

BANGLADESH - Agricultural Census 1996 – 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	17 828 187	8 289 897

Number and area of holdings by size		
	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
Total	17 828 187	8 289 897
without land	38 245	-
Under 0.4 ha	11 785 331	1 262 625
0.4 and under 0.6 ha	1 757 073	832 843
0.6 and under 1.0 ha	1 872 089	1 444 100
1.0 and under 2.0 ha	1 576 539	2 163 223
2.0 and under 4.0 ha	648 895	1 691 546
4.0 and under 10.1 ha	139 894	752 657
10.1 ha and over	10 121	142 903

Holdings by tenure		
	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
Total	17 828 201	8 289 897
Holdings under one form of tenure	13 622 124	5 069 461
Owned or in ownerlike possession	11 807 547	4 893 968
Rented from others	1 814 577	175 493
Holdings under more than one form of tenure	4 206 077	3 220 436

Tenure of land		
		Area (ha)
Total	-	8 289 897
Area owned	-	6 605 801
Area rented	-	1 684 096

Holders by sex		
	Number of holders	
Total	17 828 187	-
Male	17 208 640	-
Female	619 547	-

Holders and members of their households engaged mainly in agriculture		
	Number of holders	
Total	37 574 326	-
Male	24 952 443	-
Female	12 621 883	-

Land use		
	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
All land	17 789 942	8 289 897
Cropland	-	7 144 418
Arable land	-	6 657 364
Permanent crops	-	487 054
All other land	-	1 145 479

Temporary crops		
	Holdings reporting	Area (ha)
Wheat	—	615 934
Rice	—	8 430 938
Maize	—	3 798
Millet	—	14 721
Barley	—	535
Potatoes	—	237 705
Soybeans	—	1 507
Cotton	—	9 337
Tomatoes	—	7 567
Sugarcane	—	133 149
Jute	—	525 058
Rape and Mustard	—	396 959
Chillies	—	175 893

Permanent crops		
	Holdings reporting	Number of trees/plants
Mangoes	8 503	54 066
Jack Fruit	6 644	39 199
Papayas	2 605	14 345
Coconuts	5 708	34 432
Pineapples	76	-
Bananas	5 241	186 934
Date Palms	2 626	22 730
Lemons	2 039	8 342
Guavas	3 311	18 036
Betel nuts	4 477	242 844

Livestock		
	Holdings reporting	Head/units
Cattle	8 171 294	21 572 140
Sheep	496 592	1 690 011
Goats	5 591 493	12 919 772
Buffaloes	270 228	722 764
Poultry	13 606 633	97 552 065
Ducks	7 003 612	29 115 786

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Historical outline:

The previous agricultural censuses were organized in 1960, 1977, and 1983/84. The 1977 census was previously planned to be taken in 1970 and all preparations were completed, but due to the war the field work took place only in 1977.

Organization:

The Bureau of Statistics of the Ministry of Planning is the responsible office for the organization of agricultural censuses.

Enumeration period:

The bulk of enumeration took place in the period 25 December 1996 to 25 January 1997.

Reference date: Data on inventory items refer to the day of enumeration. Other data refer to the calendar year 1996.

Definitions:

An agricultural holding was defined as a techno-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, legal form, or size. In the Bangladesh report holdings and households were treated as the same.

The basic unit of enumeration was the household. Households with less than 0.05 hectares were called non-farm households.

Coverage:

The census covered all rural households, with the exclusion of municipal and metropolitan areas, as well as of institutional holdings.

Frame:

The frame was based on the list of Administrative Areas which already existed, i.e. Districts, Thanas, Unions and Mousas. On the basis of this list, a list of Enumeration Areas was constructed. A sample of 17 377 Enumeration Areas, containing 3 319 000 holdings, was then selected.

Methods:

About 90 000 enumerators and 13 000 supervisors were employed in the field work, which consisted of two phases: a complete enumeration, using a short questionnaire and a sample enumeration, using a detailed questionnaire. Data were collected through direct interview method.

Two questionnaires were used:

1. Schedule I – A short questionnaire containing major items,
2. Schedule II – A detailed questionnaire containing supplementary information on some of the items from Schedule I, such as information on crop sharing, storage facilities, population and employment, etc.

Data source:

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