

## CHINA - Agricultural Census 1997 – Main Results

Please refer to the Explanatory Notes given at the end of the tables

| Number and area of holdings |                    |             |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
|                             | Number of holdings | Area (ha)   |
| Total                       | 193 445 894        | 130 039 200 |

| Number and area of holdings by size |                    |           |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
|                                     | Number of holdings | Area (ha) |
| Total                               | 193 446 000        | —         |
| Under 0.2 ha                        | 58 597 000         | —         |
| 0.2 and under 0.6 ha                | 102 423 000        | —         |
| 0.6 and under 1 ha                  | 18 877 000         | —         |
| 1 and under 1.4 ha                  | 6 020 000          | —         |
| 1.4 and under 2 ha                  | 3 477 000          | —         |
| 2 and under 3.4 ha                  | 2 841 000          | —         |
| 3.4 and under 6.6 ha                | 750 000            | —         |
| 6.6 and under 10 ha                 | 75 000             | —         |
| 10 and under 13.4 ha                | 17 000             | —         |
| 13.4 ha and over                    | 369 000            | —         |

| Legal status |                    |           |
|--------------|--------------------|-----------|
|              | Number of holdings | Area (ha) |
| Total        | 193 445 894        | —         |
| Civil person | 193 088 000        | —         |
| Corporation  | 8 700              | —         |
| Cooperative  | 59 700             | —         |
| Government   | 10 300             | —         |
| Other        | 21 394             | —         |

| Household members by sex |                   |   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---|
|                          | Number of persons |   |
| Total                    | 799 673 000       | — |
| male                     | 413 142 000       | — |
| female                   | 386 531 000       | — |

| Holders and members of their households engaged mainly in agriculture |                   |   |
|---|-------------------|---|
|   | Number of persons |   |
| Total   | 518 961 350       | — |
| male  | 272 181 013       | — |
| female  | 246 780 337       | — |

| Hired permanent workers |                   |   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|---|
|                         | Number of workers |   |
| Total                   | 6 693 648         | — |
| male                    | 4 214 375         | — |
| female                  | 2 479 273         | — |

| Temporary crops |   |            |
|-----------------|---|------------|
|                 |   | Area (ha)  |
| Wheat           | — | 28 210 600 |
| Rice            | — | 27 954 300 |
| Maize           | — | 24 364 200 |
| Rapeseed        | — | 449 100    |
| Cotton          | — | 3 143 400  |
| Sugar crop      | — | 970 100    |
| Tobacco         | — | 1 281 600  |
| Melons          | — | 616 900    |
| Groundnuts      | — | 2 632 500  |

| Livestock |                    |             |
|-----------|--------------------|-------------|
|           | Holdings reporting | Head/units  |
| Cattle    | 39 489 810         | 70 213 955  |
| Pigs      | 13 030 486         | 335 344 414 |
| Sheep     | 6 886 647          | 102 145 030 |
| Goats     | 21 776 374         | 114 667 599 |
| Buffaloes | 15 844 784         | 20 865 755  |
| Horses    | 5 181 085          | 8 069 585   |
| Mules     | 4 132 882          | 4 535 792   |
| Asses     | 7 082 929          | 8 597 818   |
| Yaks      | 579 206            | 12 251 434  |
| Camels    | 63 481             | 322 447     |

# CHINA - Agricultural Census 1997 - Explanatory Notes

## Historical outline:

This is the first Agricultural Census undertaken in China.

## Organization:

The responsible office for the Agricultural Census is the: "National Agricultural Census Office of State Council".

## Enumeration period:

Data were collected during the period 1 – 31 January 1997.

## Reference date:

Data on inventory items refer to the day of enumeration, while all other data refer to the calendar year 1996.

## Definitions:

**Rural household:** refers to households living in rural areas for a long time and engaged in production and operational activities.

**Agricultural household:** refers to rural household whose members are either engaged in purely agricultural activities, or in a combination of agricultural and non-agricultural activities.

Agricultural households could be:

- **Purely agricultural**, if their household members are fully engaged in agricultural activities.
- **Mainly agricultural**, if their household members are engaged mainly in agricultural activities.
- **Mainly non-agricultural**, if their household members are engaged mainly in non-agricultural activities.

If the household members are engaged 50% in agricultural and 50% in nonagricultural activities, the category is defined by the household's income.

**Non-agricultural household:** refers to a rural household whose household members are fully engaged in non-agricultural activities.

## Coverage:

The census covered all agricultural holdings in rural areas.

## Frame:

The frame consisted of the list of households as obtained from the Population Census. An Enumeration Area includes about 50 households.

## Methods:

The census was undertaken on a complete enumeration basis. Data were collected through personal interview.

Six different questionnaires were used:

Questionnaire for Rural Household Holdings (A601);

Questionnaire for Non-Household Agricultural Holdings (A602);

Questionnaire for Administrative Villages (A603);

Questionnaire for Townships and Towns (A604);

Card for non-agricultural town and township enterprises (A605);

Card for agricultural land (A606).

## Data source:

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