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## **Agricultural Atlas of Viet Nam A Depiction of the 2001 Rural Agriculture and Fisheries Census**

Agriculture, Forestry and Aquaculture - Crop Agriculture

### **Proportion of Agricultural Land Irrigated and Drained**

Whilst [Map 3.1.3](#) shows the overall percentage of drained or irrigated land, a quite different picture is seen if drained or irrigated land is shown as a percentage of agricultural land area, as in this map, which illustrates that irrigation and drainage are actually quite widespread. The 2001 census revealed the overall percentage of irrigated and drained agricultural land to be 36%; 48% of it was annual crop land, of which 63% was paddy land. More than 75% of the lowland agricultural area of the Red River Delta, Mekong River Delta, South Central Coast and North Central Coast have been irrigated and drained.

While the government has succeeded in developing irrigation works in the mountainous areas of the Northeast, the Northwest and the Central Highlands, the Southeast and the southern tip of Ca Mau still have a low proportion of agricultural land under irrigation. Crop yields in these regions remain low and many of these areas face routine water shortages in the dry season, floods and landslides in the rainy season, as well as erosion and soil exhaustion.

