

LIBYA 2001

Number of holdings

	Number of holdings	Total area (ha)
Total	176 658	1 809 596
Of which employing permanent workers	4858	

Fragmentation

	Holdings with land	Number of parcels
Total	166 154	258 786

Holders and household members by type of activity

	Number of persons
Holdings, total	176 658
Engaged mainly in agricultural work	59 566
Engaged mainly in non-agricultural work	117 092
Household members engaged in agricultural work on the holding	136 074

Permanent crops

	Number of trees/plants
Almonds	2 429 308
Dates	3 494 497
Figs	1 041 231
Pomegranates	589 530
Grapes	3 459 821
Citrus fruits	2 633 186
Olives	5 679 964

Livestock

	head/units
Cattle, total	129 498
Male	27 033
Female	102 465
Camels, total	132 363
Male	20 556
Female	111 807
Goats, total	5 642 895
Male	1 152 780
Female	4 490 115
Sheep, total	1 146 362
Male	237 008
Female	909 354
Beehives, total hives	12 204

LIBYA - Agricultural Census 2001 - Explanatory Notes

Historical outline:

A census of agriculture was conducted in the former Kingdom of Libya in 1960. Subsequently, in the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya three agricultural censuses were conducted, the first in 1974, the second in 1987 and the third, to which data here refer, in 2001.

Organization:

The 2001 Census of Agriculture was planned, organized and conducted by the Department of Statistics and Census as central authority. At local level municipalities were also involved in census operations.

Enumeration period/Reference date:

Data refer to the agricultural year 1st October 1999 to 30 September 2000.

Definitions:

- **Agricultural holding:** is defined as a techno-economic unit of agricultural production wholly or partly used for crop production or livestock keeping or tree crops growing, or a mixture of land, livestock and tree crops, operated as an independent economic unit.
- **Owned (private) land:** is the land owned by an individual or a family according to legal documents.
- **Public (Government) land:** is the land owned by the Government or by Islamic Waqf, or public companies or enterprises.
- **Occupied land:** is the land which the holder occupies and cultivates "*de facto*", taking the entire produce, without any registration or official documentation or rental contract or consent of the legal owner which could be the Government or a private person. However, in some cases the permission is given to individuals for cultivation of land owned by the Government.
- **Main occupation of the holder:** a holder who spends all or most of his time working in agriculture sector including crops and livestock, is classified as "farmer" as against those holders who spend most of their time working in non-agriculture sector and are engaged in agricultural activities only seasonally or on part time basis.

Coverage:

The census covered the whole country.

Frame:

A list of agricultural holders and holdings was obtained from the 1995 Population Census, whose questionnaire included some questions aimed to identify households involved in agricultural activities.

Methods:

Complete enumeration of all holdings was carried out. Data were collected through direct interview.

Data source:

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