

## Sao Tome and Principe Agricultural Census 1990 – Main Results

Please refer to the Explanatory Notes given at the end of the document.

NUMBER AND AREA OF HOLDINGS		
Sectors	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
All sectors	13 822	76 214
Traditional sector	13 779	3 542
Modern sector	43	72 672

FRAGMENTATION OF HOLDINGS	
Number of parcels	14 372

HOLDERS BY SEX	Total	Male	Female
Holders	13 779	9 156	4 623

HOLDERS BY MAIN TYPE OF ACTIVITY	Number of holders
Total	13 779
Agricultural work on the holding	10 663
Male	7 346
Female	3 317
Work of the holding	3 116

FARM POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX	Total	Male	Female
Total	35 072	18 213	16 859
Under 15 years	11 197	5 947	5 250
15 to 29 years	10 296	5 269	5 027
30 to 44 years	5 491	2 663	2 828
45 to 59 years	4 832	2 541	2 291
60 years and over	3 256	1 793	1 463

LAND USE	Area (ha)
Total land	76 214
Cropland	41 367
Arable land	2 110
Land under permanent crops	39 257
All other land	34 847

TEMPORARY CROPS (on arable land)	Area (ha)
Vegetables	2 110
Pimento	4

<b>PERMANENT CROPS</b>	<b>Area (ha)</b>
Citrus fruits	65
Pineapples	3
Bananas	592
Coffee	984
Cocoa	26 076
Coconut	7 676
Oil palm	3 857

<b>LIVESTOCK</b>	<b>Total number of head</b>
Cattle	232
Sheep	1 172
Goats	22 905
Pigs	34 324
Horses /Asses	8
Rabbits	5 100
Chickens	103 441
Ducks	20 718
Turkeys	546

<b>MACHINERY /EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>Number of holdings reporting use</b>
Sprayers / Dusters	607
Water pumps	223

<b>FERTILIZERS / PESTICIDES</b>	<b>Number of holdings reporting use</b>
Chemical fertilizers	993
Organic fertilizers	1 824
Pesticides	749

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## - Explanatory Notes -

**Historical outline:** The 1990 Agricultural Census of São Tomé and Príncipe follows the one undertaken in 1961-64 and published in 1968.

**Organization:** The Census was conducted by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development in collaboration with the Statistical Office of the Ministry of Economics and Statistics. Technical advice was also given by the Statistics Division of the Studies and Planning Office of the Ministry of Rural Development and Fisheries of the Republic of Cape Verde. Financial and technical assistance was also granted by the French Cooperation, the UN Development Program, and the International Fund for Agricultural Development; 130 enumerators and 6 supervisors participated in the collection of data.

**Enumeration period:** After a preparatory stage from April 1989 to January 1990, the field work was carried out during the period March - May 1990. Data processing and checking were carried out from June 1990 to July 1991.

**Reference date:** The reference period for all census items was the agricultural season 1989.

**Coverage:** All agricultural holdings for which the holder had the seat in the investigated Agricultural Zone were covered. The holdings to be enumerated were divided into three groups:

- a) Households growing crops or raising livestock mainly for home consumption;
  - b) Government holdings;
  - c) Roças (holdings operating under legal rights, with buildings and other agricultural infrastructures, generally growing permanent crops).
- Holdings belonging to group (a) formed the Traditional Sector, while those belonging to groups (b) and (c) were considered as Modern Sector.

Excluded from the enumeration were:

- households residing in the agricultural zones but not practicing agriculture;
- households living in the urban area of São Tomé.

Data on **Holders, Farm Population, Machinery and Equipment, Fertilizers and Pesticides**, shown below, refer to Traditional Sector only.

**Frame:** For census purposes, the so-called Agricultural Zones were identified in the seven districts into which the country is administratively divided. These Agricultural Zones provided the enumeration frame for the agricultural holdings.

**Methods:** Holdings belonging to the Modern Sector (i.e. government holdings and estates/roças) were completely enumerated. Out of 13779 Traditional Sector holdings identified, 11874 were investigated. Data were collected by enumerators through direct interviews.

**Data source:** Republica Democratica de São Tomé e Príncipe - Ministerio da Agricultura e Desenvolvimento Rural - Recenseamento Agrícola 1990 - Março 1993.

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