

## LATVIA - Agricultural Census 2001 – 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	180 263	3 586 200
of which:		
Economically active	140 835	2 800 100

Number and area of holdings by size		
	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
Total	180 263	3 586 200
< 1 ha	62	—
1 - 2	11 060	16 100
2 - 5	35 630	117 800
5 - 10	39 967	285 800
10 - 15	25 782	315 600
15 - 20	17 995	310 900
20 - 30	20 598	497 600
30 - 50	16 096	615 600
50 - 100	9 631	645 300
100 - 200	2 520	337 100
200 - 500	689	203 000
500 >	230	241 500

Legal status		
	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
Total	180 263	3 586 200
Civil Persons	170 700	18 800
Government	280	3 260 200
Other	9 283	307 200

Tenure of land in economically active farms		
		Area (ha)
Total	—	2 800 100
Owned	—	1 903 600
Rented	—	438 300
Other	—	458 200

Persons employed in agriculture		
	Number of persons	
Total	265 450	—
of which:		
Fully employed in agriculture	66 200	—
Mainly employed in agriculture	134 000	—

Land use in economically active farms		
		Area (ha)
All land	—	2 800 100
Agricultural land	—	1 834 000
Cropland	—	1 198 900
Arable land	—	1 178 100
temporary crops	—	856 200
fallow land	—	314 300
all other arable land	—	7 600
Permanent crops	—	20 800
Permanent mead./pastures	—	463 600
Unutilized agricultural land	—	171 500
Wood / forest land	—	721 000
All other land	—	245 100

Temporary crops		
	Holdings reporting	Area (ha)
Wheat	—	167 000
Barley	—	130 200
Triticale	—	12 900
Oats	—	55 300
Winter Rye	—	55 800
Buckwheat	—	10 300
Potatoes	115 093	52 200
Cabbages	—	1 719
Lettuce	—	34
Onions	—	67
Cucumbers	—	469

Permanent crops		
	Number of trees/plants	of which: of productive age
Apples	1 090 100	904 500
Pears	126 400	89 500
Quinces	265 100	239 900
Plums	605 500	507 700
Cherries	556 400	477 200

Livestock		
	Holdings reporting	Head/units
Cattle	76 920	364 800
> 1 year	—	100 700
1 -2	—	60 400
2 >	—	203 700
Sheep	6 910	37 500
Goats	4 976	14 500
Pigs	50 834	368 900
Horses	13 983	17 700
Poultry	72 709	3 576 000
Rabbits	17 804	179 400
Bee colonies	8 375	49 400
Furbearing animals	67	181 300

# LATVIA - Agricultural Census 2001 - Explanatory Notes

## Historical outline:

During the first independent period of Latvia, six agricultural censuses were conducted. The results of the 1939 census were not compiled in full, as war interrupted the work. During the postwar period, such all round projects were not conducted at all. Thanks to the funding allotted by the government and methodological support of international experts, it was possible to recommence this practice.

## Organization:

The Central Statistic Bureau (CSB) and employees of the regional statistics offices carried out methodological guidance and organized work of the agricultural census. Taking into account the requirements of the World Agricultural Census Programme 2000, the requirements of EUROSTAT, the working group headed by the CSB jointly with experts of the Ministries of Agriculture, Economy, Environmental Protection and Regional Development, State Land Service and the Latvian Institute of Agrarian Economics developed a working programme and a questionnaire.

## Enumeration period:

The census was carried out between 1 June and 5 July.

## Reference date:

Data on each agricultural farm, land use, livestock, buildings, machinery and other equipment was compiled as of June 2001. The sown areas included areas sown both as of 1 June and after 1 June for the harvest of 2001. The persons employed involved all those who were employed over the last twelve months before the census.

## Definitions:

The agricultural holdings surveyed in the census were:

- Those who own or use agricultural land in the area of 1 ha or more;
- Those who during the last calendar year have produced for sale LVL 1000 and over of agricultural products, if the area land is less than 1 ha.

## Coverage:

The census was a countrywide activity.

## Frame:

A register of agricultural farms was developed by the CSB starting in 1997. The register compiled information on the composition of households on the basis of household cards of parishes and cities with rural territories. These data were supplemented with information from the State Land Service on land areas listed in the Land Register as properties and on land areas given for use. As a result, the information of all landowners and users as well as rented lands were compiled in the register.

## Methods:

The census was based on a complete enumeration through interviews. In addition to the regular personnel of CSB and regional statistical offices, 2742 persons were involved: 26 assistant managers, 533 supervisors and 2183 enumerators.

**Data source:** CENTRAL STATISTICS BUREAU OF LATVIA, Results of the 2001 Agricultural Census in Latvia. <http://www.csb.lv>

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