

Cape Verde Agricultural Census 1988 – Main Results

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1 - TOTAL NUMBER AND AREA OF HOLDINGS	
Number	Area (ha)
32 193	41 383

HOLDERS BY AGE	Female
Total	32 193
Under 30 years	4 185
30 to 39 years	5 151
40 to 49 years	4 507
50 to 59 years	7 726
60 years and over	10 624

HOLDERS BY SEX	Total	Male	Female
Holders	32 193	20 539	11 654

FARM POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX AND AGE	Total	Male	Female
Total	172 363	81 762	90 601
Under 15 years	71 609	36 083	35 526
15 to 24 years	39 729	20 141	19 588
25 to 34 years	17 470	7 305	10 165
35 to 44 years	8 515	2 712	5 803
45 to 54 years	11 397	4 168	7 229
55 to 64 years	11 864	5 559	6 305
65 years and over	11 779	5 794	5 985

EMPLOYMENT IN AGRICULTURE, BY SEX	Total	Male	Female
Households members engaged in agricultural work on the holding	89 229	41 862	47 367

EMPLOYMENT IN AGRICULTURE, BY AGE	Households members engaged in agricultural work on the holding
Total	89 229
Under 20 years	18 738
20 to 29 years	27 661
30 to 39 years	10 707
40 to 49 years	8 031
50 to 59 years	11 600
60 years and over	12 492

LIVESTOCK	Number of holdings reporting	Total number of head
Cattle	9 246	17 996
Pigs	26 153	57 977
Sheep	1 611	4 193
Goats	22 667	95 338
Horses	-	299
Mules / Hinnies	-	1 319
Asses	-	10 394
Chickens	26 721	172 379

Cape Verde Agricultural Census 1988 – Explanatory Notes

Historical outline: The 1988 Agricultural Census is the second undertaken in Cape Verde. It follows the first Agricultural Census of the Republic of Cape Verde which was carried out in 1978-81.

Organization: The census was organized by the Statistics Division of the Studies and Planning Office of the Ministry of Rural Development and Fisheries. Both financial and technical assistance were given through the project FAO/UNDP "Agricultural Statistics", and by the Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS). Bilateral cooperations were also established with French, Dutch, and Portuguese Governments for the completion of the task. The field staff consisted of 4 technicians, 8 supervisors, and 55 enumerators.

Enumeration period: The census was carried out during the period 1 May - 31 July 1988.

Reference date: All census items refer to the agricultural year 1987-88.

Coverage: During the census all "Zonas Agrícolas" in all islands of the country were investigated and all agricultural holdings whose holder was resident in the investigated zona, were covered. (The zona is the smallest administrative sub-division of the country; each zona is controlled by a Commission of Residents, and consists of an area composed of one or more pieces of land). Not covered by the census were:

- households in the zonas but not practicing agriculture;
- households in non agricultural zonas (i.e. urban areas of Praia and Mindelo).

Methods: Four categories of holdings were identified:

- 1) Small holdings producing mainly for home consumption;
- 2) Large commercial holdings;
- 3) Cooperatives;
- 4) Government holdings.

The first category was considered the "traditional sector", while the holdings belonging to categories 2, 3, and 4, were grouped into the "modern sector". Holdings of modern sector were completely enumerated while two groups of traditional sector holdings were identified:

- holdings on the islands of Boa Vista, Brava, Maio, Sal, St.Nicolau, and St.Vicente, which were completely enumerated; and
- holdings on the islands of Fogo, Santiago and Santo Antao, for which a simple random sample was taken: for each agricultural zone 50% of holdings, with holder living in the zone, were drawn by systematic selection.

A pilot survey preceded the census.

Data source: Republica de Cabo Verde - Ministerio do Desenvolvimento Rural e Pescas - Gabinete de Estudos e Planeamento - Recenseamento Agrícola 1988 - Volume I: Dados globais - Janeiro 1990.

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