by size of productive land		
	Number of holdings	
Total	966 916	—
< 10 ha	260 987	—
10 - 50	313 625	—
50 - 100	108 278	—
100 - 300	185 748	—
300 - 500	44 512	—
500 -1 000	45 738	—
1 000 - 5 000	6 011	—
5 000 -10 000	1 967	—
10 000 >	50	—

Holders by sex		
	Number of holders	
Total	958 534	—
male	729 373	—
female	229 161	—

Holders and household members		
	Number of persons	
Total	2 648 400	—

Household members engaged in agricultural work on the holding		
	Number of persons	
Total	1 982 679	—

Land use		
		Area (ha)
All land	—	6 448 000
Agricultural land	—	4 655 166
Cropland	—	4 051 005
Permanent mead./pastures	—	604 161
Wood / forest land	—	1 766 854
All other land	—	25 980

Livestock		
	Holdings reporting	Head/units
Cattle	52 182	850 442
Sheep	25 094	1 287 324
Pigs	484 527	5 050 510
Horses	38 079	80 555
Chickens	596 988	42 418 987

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Historical outline:

The 2000 Agricultural Census is the sixth conducted in Hungary. FAO methodology standards were followed for 1972, 1981, 1991 and 2000 agricultural censuses.

Organization:

The 2000 Agricultural Census was organized and conducted by the Hungarian Central Statistical Office (HCSO) in compliance with the Act XLVI of 1999.

Enumeration period:

The enumeration took place between 1 and 21 April 2000.

Reference date:

Reference date for land use, crops and livestock was 31 March 2000, while for agricultural services and intensive horticultural activities the reference period was the 12 months preceding the census date.

Definition:

Agricultural holding

is an independent unit both technically and economically engaged in agricultural activity having a single management and, on 31 March 2000:

- Cultivating at least 1500 square meters of each or any combination of arable land, kitchen garden, orchard, vineyard, meadows and pastures, forest, fish pond or reed; or
- Keeping at least one head of large livestock (cattle, pig, horse, sheep, goat, donkey, mule or ostrich) or a stock of 50 hens or other poultry (geese, ducks, turkeys or guinea fowls) or a stock of 25 rabbits, fur-bearing animals or pigeons for meat; or
- Having performed, during the 12 months previous to census date, agricultural services or intensive horticultural activities (production under glass or plastic cover).

Coverage:

The census covered the entire country. All enterprises and state farms as well as small scale producers and private farms reaching the threshold (see above minimum size of agricultural holding) were included. Households under the threshold were not included; however, data regarding their utilization of productive land area, irrespective of land use categories, were collected and disseminated by municipality. The kitchen gardens around houses or in resort areas were considered as non-significant agricultural activities.

Frame:

The number of households to be investigated was defined by the 1990 Census of Population and Dwellings: it was considered the number of inhabitants having permanent residence (dwellings) on 1 January 2000 in the given municipality, plus the number of persons with temporary residence (dwellings). It was calculated for 100 hectares of area within the administrative boundaries of the municipality. For census purposes all the statistical planning regions, the counties and the statistical small districts were defined in accordance with the Nomenclature for Territorial Units for EUROSTAT Statistics (NUTS): at the first level there is the Country; second level the Regions (7); third level the Counties (19 plus the Capital); fourth level the Agricultural Small Regions (150); fifth level the municipalities (3131).

Methods:

In the frame of the census 2.1 million households, more than 60% of the total, were visited by enumerators. Nearly 960000 reached the threshold and were considered on a representative sample base. 835000 utilized less land area and/or kept less livestock than defined by the threshold and 300000 were not engaged in any agricultural activity. In the sector of enterprises, i.e. cooperatives, share companies and other units with legal entity, 8200 were engaged in some kind of agricultural activity. These organizations were investigated by mail.

Data source:

Hungarian Central Statistical Office – Agricultural Statistics Department – Vol. I: Land Use in Hungary, data by settlements, Budapest 2000 – Vol. II: Livestock in Hungary, 31 March 2000, data by settlement, Budapest 2000 – Vol. III: Agriculture in Hungary 2000, summary data, Budapest 2002.

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