

## Réunion (Fr) Agricultural Census 1989 – Main Results

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

NUMBER AND AGRICULTURAL AREA OF HOLDINGS CLASSIFIED BY SIZE OF AGRICULTURAL AREA OF HOLDINGS		
Holding size classes	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
Total	15 198	50 363
Holdings without agricultural land	1 443	-
Under 1 ha	3 970	1 613
1 and under 2 ha	3 082	4 119
2 and under 3 ha	2 103	4 805
3 and under 4 ha	1 162	3 841
4 and under 5 ha	933	4 018
5 and under 10 ha	1 896	11 972
10 and under 20 ha	414	5 284
20 ha and above	195	14 711

TENURE OF AGRICULTURAL LAND	Area (ha)
Owned or in ownerlike possession	31 646
Rented from others	18 117
For an agreed amount of money/produce	9 615
For a share of produce	8 502
Area operated under other forms of tenure	600

HOLDERS BY SEX	Total	Male	Female
Holders	15 198	13 695	1 503

HOLDERS BY AGE	Number of holders
Total	15 198
under 35 years	3 837
35 to 49 years	5 919
50 to 64 years	4 644
65 years and over	798

FARM POPULATION BY AGE	
Total	71 270
Under 35 years	47 931
35 to 49 years	11 947
59 to 64 years	8 975
65 years and over	2 417

FARM POPULATION BY SEX	Total	Male	Female
Total	71 270	37 681	33 589

## EMPLOYMENT IN AGRICULTURE

Household members engaged in agricultural work on the holding	8 603
Household members engaged in work off the holding	16 577
Household members not economically active	46 090

LAND USE	Area (ha)
Total land	67 154
Agricultural land	50 363
Cropland	40 116
Arable land	37 910
Land under temporary crops	37 290
Land temporarily fallow	620
Land under permanent crops	2 206
Land under permanent meadows/pastures	10 247
Wood or forest land	6 174
All other land	10 617

TEMPORARY CROPS (on arable land)	Number of holdings reporting	Area (ha)
Sugarcane	7 535	30 570

PERMANENT CROPS	Number of holdings reporting	Area (ha)
Bananas	699	499
Pineapples	313	215

LIVESTOCK	Number of holdings reporting	Total number of head
Cattle	3 069	18 601
Under 1 year of age	1 323	3 672
1 year of age and over	-	14 929
Sheep	107	2 280
Goats	3 796	31 318
Pigs	5 662	70 921
Chickens	6 898	209 744

MACHINERY /EQUIPMENT	Number of holdings reporting	Units
4-wheel tractors owned	1 197	1 464
2-wheel tractors owned	198	209
Sprayers / Dusters owned	8 464	10 687
Manure distributors used	182	209
Trucks used	1 245	1 301

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**Information:** Réunion 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 African Region. Consequently, results related to France bear only upon the territory of France in Europe (France Métropolitaine).

**Historical outline:** The 1988-89 Agricultural Census is the second taken in Réunion; 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”, 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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