

VENEZUELA - Agricultural Census 1996/97 – 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	500 979	30 071 192

Number and area of holdings by size		
	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
Total	500 979	30 071 192
Under 1 ha	42 758	20 777
1 and under 2 ha	70 663	83 678
2 and under 5 ha	128 821	373 464
5 and under 10 ha	75 282	481 418
10 and under 20 ha	59 354	748 337
20 and under 50 ha	51 659	1 516 983
50 and under 100 ha	27 318	1 810 573
100 and under 200 ha	18 565	2 442 875
200 and under 500 ha	15 587	4 636 937
500 and under 1000 ha	6 027	3 989 406
1000 ha and over	4 945	13 966 744

Fragmentation		
	Holdings reporting	Parcels
Total	500 979	—
Number of holdings reporting:		
1 parcel	429 223	—
2 - 3 parcels	68 360	—
4 - 5 parcels	2 867	—
6 - 9 parcels	494	—
10 parcels and more	35	—
Total number of parcels	—	590 922

Legal status		
	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
Total	500 979	30 071 192
Civil persons	491 916	26 645 532
Corporation	3 385	473 680
Cooperative	87	61 450
Government	2 204	2 515 649
Others	3 387	374 881

Holdings by tenure		
	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
Total	500 979	30 071 192
Under one form of tenure	496 229	29 749 285
Owned	237 470	22 490 854
Rented	15 003	496 200
Under other single forms	243 756	6 762 231
Under more than one form of ten.	4 750	321 907

Tenure of land		
	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
Total	—	30 071 192
Owned	—	22 490 854
Rented	—	496 200
Other forms	—	7 084 138

Holders and household members engaged mainly in agriculture

	Number of persons	
Total	313 775	—
male	287 066	—
female	26 709	—

Hired permanent workers

	Number of workers	
Total	211 290	—
male	178 159	—
female	33 131	—

Land use

	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
All land	500 959	30 071 192
Agricultural land	412 493	20 481 303
Cropland	318 648	3 395 858
Arable land	222 278	2 438 108
Permanent crops	250 958	957 750
Permanent mead./pastures	161 493	17 085 445
Wood or forest land	170 257	8 987 468
All other land	282 679	602 421

Temporary crops

	Holdings reporting	Area (ha)
Maize	100 261	651 697
Sorghum	3 545	177 334
Cassava	58 350	77 283
Sugarcane	22 076	155 376

Permanent crops

	Holdings reporting	Number of trees
Coffee	55639	272 125 474
Plantains	36977	13 285 349
Cocoa	18841	23 872 706

Livestock

	Holdings reporting	Head/units
Cattle	148 370	13 168 692
Pigs	86 026	1 700 719
Sheep	29 254	762 670
Goats	20 626	1 132 656
Buffaloes	533	62 546
Horses, Mules and Asses	74 566	477 129
Chickens	136 777	91 440 237
Rabbits	3 608	110 297

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Historical outline:

This was the sixth Agricultural Census in Venezuela. Previous censuses were organized in 1937, 1949, 1961, 1971 and 1985.

Organization:

The census was organized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAC) and for this purpose a Central Office was established. Many other institutions and organizations cooperated in the census organization (BCV, OCEI, COODIPLAN, FAO, Universities and others). An experimental census was organized in Yaracuy, with the scope to test the frame, the questionnaires and all other operational aspects.

Enumeration period:

The bulk of enumeration took place in the period July 1997 to January 1998.

Reference date:

Inventory items refer to the day of enumeration. Other data refer to the agricultural year 1 April 1996 to 31 March 1997.

Definitions:

The agricultural holding was defined as an economic unit of agricultural production under single management, comprising all livestock kept and all land used wholly or partly for agricultural production purposes, without regard to title and legal form.

Places with less than the minimum size, abandoned holdings and those used only for recreation, were not considered as agricultural holdings.

Coverage:

The census covered the entire national territory and all sectors of agriculture.

Frame:

The frame was based on municipal and parochial maps available from the XII Census of Population and Housing. Based on these maps, 5422 Enumeration Areas were delineated for the Census of Agriculture. The list of agricultural holdings was finalized at the time of data collection.

Methods:

The census was organized on a complete enumeration basis through a direct interview of holders. The staff employed in the field work included 449 Supervisors and 3000 Enumerators. In addition, MAC was using 358 professionals for work on quality control, consisting of 18 National Supervisors, 23 State Coordinators, 71 Zone Supervisors and 246 Field Supervisors.

Two questionnaires were used:

- a) F1 was used at the listing stage to define the list of agricultural holdings to be enumerated.
- b) F2 was used for the enumeration of listed agricultural holdings.

Data source:

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