

Bahamas Agricultural Census 1994 – Main Results

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

NUMBER AND AREA OF HOLDINGS CLASSIFIED BY SIZE OF TOTAL AREA OF HOLDINGS		
Holding size classes	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
Total	1 760	20 336
Holdings without land	27	0
Under 0.4 ha	144	29
0.4 and under 1.2 ha	597	400
1.2 and under 2.0 ha	309	445
2.0 and under 4.0 ha	299	781
4.0 and under 8.1 ha	170	880
8.1 and under 20.2 ha	109	1 237
20.2 and under 40.5 ha	40	1 043
40.5 and under 80.9 ha	25	1 366
80.9 ha and above	40	14 175

FRAGMENTATION OF HOLDINGS	
Number of holdings reporting:	
Total	1 733
1 parcel	925
2 - 3 parcels	706
4 - 6 parcels	84
7 parcels and more	18

TENURE (of main parcel)	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
Total	1 760	20 335
Holdings owned or in ownerlike possession	452	5 820
Holdings rented from others	354	8 456
Holdings operated on squatter basis	196	1 824
Holdings operated under tribal or traditional, communal forms of tenure	699	3 974
Holdings under other forms of tenure	59	262

LEGAL STATUS OF THE HOLDER	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
Total	1 760	20 335
An individual or a household	1 618	11 293
Two or more individuals/households	109	1 348
Corporation	27	7 564
Cooperative	2	8
Other	4	122

HOLDER, BY SEX	Total	Male	Female
Number of holders	1 727	1 192	535

HOLDERS BY TYPE OF ACTIVITY	Total	Male	Female
Mainly agricultural work on the holding	951	610	341
Mainly work off the holding	776	-	-

FARM POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX	Total	Male	Female
Total	6 933	3 504	3 429
Under 10 years	1 776	912	864
10 to 14 years	1 343	727	616
15 to 64 years	823	419	404
35 to 44 years	503	240	263
45 to 54 years	663	276	387
55 to 64 years	796	375	421
65 years and over	1 029	555	474

EMPLOYMENT IN AGRICULTURE	Total	Male	Female
Household members engaged mainly in agricultural work on the holding	511	186	325
Household members engaged mainly in work off the holding	1 556	720	836
Household members not economically active	3 139	1 406	1 733

HIRED WORKERS	Number of holdings reporting	Number of workers
Permanent workers	427	-
Occasional workers	518	2 034

LAND USE	Area (ha)
Total land	20 336
Agricultural land	13 986
Cropland	11 757
Arable land	7 838
Land under temporary crops	1 393
All other arable land	6 445
Land under permanent crops	3 919
Land under permanent meadows/pastures	2 229
Wood or forest land	5 749
All other land	601

IRRIGATION	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
Normally irrigated land	163	583

TEMPORARY CROPS (on arable land)	Number of holdings reporting
Maize	574
Cassava	230
Beans, edible dry	269
Cabbages	350
Tomatoes	503
Sugarcane	68
Pepper, sweet	241
Sweet potatoes	377
Onions	319
Water melons	163

PERMANENT CROPS	Number of holdings reporting
Star apples	31
Avocados	157
Bananas	483
Plantains	59
Coconut	53
Grapefruit	239
Tangerines	122

LIVESTOCK	Number of holdings reporting
Cattle	34
Pigs	122
Sheep	227
Goats	271

MACHINERY / EQUIPMENT	Number of holdings reporting use
4-Wheel tractors	188
Track-laying tractors	282

Bahamas Agricultural Census 1994 – Explanatory Notes

Historical outline: The Commonwealth of Bahamas first participated in the World Census of Agriculture Programme with the 1977-78 Agricultural Census. Data presented here are from the second Census of Agriculture in Bahamas, which was conducted in 1994.

Organization: The 1994 Census of Agriculture was conducted by the Department of Agriculture of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, in co-operation with the Department of Statistics. Technical assistance was provided by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN, and by the US Bureau of the Census.

Enumeration period: Data were collected during the period 1 February to 31 March 1994.

Reference date:

- The agricultural year 1 February 1993 to 31 January 1994 was the reference period for:
- Use of Fertilizers / Pesticides;
- Crop area and production;
- Occupation of holder;
- Number of hired permanent workers and use of hired occasional workers;
- Type of holding;
- Land Tenure;
- Use of machinery;
- Irrigation facilities;
- Livestock production.
- The week of interview was the reference period for:
- General information on holder;
- Land utilization and total area of holding;
- Demographic characteristics of holders' household members;
- Livestock number and type.

Definition: The selected unit of enumeration was the agricultural holding, defined as an economic unit of agricultural production of crops, livestock or poultry under one management irrespective of size or tenure. For the purpose of the census a holding must satisfy one or more of the following criteria:

- At least 1/4 acre (1 acre = 0.40469 Ha) of any crop;
- At least 2 head of cattle, or 5 head of goats or sheep, or 3 sows or 3 mature pigs (of which 2 sows), or 50 poultry;
- At least 20 fruit trees of productive age.

Coverage: The census covered the entire country.

Frame: The census universe was divided into Census Districts (CDs), with carefully defined boundaries; each CD was, in turn, subdivided into a certain number of Enumeration Areas.

Methods: Complete enumeration of holdings was carried out. All holdings were visited by the enumerators who collected information through direct interview.

Data source: Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Department of Agriculture / Department of Statistics - Second Census of Agriculture 1994, Final Results - Nassau, Bahamas.

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