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Livestock – Ruminant Livestock

Average Number of Buffaloes in Buffalo-holding Households

With 2.8 million buffaloes distributed among some 1.57 million buffalo-holding households, the average holding size is about 1.8 head per household. This map, however, shows the holding size to vary considerably across the country. Buffaloes are reared mostly in the north of Vietnam, where about 80% of the buffaloes are distributed among some 90% of the buffalo-holding households. While the Southern parts of the country hold only about 20% of the buffaloes (amongst about 10% of buffalo-holding households), the average holding size per household in the South is generally higher. Average holding size in the Northwest is 2.0 head per household; in the Northeast, 1.9; and in the North Central Coast, only 1.6. In the southern regions, however, average holding sizes are 1.8 in both the South Central Coast and the Central Highlands; 2.9 in the Mekong River Delta; and as high as 3 head per household in the Southeast.

The larger average size of buffalo-holdings in the south is due largely to different traditions in rearing buffaloes and a more commercial orientation; with smaller numbers of larger herds. Conversely, in the north of Vietnam, buffalo rearing is more scattered, in many cases a single animal being kept on a farm to provide draught power for ploughing. Furthermore, in some cases one buffalo is shared amongst two or three households.

