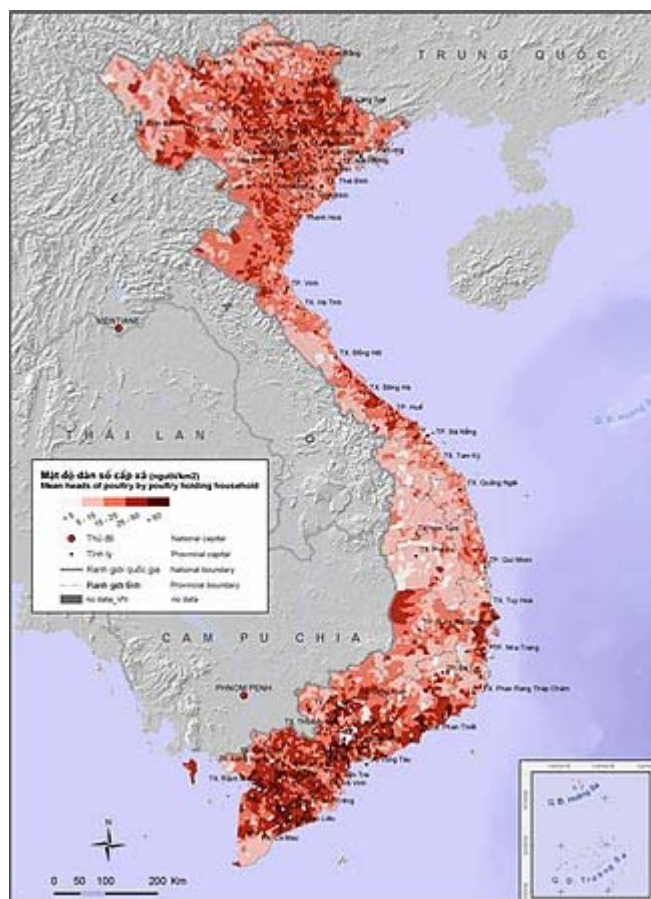




MEAN POULTRY-HOLDING SIZE



Poultry are mostly kept as backyard flocks by smallholder farmers who achieve an average annual per capita income of less than USD 200 per year. Birds are left to scavenge for feed and receive minimal inputs.

Average flock size prior to the HPAI epidemic was around 16 birds (4 hens, 1 cock and 11 growers and chicks), with slight variation between regions. In general, flocks are fewer but larger in the South compared to the North of Viet Nam. Only one percent of flocks consisted of more than 100 birds.

The lower the income group, the higher the average contribution to income made by poultry.

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