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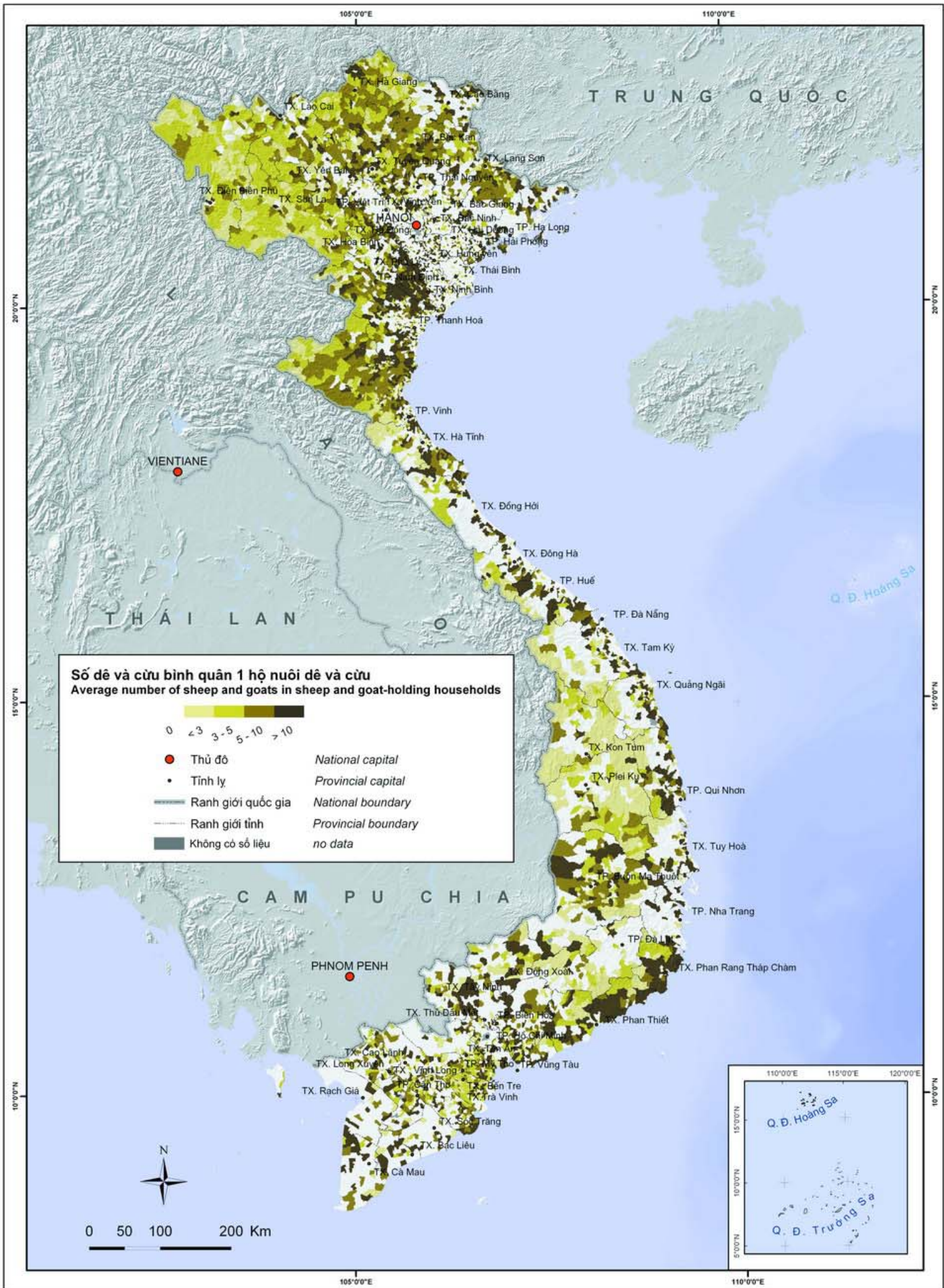


## **Agricultural Atlas of Viet Nam A Depiction of the 2001 Rural Agriculture and Fisheries Census**

Livestock – Ruminant Livestock

### **Average Number of Sheep and Goats in Sheep and Goat-holding Households**

At the time of the 2001 census there were about half a million small ruminants, disbursed among 86 thousand goat/sheep-holding households; an average of 6.1 head per household. The largest holdings, on average, are in the Red River Delta, where household flock sizes average 17.3. Average flock sizes are also large in the Southeast, with 16.8 head per household, on average. Conversely, in the Central Highlands, the average flock size is only 3.6. It should be noted that the Northeast region has the greatest number of small ruminants, 166,900 head, accounting for 32.5% of the national total, but that the average holding size in this region is only 5.3 head per household - lower than the national average. The reason is that small ruminant production here is largely for domestic use. Closer to the large market centres, like Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, sheep and goat production has developed in a more commercial orientation; the numbers of animals are relatively small overall, but flock-sizes are bigger.



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