

Saint Vincent Agricultural Census 1986 – Main Results

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

NUMBER AND AREA OF HOLDINGS CLASSIFIED BY SIZE OF TOTAL AREA OF HOLDINGS		
Holding size classes	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
Total	8 860	12 017
Holdings without land	2 061	-
Under 0.1 ha	488	20
0.1 and under 0.2 ha	921	95
0.2 and under 1 ha	3 479	1 666
1 and under 2 ha	974	1 288
2 and under 4 ha	672	1 642
4 and under 10 ha	180	968
10 and under 20.2 ha	35	480
20.2 and under 40.5 ha	16	436
40.5 and under 101.2	21	1 233
101.2 and under 202.3	4	475
202.3 ha and over	9	3 714

LAND TENURE OF HOLDINGS	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
Total	6 799	12 017
Holdings under one form of tenure	6 334	9 591
Owned or in ownerlike possession	4 763	8 120
Rented from others, total	1 094	1 083
For an agreed amount of money/produce	939	955
For a share of produce	155	128
Holdings operated on squatter basis	298	318
Operated under other single forms of tenure	179	70
Holdings under more than one tenure form	465	2 426

HOLDERS BY AGE	Number of holders
Total	8 676
under 35 years	2 859
35 to 44 years	1 660
45 to 54 years	1 520
55 to 64 years	1 454
65 years and over	1 183

HOLDERS BY MAIN TYPE OF ACTIVITY	Number of holders
Total	8 381
Agricultural work on the holding, total	7 102
Permanent	5 016
Occasional	2 086
Work off the holding	1 279

FARM POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX	Total	Male	Female
Household members, total	41 821	21 218	20 603
Under 12 years	12 687	6 627	6 060
12 to 24 years	5 711	3 019	2 692
25 to 34 years	3 295	1 592	1 703
35 to 44 years	2 737	1 264	1 473
45 to 54 years	2 412	1 184	1 228
55 to 64 years	2 155	1 079	1 076
65 years and over	12 824	6 453	6 371

EMPLOYMENT Household members engaged in:	Total	Male	Female
Agricultural work on the holding	12 598	7 567	5 031
Work off the holding	3 389	1 718	1 671
Not economically active	6 853	2 443	4 410

LAND USE	Area (ha)
Total land	12 017
Cropland	10 116
Arable land	3 615
Land under temporary crops	1 625
Land under temporary meadows	913
Land temporarily fallow	927
All other arable land	150
Land under permanent crops	6 501
Wood or forest land	1 484
All other land	417

TEMPORARY CROPS (on arable land)	Number of holdings reporting	Area (ha)
Maize	719	93
Sweet potatoes	1 371	606
Taro (cocoyam)	1 584	959
Yams	885	406
Groundnuts	404	167

PERMANENT CROPS	Number of holdings reporting
Coconuts	1 857
Bananas	3 263
Plantains	1 380

LIVESTOCK	Number of holdings reporting	Total number of head
Cattle	1 650	4 368
Pigs	654	1 851
Sheep	2 817	10 587
Goats	1 896	6 616
Chickens	-	42 086

Saint Vincent Agricultural Census 1986 – Explanatory Notes

Historical outline: Information on agricultural aspects of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, then part of the Leeward Islands, was collected through special estimates in 1930 and 1950; another agricultural census was undertaken in 1946, followed by two sample censuses carried out in 1961 and 1972; lastly, a complete enumeration census, to which data here presented refer, was undertaken in 1985-86.

Organization: The Ministry of Agriculture, Industry and Labour, was appointed as the authority for the census of agriculture. A Chief Census Officer, and two assistants were appointed to supervise census operations. An Interministerial Agricultural Census Committee was formed to give policy guidance to those responsible for the census. The agricultural census was supported by a grant from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). Part of the technical assistance was provided by a full-time census statistician and some short-term consultants, who advised on technical aspects of the design and execution of the census. The field work was carried out by 30 supervisors and 150 enumerators.

Enumeration period: The Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines proclaimed 15 May 1986 as Census Day for the 1985-86 Agricultural Census. The enumeration period was 15 May to 15 June 1986.

Reference date:

Time reference was:

- The agricultural year 1 April 1985 to 31 March 1986 for the following items: Hired permanent and occasional workers, area sown or harvested, irrigation, fertilizers and pesticides.
- The week ending on the enumeration day for household members' type of activity.
- The enumeration day for holder and holding characteristics, fragmentation, tenure, legal status, land use, permanent crops, livestock, number of machinery.

Definitions:

- The agricultural holding is considered an economic unit of agricultural production satisfying at least one of the following minimum specifications:
 - one head of cattle;
 - two head of pigs, sheep, goats (or one head of any two);
 - twelve head of poultry of any types;
 - ten of any tree crop, bananas or plantains, of productive age;
 - 0.05 Ha of land under any crops.
- Large or Specialized Farms are those reporting:
 - at least 8.1 Ha, or
 - at least 10 milk animals, or
 - at least 200 head of poultry;
 - nurseries and greenhouses growing stock for sale;
 - special livestock breeding farms;
 - government experimental farms;
 - farms belonging to institutions.

Coverage: The census covered the entire country.

Frame: St. Vincent and the Grenadines consist of 13 administrative units called Divisions, which were, for census purposes, divided into 150 enumeration districts (EDs). All households in every ED were listed by enumerators in the Listing Book. Prior to the field work, a list of Large and/or Specialized Farms was also prepared.

Methods: Complete enumeration of all holdings was carried out. Data were collected by enumerators through direct interview: enumerators canvassed every household inside the assigned ED, filling in the agricultural questionnaire for those households satisfying the definition of agricultural holding.

Data source: Ministry of Agriculture, Industry and Labour, 1985-86 Agricultural Census for St. Vincent and the Grenadines, July 1989.

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