

THAILAND 2003

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

Number and area of holdings		
	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
Total	5 792 519	18 313 749

Number of holdings by size		
	Number of holdings	
Total	5 792 519	—
Under 0.3 ha	301 211	—
0.3 and under 1 ha	1 013 691	—
1 and under 1.6 ha	805 160	—
1.6 and under 3.2 ha	1 616 113	—
3.2 and under 6.4 ha	1 367 034	—
6.4 and under 9.6 ha	417 061	—
9.6 and under 22.4 ha	243 286	—
22.4 ha and over	28 963	—

Tenure of land		
	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
Total	5 792 519	18 313 749
Owned	4 286 464	13 900 135
Under other forms of tenure	1 506 055	4 413 614

Legal status		
	Number of holdings	
Total	5 792 519	—
Civil persons	5 787 774	—
Corporation / Other	4 745	—

Holders by sex		
	Number of holders	
Total	5 787 774	—
Male	4 201 924	—
Female	1 585 850	—

Holders by age		
	Number of holders	
Total (excluding corporations)	5 787 774	—
15 to 19 years of age	5 788	—
20 - 24	46 302	—
25 - 34	642 443	—
35 - 44	1 556 911	—
45 - 54	1 672 667	—
55 - 64	1 093 889	—
65 - 69	358 842	—
70 years of age and over	410 932	—

Members of holder's household by sex		
	Number of persons	
Total	22 192 938	—
Male	11 118 662	—
Female	11 074 276	—

Members of holder's household by age		
	Number of persons	
Total	22 192 938	—
Under 15 years of age	4 238 851	—
15 - 24	3 417 712	—
25 - 34	3 905 957	—
35 - 44	3 839 378	—
45 - 54	3 217 976	—
55 - 64	1 952 979	—
65 - 69	665 788	—
70 years of age and over	954 296	—

Members of holder's household (10 years of age and over) by type of activity		
	Number of persons	
Total	19 794 969	—
Engaged mainly in agricultural work on the holding	12 213 496	—
Engaged mainly in work off the holding	4 196 533	—
Not economically active	3 384 940	—

Permanent workers		
	Holdings reporting	Number of workers
Permanent workers	81 095	704 959
Male	—	393 367
Female	—	311 592

Land use		
		Area (ha)
Total land	—	18 313 749
Agricultural land	—	17 068 414
Cropland	—	16 885 277
Arable land	—	13 332 409
Permanent crops	—	3 552 867
Permanent mead./pastures	—	183 137
Wood or forest land	—	109 882
All other land	—	1 135 452

THAILAND - Agricultural Census 2003 - Explanatory Notes

Historical outline:

The first Agricultural Census of Thailand was conducted in 1950. Subsequently, the censuses were conducted in 1963, 1978, 1993 and in 2003.

Organization:

The 2003 Agriculture Census was organized by the National Statistical Office of the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology.

To carry over the field work, about 25,000 enumerators were selected from village health volunteers, while 5,000 supervisors were recruited among the field offices of the Department of Agricultural Extension.

Enumeration period:

The enumeration period lasted from 13th of May to 10th of June 2003.

Reference date:

The Census Day was 1st of May 2003, and the majority of data refer to this date, while some items (e.g. crops, employment) refer to the 12-month period preceding the census.

Definitions:

- **Agricultural Holding:** A holding is an economic unit of agricultural production (cultivating crops, rearing livestock and culturing fresh water) under single management, comprising all livestock kept and all land used wholly or partly for agricultural production purposes, without regard to title or legal form. The holding may consist of one or more parcels, located in one or more separate areas of the same province.
- **Holder:** refer to a civil or juridical person who exercises management control over the agricultural holding and takes major operational decisions. The holder has technical and economic responsibility for the holding and may discharge these responsibilities either himself or through a hired manager.

Coverage:

The census covered the whole country: all holdings cultivating crops, rearing livestock and culturing fresh waters, were covered.

Frame / Methods:

For 2003 Agriculture Census, data were collected using the direct interview method: enumerators were sent out to interview all heads of household, using listing forms to identify agricultural holders. Subsequently approximately 5.8 million agricultural holders were interviewed using the enumeration form to gather detailed information.

In order to serve the urgent needs of users, the NSO has published the results in an *Advance Report* on the 2003 Agricultural Census, pending completion of the Final Report (which is expected to take about 10/12 months). This report presents data for some major characteristics of agricultural holdings, based on a one percent sample of all holdings. For quick tabulation of results, Stratified Two-Stage Sampling Design was adopted. Groups of Provinces in each of the four Regions (*Central, Northern, North-eastern and Southern*) were constituted as **strata**; while the **primary sampling unit** was the enumeration district and the **secondary sampling unit** was the agricultural holding.

The results reported here are based upon quick tabulation.

Data source:

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