

Northern Mariana Isl. 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	119	5 836
Under 0.4 ha	10	2
0.4 and under 1.2 ha	21	16
1.2 and under 2 ha	17	27
2 and under 3.2 ha	22	52
3.2 and under 4 ha	3	10
4 and under 8.1 ha	16	95
8.1 and under 16.2 ha	10	104
16.2 and under 20.2 ha	3	52
20.2 ha and above	17	5 478

LAND TENURE OF HOLDINGS	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
Total	119	5 836
Holdings under one form of tenure	95	4 809
Owned or in ownerlike possession	67	216
Rented from others	28	4 593
Holdings under more than one form of tenure	24	1 027

HOLDERS BY AGE	Number of holders
Total	119
under 25 years	1
25 to 34 years	17
35 to 44 years	45
45 to 54 years	34
55 to 64 years	15
65 years and over	7

HOLDERS BY MAIN TYPE OF ACTIVITY	Number of holders
Total	119
Agricultural work on the holding	42
Work off the holding	77

LAND USE	Area (ha)
Total land	5 836
Agricultural land	3 684
Cropland	1 919
Arable land	178
Land under permanent crops	1 741
Land under permanent meadows/pastures	1 765
All other land	2 152

TEMPORARY CROPS (on arable land)	Area (ha)
Watermelons	30
Melons	21
Cucumbers	16
Taro (cocoyam)	10
Chinese cabbage	9
Eggplant	7
Sweet potatoes	7
Yams	4
Cassava	3
Maize	2

PERMANENT CROPS	Number of holdings reporting	Number of trees
Avocados	24	134
Bananas	69	22 800
Betelnuts	38	8 142
Breadfruit	33	475
Coconuts	59	7 903
Oranges	27	522
Guavas	29	229
Lemons	48	423
Limes	13	112
Mangoes	45	527
Papayas	45	2 905
Pineapples	15	9 299
Starfruits	13	37
Tangerines	33	509

LIVESTOCK	Number of holdings reporting	Total number of head
Cattle, total	36	4 513
For milk production	6	80
For other purposes	33	4 433
Pigs	66	1 260
Goats	21	482
Horses/Mules/Asses	2	-
Chickens	63	9 580

MACHINERY / EQUIPMENT	Number of holdings reporting	Units
Tractors	31	43
Trucks	21	29

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Explanatory Notes

Historical outline: The US Bureau of the Census conducted the first agricultural enumeration of farms in the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands as part of the 1970 Census of Population and Housing. The agricultural census plan in Northern Mariana Islands continued with the Decennial Population and Housing Census Program and will be integrated into the Quinquennial Agricultural Census Plan in 1997.

Organization: The 1990 Agriculture Census in Northern Mariana Islands was an adjunct to the 1990 Census of Population and Housing. In December 1989, the Governor of Northern Mariana Islands signed memoranda of agreement with the US Bureau of the Census, for the 1990 Population and Housing Census, including agricultural enumeration: the Bureau of the Census agreed to provide technical assistance at various levels, and the Territorial Government accepted responsibility for conducting the census, for recruiting and training local office and field staff, and for the supervision of local administrative matters. The Decennial Planning Division (DPLD) of the US Bureau of the Census had primary supervisory responsibility for census undertaking, and the Outlying Areas Statistics Branch of the Agriculture Division served as primary planning and coordinating office. The central office of the census was established in Capitol Hill, Saipan. The census staff was composed of 1 project manager, 1 census advisor, 1 office operation supervisor, 1 field operations supervisor, 7 crew leaders, 5 office clerks and 45 enumerators.

Enumeration period: The census was carried out from April to August 1990.

Reference date:

The reference dates/periods are:

- the enumeration day for inventory data;
- the calendar year 1989 for data on production.

Definition: Farm is any place that had sales of US \$100 or more of agricultural products during the census year.

Coverage: The census covered the entire country.

Frame: Lists of Address Register Areas (ARA) were prepared and given to enumerators.

Methods: The census of agriculture was conducted by direct enumeration in conjunction with the Population and Housing Census. House-to-house canvassing was carried out to enumerate each ARA. On the last page of the Population and Housing questionnaire was an agriculture screening section. The enumerator was required to complete an agriculture questionnaire when a positive answer was received to anyone of the five screening questions.

Data source: US Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census - 1987 Census of Agriculture - Northern Mariana Islands - Vol. 1, Part 56.

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