

LITHUANIA - Agricultural Census 2003 - Main Results

Number and area of holdings

| | Number of holdings | Total Area (ha) |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Total | 610 543 | 3 029 700 |
| Of which: | | |
| Farms 1 ha and more | 278 563 | 2 939 071 |
| Household plots (less than 1 ha) | 331 980 | 90 629 |

Number and total area of farms (1 ha and more) by size of total area of holding

| Size classes of agricultural land | Number of holdings | Total area (ha) |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Total number of holdings | 278 563 | 2 939 100 |
| Under 1 ha | 418 | 100 |
| 1 and under 2 ha | 21 628 | 32 000 |
| 2 and under 3 ha | 39 936 | 93 300 |
| 3 and under 5 ha | 91 368 | 314 400 |
| 5 and under 10 ha | 64 038 | 443 700 |
| 10 and under 20 ha | 38 081 | 520 700 |
| 20 and under 30 ha | 10 545 | 253 300 |
| 30 and under 50 ha | 6 679 | 251 300 |
| 50 and under 100 ha | 3 593 | 244 000 |
| 100 and under 200 ha | 1 351 | 183 200 |
| 200 and under 300 ha | 372 | 88 600 |
| 300 and under 400 ha | 149 | 51 100 |
| 400 and under 500 ha | 96 | 42 600 |
| 500 ha and over | 309 | 420 800 |

Number and agricultural area of farms (1 ha and more) by size of agricultural area of holding

| Size classes of agricultural land | Number of holdings | Agricultural Area (ha) |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Total number of holdings | 278 563 | 2 542 200 |
| Under 1 ha of agricultural land | 522 | 100 |
| 1 and under 2 ha | 33 945 | 51 900 |
| 2 and under 3 ha | 67 918 | 176 700 |
| 3 and under 5 ha | 69 070 | 252 900 |
| 5 and under 10 ha | 58 980 | 412 200 |
| 10 and under 20 ha | 30 054 | 411 400 |
| 20 and under 30 ha | 7 821 | 188 700 |
| 30 and under 50 ha | 5 133 | 194 000 |
| 50 and under 100 ha | 3 041 | 207 700 |
| 100 and under 200 ha | 1 224 | 167 200 |
| 200 and under 300 ha | 342 | 81 900 |
| 300 and under 400 ha | 134 | 46 300 |
| 400 and under 500 ha | 89 | 39 500 |
| 500 ha and over | 290 | 311 700 |

Legal status

| | Number of holdings | Area (ha) |
|--|--------------------|-----------|
| Total holdings | 610 543 | 3 029 700 |
| Holdings (1 ha or more) | 278 563 | 2 939 100 |
| of which operated by: | | |
| Individuals/ households | 277 970 | 2 543 900 |
| Agricultural companies and Enterprises | 593 | 395 200 |
| of which: | | |
| Government | 80 | 104 000 |
| Cooperatives | 50 | 23 600 |
| Household plots (less than 1 ha) | 331 980 | 90 600 |

| Land use | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| | Number of holdings | Total area (Ha) |
| Total land | 610 543 | 3 029 700 |
| Agricultural land | — | 2 577 700 |
| Utilized | — | 2 530 400 |
| Not utilized | — | 47 300 |
| Wood or forest land | — | 324 100 |
| All other land | — | 1 169 200 |
| of which: | | |
| Land under water | — | 12 200 |

| Temporary crops | | |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| | Holdings reporting | Area (ha) |
| Cereals | 196 794 | 852 969 |
| Field vegetables | 118 970 | 12 932 |
| Fodder crops | — | 226 701 |
| Industrial crops | 6 749 | 106 811 |
| Potatoes | 239 723 | 75 154 |
| Pulses | 8 678 | 21 460 |

| Livestock | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| | Holdings reporting | Number of head/units |
| Cattle | 208 322 | 883 972 |
| of which: Dairy cows | 192 259 | 445 424 |
| Pigs | 167 534 | 1 076 114 |
| Sheep | 4 649 | 30 747 |
| Goats | 20 421 | 43 238 |
| Horses | 54 333 | 65 030 |
| Poultry | 197 148 | 8 670 419 |
| Rabbits | — | 401 200 |
| Beehives | — | 83 800 |

LITHUANIA – Agricultural Census 2003 - Explanatory Notes

Historical outline:

The second census in independent Lithuania (the first one took place in 1930), to which the data reported here relates, was carried out in 2003.

Organization:

The census of agriculture was organized under the Law on Statistics of the Republic of Lithuania, which empowers Statistics Lithuania to carry out all censuses in the country. A Resolution of the Government on Census of Agriculture 2003 charged Statistics Lithuania to establish a Commission on the Census of Agriculture from the representatives of the Ministries and Institutions. The Commission worked on methodological and procedural aspects relating to the Census. The Ministry of Agriculture was actively involved in development of the Census Questionnaire. An order was issued by the Director General of Statistics on the Rules of Filling in the Questionnaire of the Census of Agriculture 2003 and the List of Farms Accountancy. The Questionnaire was in harmony with the guidelines of the UN Statistical Commission and of Eurostat.

Enumeration period:

The Census of Agriculture was conducted during 2–30 June 2003.

Reference date:

For livestock and poultry stocks as on 1 June 2003.

Scope:

The data was collected on: Land, crops, livestock, housing, agricultural equipment, the number of family members working in agricultural sector, the number of hired employees, their working hours, the farm group by income level and fishery.

Definitions:

Farm (agricultural holding):

The questionnaires were filled in by all farms producing agricultural products, whose land property was *one hectare of agricultural land or more* (excluding the land leased out) as well as farms having less than one hectare of agricultural land in the case the *income gained from the sale of agricultural products amounted to no less than 40 minimum standards of living (MSL)*. Land users using less than one hectare of farming land and cultivating agricultural plants or raising animals and poultry were taken into a special list.

Utilized Agricultural Land: land plots of cultivated pastures, meadows and natural grazing, perennials. Kitchen-gardens and green houses.

Unutilized Agricultural land: land used as agricultural land before, though recently it has not been cultivated due to economic, social or other reasons.

Coverage: The Census of Agriculture 2003 covered the whole of the national territory.

Methods:

All farmers and land users, who grow agricultural products, were enumerated. Enumerators faced quite a challenge visiting on average eight land users per day and 163 per entire period. They were guided by 116 heads of census units with 1.2 thousand census supervisors checking the questionnaires.

Data source:

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