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

Livestock – Monogastric Livestock

Ratio of Chickens to Domestic Waterfowl

According to the census, in 2001 there were 150.2 million chickens and 60.8 million domestic waterfowl, giving an average, nationwide ratio of chicken to domestic waterfowl of about 2.5:1. As the map shows, however, the dominance of chickens over domestic waterfowl is very location-specific. Waterfowl predominate near rivers, canals and low-lying rice fields, which is why the Mekong River Delta, especially in the province of Dong Thap, some areas of Bac Lieu and Ca Mau and in the "Long Xuyen quadrangle" - an area bounded by the border of Vietnam with Cambodia, Thailand bay, the Cai San channel and the Bassac (Hau) river - are well suited to duck-raising. In this part of the country, where free-range duck-raising is very popular, domestic waterfowl numbers are more than twice those of chickens. After the rice harvest, flocks of ducks of varying size, sometimes over ten thousand birds, appear on rice fields throughout the Mekong River Delta. Stagnant paddies and natural water bodies provide the main sources of feed for these free-range (Vit dan) ducks, which develop to maturity in as little as 2 to 3 months.

