

BRAZIL - 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	4 859 865	353 611 246

Number and area of holdings by size		
	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
Total	4 859 865	353 611 246
Under 1 ha	512 032	280 956
1 and under 2 ha	471 298	637 186
2 and under 5 ha	796 723	2 543 527
5 and under 10 ha	622 320	4 420 526
10 and under 20 ha	701 417	9 799 204
20 and under 50 ha	814 695	25 438 629
50 and under 100 ha	400 375	27 455 753
100 and under 200 ha	246 314	32 919 190
200 and under 500 ha	165 243	50 436 030
500 and under 1000 ha	58 407	40 186 297
1000 ha and over	49 359	159 493 948
Not classified by size	21 682	-

Legal status		
	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
Total	4 859 865	353 611 246
Civil person	4 713 491	294 512 249
Corporation	133 563	56 382 189
Cooperative	1 143	191 022
Government	7 797	2 135 299
Other	3 871	390 487

Tenure of land		
	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
Total	4 859 865	353 611 246
Owned	3 604 343	331 654 891
Rented	545 812	11 823 529
Other forms of tenure	709 710	10 132 826

Holder's household members > 14 years by sex		
	Number of holders	
Total	23 179 212	-
male	12 660 737	-
female	10 518 415	-

Holders and household members engaged mainly in agriculture		
	Number of persons	
Total	13 607 879	-
male	8 416 879	-
female	5 191 000	-

Hired permanent workers		
	Number of workers	
Total	4 323 011	-
male	3 561 632	-
female	761 379	-

Land use		
		Area (ha)
All land	-	353 611 246
Agricultural land	-	227 804 956
Cropland	-	50 104 484
Arable land	-	42 562 858
Permanent crops	1 532 854	7 541 626
Permanent mead./pastures	-	177 700 472
Wood or forest land	-	94 293 598
All other land	-	31 512 692

Temporary crops		
	Holdings reporting	Area (ha)
Wheat	63 916	893 555
Rice	927 619	2 977 019
Maize	2 539 892	10 602 850
Soybeans	242 999	9 479 893
Sugarcane	377 207	4 216 427
Edible dry beans	-	4 085 523
Cassava (manioc)	1 159 430	1 233 138
Cotton	88 749	619 627

Permanent crops		
	Holdings reporting	Area (ha)
Oranges	826 875	946 886
Tangerines	429 259	52 202
Mangoes	296 624	63 546
Coffee	368 961	1 812 250
Cocoa	77 207	679 778
Grapes	137 979	56 370
Coconuts	224 169	138 601
Cashew nuts	318 827	538 221
Sisal	5 215	50 534
Rubber	6 283	78 940

	Holdings reporting	Head/units
Cattle	2 698 197	153 058 275
Pigs	2 007 915	27 811 244
Sheep	450 852	13 954 555
Goats	345 906	6 590 646
Buffaloes	13 117	834 922
Horses	1 618 708	5 565 697
Mules	2 007 945	27 811 244
Asses	575 916	1 105 796
Chickens	3 163 914	718 535 000
Ducks and Geese	-	4 593 000
Turkeys	-	6 774 000
Rabbits	20 354	284 936
Quails	-	5 494 000

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Historical outline:

Nine agricultural Censuses were conducted in 1920, 1940, 1950, 1960, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985 and 1996.

Organization:

The Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE) is responsible for planning and conducting the Agricultural Censuses, as well as for analysis and dissemination of data. Data are collected through 7 Regional Departments, 27 Divisions, (one for each Province) and 526 Agencies responsible for all operations, from collection to dissemination of data, including the selection and training of Supervisors and Enumerators. Supervision is also provided by the Department of Agricultural and Livestock Statistics (DEAGRO).

Enumeration period:

Data were collected during the period August to half October 1996 (about 80 days).

Reference date:

Data on production refer to the period 1st August 1995 to 31 July 1996. Data on ownership, area and employment refer to 31 December 1995. Data on livestock, permanent workers and forestry refer to 31 July 1996.

Definitions:

The definition of holding matches with the one suggested in the FAO Programme for the World Census of Agriculture (WCA) 2000.

Coverage:

The census covered the entire country. Rural and Urban areas were both included. Forest holdings were excluded. Holdings consisting of family gardens only were also excluded.

Frame:

The Municipalities were divided into Enumeration Areas (EAs) defined using an adequate cartography. Each EA included an average of 200 households (or 75 agricultural holdings) in rural areas, and 300 households in urban areas.

Methods:

Complete enumeration of all holdings was carried out, using direct interview method. Staff involved consisted of 3000 IBGE employees, 10 000 supervisors and 50 000 enumerators. On average, each enumerator made 3 interviews a day, spending about 25 days per EA. In some Regions, due to difficulties to recruit qualified personnel, some enumerators collected data in two or more EAs. Data were collected for 27 Provinces, including the Federal District of Brasilia.

Data source:

Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estadística , Censo Agropecuario 1996, Tomo I.
Internet site: <http://www.ibge.gov.br/>

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