

French Guiana Agricultural Census 1989 – Main Results

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

NUMBER AND AGRICULTURAL AREA OF HOLDINGS CLASSIFIED BY SIZE OF AGRICULTURAL AREA OF HOLDINGS		
Holding size classes	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
Total	4 491	20 642
Holdings without agricultural land	11	-
Under 1 ha	729	392
1 and under 2 ha	1 403	1 791
2 and under 3 ha	1 105	2 397
3 and under 4 ha	546	1 735
4 and under 5 ha	251	1 057
5 and under 10 ha	269	1 751
10 and under 20 ha	68	911
20 ha and above	109	10 608

TENURE OF AGRICULTURAL LAND	Area (ha)
Owned or in ownerlike possession	3 520
Rented from others	11 800
Area operated under other forms of tenure	5 322

HOLDERS BY SEX	Total	Male	Female
Holdings	4 491	2 688	1 803

HOLDERS BY AGE	Number of holders
Total	4 491
under 35 years	1 554
35 to 49 years	1 583
50 to 64 years	1 077
65 years and over	277

HOLDERS BY MAIN TYPE OF ACTIVITY	Number of holders
Total	4 491
Agricultural work on the holding	2 175
Work off the holding	2 316

FARM POPULATION BY SEX	Total	Male	Female
Total	18 781	9 819	8 962

EMPLOYMENT IN AGRICULTURE	Number
Household members engaged in agricultural work on the holding	1 022
Household members engaged in work off the holding	7 982
Household members not economically active	9 777
Hired permanent workers	613
Hired occasional workers	2 136

LAND USE	Area (ha)
Total land	41 553
Agricultural land	20 642
Cropland	11 880
Arable land	9 172
Land under temporary crops	3 440
Land temporarily fallow	110
All other arable land	5 622
Land under permanent crops	2 708
Land under permanent meadows/pastures	8 762
Wood or forest land	97
All other land	20 814

TEMPORARY CROPS (on arable land)	Number of holdings reporting	Area (ha)
Sugarcane	74	251
Flowers	17	8

PERMANENT CROPS	Number of holdings reporting	Area (ha)
Bananas	597	483
Pineapples	194	335

LIVESTOCK	Number of holdings reporting	Total number of head
Cattle	341	15 662
Pigs	298	9 162
Sheep	138	3 801
Goats	62	1 317
Chickens	-	182 211

MACHINERY / EQUIPMENT	Number of holdings reporting	Units
4-wheel tractors used	219	308
4-wheel tractors owned	-	304
2-wheel tractors used	414	420
2-wheel tractors owned	-	418
Fertilizer distributors used	71	76
Fertilizer distributors owned	-	75
Sprayers / Dusters used	373	533
Sprayers / Dusters owned	-	530
Lorries used	38	59
Lorries owned	-	57
Trailers	91	121

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Information: French Guiana is part of the French Territory, and it is only for practical purposes that it is recorded in the Data Bank at country level in the South American Region. Consequently, results related to France bear only upon the territory of France in Europe (France Metropolitaine).

Historical outline: The 1988-89 Agricultural Census is the second taken in French Guiana; the first was carried out in 1980-81.

Organization: The census was organized by the Central Service of Statistical Surveys and Studies (SCEES) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, in collaboration with the local Statistical Offices of the above mentioned Ministry.

Enumeration period: The census was carried out in 1988-89.

Definitions:

- "Superficie agricole utilisée" includes arable land, land under permanent crops, and land under permanent meadows and pastures.
- "Superficie agricole utile" includes "superficie agricole utilisée" plus land occupied by buildings, roads, and ditches as well as unproductive land.
- "Superficie totale" includes "superficie agricole utile", wood or forest land, aquaculture basins, and all other land not suitable for agriculture.
- Agricultural holding is an economic unit of agricultural production satisfying at the same time the following four conditions:
 - an agricultural output;
 - at least 0.5 Ha of "superficie agricole utile" or 0.1 Ha of "superficie agricole utilisée", or overstepping a certain number of livestock (depending on the type of animal), or a certain level of agricultural output;
 - an autonomous management;
 - accurately located in a municipality and identified by the most important building or the most important parcel.

Coverage: The census covered the entire country.

Frame: In the first half of 1988, a list of agricultural holdings, based on the list prepared for the previous census, was established in each municipality and used as frame.

Methods: Complete enumeration of holdings was conducted through direct interview.

Data source: Recensement Agricole 1988-89, Résultats Départementaux.

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