

Uruguay Agricultural Census 1990 – Main Results

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

NUMBER AND AREA OF HOLDINGS CLASSIFIED BY SIZE OF TOTAL AREA OF HOLDINGS		
Holding size classes	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
Total	54 816	15 803 763
1 and under 5 ha	4 423	12 830
5 and under 10 ha	6 628	45 053
10 and under 20 ha	7 214	99 764
20 and under 50 ha	9 054	288 348
50 and under 100 ha	6 492	462 876
100 and under 200 ha	6 302	898 458
200 and under 500 ha	6 786	2 167 692
500 and under 1000 ha	3 887	2 754 780
1000 and under 2500 ha	2 931	4 492 725
2500 and under 5000 ha	880	2 950 865
5000 ha and over	219	1 630 372

LEGAL STATUS OF THE HOLDER	Number of holdings
Total	54 816
Civil persons	43 936
Corporation	2 669
Government	252
Others	7 959

LAND TENURE OF HOLDINGS	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
Total	54 816	15 803 763
Holdings under one form of tenure	44 798	11 278 287
Owned or in ownerlike possession	32 532	9 052 580
Rented from others	8 874	1 925 265
Operated under other single forms of tenure	3 392	300 442
Holdings under more than one form of tenure	10 018	4 525 476

MEMBERS OF THE HOLDER'S HOUSEHOLD, INCLUDING HOLDER, BY SEX			
	Total	Male	Female
All persons	150 192	82 364	67 828
of which: Holders	43 936	-	-

EMPLOYMENT IN AGRICULTURE	Total	Male	Female
Holders and members of their households engaged mainly in agriculture	140 430	111 197	29 233
Hired permanent workers	135 278	-	-

LAND USE	Area (ha)
Total land	15 803 763
Agricultural land	14 917 470
Cropland	1 286 342
Arable land	1 241 314
Land under permanent crops	45 028
Land under permanent meadows/pastures	13 631 128
Wood or forest land	682 751
All other land	203 542

TEMPORARY CROPS (on arable land)	Number of holdings reporting	Area (ha)
Wheat	4 914	242 610
Rice	355	64 290
Maize	10 378	54 500
Sorghum	1 220	31 903
Barley	2 014	78 996
Potatoes	6 091	11 834
Soybeans	266	25 948
Cotton	41	120
Tomatoes	2 688	1 904
Sugarcane	335	10 422
Sugar beets	193	3 520
Oats	2 843	42 428
Sunflower	925	47 763

PERMANENT CROPS	Number of holdings reporting	Number of trees in compact plantation
Apples	1 218	1 814 363
Pears	862	482 467
Peaches	2 201	2 568 018
Grapes	3 739	43 675 982
Oranges	1 077	3 257 685
Lemons	637	987 458

LIVESTOCK	Number of head
Cattle	8 228 561
Pigs	261 423
Sheep	24 025 261
Horses	440 729
Chickens	2 775 681
Ducks	50 706
Turkeys	92 990

Uruguay Agricultural Census 1990 – Explanatory Notes

Historical outline: Agricultural and Livestock Censuses have been carried out in Uruguay since 1852. In this century, such censuses were conducted in 1900, 1908, 1916, 1924, 1930, 1937, 1943, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1970, 1980, 1986 and 1990. A 1978 decree stated that an agriculture and livestock census was to be undertaken in years ending in zero on a complete enumeration basis, according to the FAO World Census of Agriculture Programme, while in years ending in five an agricultural survey was to be carried out on a sampling basis. Data presented here are the preliminary results of the 1990 census; final figures will be integrated as soon as they become available.

Organization: The Agriculture and Livestock Statistics Division of the Direction of Agriculture and Livestock Economical Inquiries (DIEA), of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MGAP), was entrusted with the 1990 agricultural census operation. Assistance was also provided by the Ministry of Internal Affairs, whose officers participated in the preparation of the field work.

Enumeration period: The census was carried out in 1990.

Reference date: Time reference for livestock and tenure was 30 June 1990. Data on land use, crops and use of fertilizers, refer to the 12 month period from 1 July 1989 to 30 June 1990.

Definition: The basic statistical unit is the Agricultural Holding, which is defined as all land wholly or partly used for agricultural production and operated as one technical unit under a single management or together with others, without regard to title, legal form, size or location.

Coverage: Geographically, the census covered the entire country. All holdings satisfying the above reported definition, and with an area of total land of at least one hectare, were covered in the census. Forestry holdings were not included in the census.

Frame: The frame was based on lists of Census Sectors outlined on special maps prepared for the census. Updated lists prepared for 1980 Agriculture Census were also used.

Methods: The country was divided into Departments which were subdivided into Police Sections (Secciones Policiales); each Police Section was further subdivided into Census Sectors; the agricultural holdings in each census sector were investigated by enumerators, through direct interview, on a complete enumeration basis.

Data source: Censo General Agropecuario 1990.

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