

## SAINT LUCIA - 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	13 368	20 772

Number and area of holdings by size		
	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
Total	13 368	20 772
Holdings without land	1 628	-
Under 2 ha	9 172	5 476
2 and under 4 ha	1 711	4 409
4 and under 10.1 ha	700	3 794
10.1 and under 20.2 ha	92	1 243
20.2 and under 40.5 ha	27	658
40.5 and under 80.9 ha	15	840
80.9 and under 202.3 ha	16	2 125
202.3 ha and over	7	2 227

Fragmentation		
		Parcels
Total number of parcels	-	15 447

Tenure of land		
		Area (ha)
Total	-	20 772
Owned	-	17 003
Rented	-	2 809
Under other forms of tenure	-	960

Holders and household members		
	Number of persons	
Total	24 173	-

Hired permanent workers		
	Number of workers	
Total	7 419	-
male	5 500	-
female	1 919	-

Land use		
		Area (ha)
All land	-	20 772
Agricultural land	-	17 353
Cropland	-	15 784
Arable land	-	1 849
Permanent crops	-	13 935
Permanent mead./pastures	-	1 569
Wood or forest land	-	2 756
All other land	-	663

Permanent crops		
	Area in compact	Number of trees/plants
Mangoes	10 629	126 073
Citrus	516	111 052
Avocado	256	36 687
Breadfruit	590	70 010
Bananas	7 751	14 365 484
Plantains	421	727 733
Coconut	4 825	667 644
Cocoa	317	312 688

Livestock		
		Head/units
Cattle		6 967
Pigs		14 688
Sheep		12 488
Goats		9 714
Chickens		99 682
Ducks		590
Turkeys		27

# SAINT LUCIA - Agricultural Census 1996 - Explanatory Notes

## Historical outline:

Previous agricultural censuses were conducted in 1950, 1961, 1973/74 and 1986.

## Organization:

The Ministry of Agriculture, Land, Fisheries and Forestry, in collaboration with the Central Statistical Office, was responsible for the organization of the census.

## Enumeration period:

The field work was performed during the period 15 January to 15 March 1996.

## Reference date:

Census reference year was the calendar year 1995. Specific inventory items had the enumeration day as time reference.

## Definitions:

An agricultural holding was defined as an economic unit of agricultural production under single management, comprising all livestock kept and all land used wholly or partly for agricultural production purposes, without regard to title and legal form.

The minimum size limits adopted for this census were:

- 0.05 ha of any temporary crop;
- 10 bearing trees of any tree crop or 100 mats of banana or plantain;
- one head of cattle;
- 2 pigs or two goats or 2 sheep or one head of any of the two;
- 12 poultry or 12 rabbits or 12 head of poultry and rabbits together.

## Coverage:

The agricultural census covered the entire island.

## Frame:

Data from 1991 Census of Population, along with records from other sources, i.e. Ministry of Agriculture, Farm Associations, etc., were used as the census frame.

## Methods:

The agricultural census was organized on a complete enumeration basis. Data were collected through personal interviews. The field work involved 176 enumerators, 30 Supervisors, and 3 field coordinators.

## Data source:

1996 Census of Agriculture, Final Report proposed by the FAO Project TCP/STL/4552, St. Lucia, August 1996.

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