

## GAMBIA (THE) - Agricultural Census 2001/2002 – Main Results

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

Number of holdings		
	Number of holdings	Area cultivated
Total	69 140	304 856

Holders by sex and age		
	Number of holders	
Total	69 140	—
male	63 409	—
< 25 years	561	—
25 - 44	18 390	—
45 - 64	29 038	—
65 >	15 419	—
female	5 731	—
< 25 years	71	—
25 - 44	1 000	—
45 - 64	2 707	—
65 >	1 953	—

Holder's household members by sex and age		
	Number of persons	
Total	734 431	—
male	368 592	—
< 10 years	106 249	—
10 - 14	52 129	—
15 - 24	78 934	—
25 - 44	74 027	—
45 - 64	38 757	—
65 >	18 757	—
female	365 839	—
< 10 years	106 433	—
10 - 14	46 141	—
15 - 24	73 051	—
25 - 44	97 573	—
45 - 64	32 679	—
65 >	9 963	—

Temporary crops		
	Holdings reporting	Area planted (ha)
Millet (early)	35 681	81 273
Millet (late)	8 138	16 087
Maize	33 338	17 202
Sorghum	21 847	26 175
Rice (upland)	24 837	8 915
Rice (swamp)	25 438	6 953
Groundnuts (improved variety)	19 515	36 109
Groundnuts (old variety)	37 279	102 779
Sesameseed	17 153	6 968
Cabbages	13 515	—
Tomatoes	43 198	—
Carrots	2 282	—
Onions	19 674	—
Eggplants	26 063	—
Lettuce	7 834	—
Okra	40 221	—
Pepper (hot)	35 818	—
Pepper (sweet)	11 931	—
Talinum	7 184	—
Melon egusi	520	—
Watermelon	7 252	—
Chillies	7 900	—
Shallots	1 703	—
Nutmeg	335	—
Pumpkins	13 880	—
Ginger	1 553	—
Flowers	774	—

Permanent crops		
	Holdings reporting	
Avocado	399	—
Papaya	11 346	—
Oranges	18 406	—
Mangoes	41 125	—
Bananas	11 047	—
Cashew nuts	16 325	—
Coconut	2 984	—
Oil palm	1 252	—
Cola	385	—
Limes	4 179	—
Shea-nut	187	—
Pineapples	120	—

Livestock		
	Holdings reporting	Head/units
Cattle, total	27 799	323 167
male	—	97 204
female	—	225 963
< 2 year		
total	—	99 748
male	—	36 305
female	—	63 443
2 years >		
total	—	223 419
male	—	60 899
female	—	162 520
Sheep, total	26 460	129 232
male	—	36 397
female	—	92 835
< 1 year		
total	—	41 622
male	—	16 184
female	—	25 438
1 year >		
total	—	87 610
male	—	20 213
female	—	67 397
Goats, total	40 370	228 404
male	—	62 815
female	—	165 589
< 1 year		
total	—	86 729
male	—	34 675
female	—	52 053
1 year >		
total	—	141 676
male	—	28 140
female	—	113 536
Pigs, total	849	7 962
male	—	3 774
female	—	4 188
< 6 month		
total	—	3 459
male	—	1 881
female	—	1 578
6 month >		
total	—	4 553
male	—	1 893
female	—	2 660
Chickens, total	50 786	586 331
<6 month	—	318 088
6 month >	—	268 243

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## Historical outline:

The 2001/2002 Census is the first fully-fledged agricultural census exercise conducted in the country.

## Organization:

The census was organized and implemented by the Agricultural Statistics and Resources Economics Unit (ASRE) of the Department of Planning (DOP) of the Department of State for Agriculture (DOSA). Technical and financial assistance was provided by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO of the UN), the Catholic Relief Services, The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Action Aid in the Gambia, the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Co-operation, the European Development Fund, and the Republic of China.

## Enumeration period:

The enumeration period took place from July to September 2002.

## Definitions:

### Dabada/Household

A group of individuals usually related, conducting farming or non farming activities as a unit and pooling their resources from their activities.

In line with the WCA Programme, it is defined to include all land that is used wholly or partially for agricultural production under one technical or operational unit, single management by one person alone or with others, regardless to title, legal form, size or location.

### Enumeration Area (EA)

Is the area assigned to an enumerator. For census purposes, the pre-determined number of sample EAs for the country is allocated to the Administrative Districts in proportion to their agricultural population.

### Field

It is a piece of land inter-cropped or planted with one or more crops.

### Plot

Is a piece of land demarcated on a field for yield and density studies.

## Coverage:

The census covered the entire country.

## Frame:

The responsible agency for the Population Censuses, the Central Statistics Department (CSD), provided a statistical frame comprising a list, compiled from the results of the 1993 Population Census, of small geographic segmentations of the territory called Enumeration Areas (EAs) used as primary sampling units, each one with relevant demographic information and a map for proper identification. The secondary sampling units were dabadas (clusters of household) found within the EAs.

## Methods:

The census is considered an **Expanded Agricultural Sample Survey**, expected to be conducted at ten-year intervals, with annual sample surveys to be carried out in the years between the decennial censuses.

### The sample design:

All EAs within a District were listed in the frame as **first stage units** and a sample of 25 per cent was selected with probability proportional to size. As **second stage units** a systematic random sample of five households (*Dabadas*), was selected for enumeration within the EAs. This resulted in a total of 405 EAs corresponding to the 3% of total EAs in the country and 1400 households corresponding to the 25% of total number of households in the country. Data was obtained by the interview method and physical measurements of fields and yields.

Sixty enumerators, under the supervision of thirteen supervisors, performed the field work.

## Data source:

Government of The Gambia – Agricultural Statistics and Resources Economics Unit (ASRE), Department of Planning (DOP), Department of State for Agriculture (DOSA) - Report of the Agricultural Census of The Gambia 2001/2002, Vol. 1 and 2, Banjul, The Gambia

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