Historical outline
The first Census of Agriculture was conducted in Puerto Rico in 1910. The 2007 Census of Agriculture, to which data here refer, is the 16th conducted in the country.

Organization
The 2007 Census of Agriculture was conducted in accordance with a Cooperative Agreement signed between the NASS, the Puerto Rico Department of Agriculture, and the University of Puerto Rico Extension Service. For more than 150 years, the US Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census conducted the census of agriculture. However, the 1997 Appropriations Act transferred the responsibility from the Bureau of the Census to the US Department of Agriculture (USDA), National Statistics Service (NASS).

Enumeration period
The enumeration took place during 1 January to 31 December 2007.

Reference date/period
The reference data for inventory items is 31 December 2007; while for other data is the calendar year.

Definition
Farm included all places from which $500 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold during the 12 month period. Farm operator is the person who operates the farm, either doing the work or making day-to-day decisions about planting, harvesting, feeding, marketing and other similar activities. This person might be the owner, a member of owner’s household, a hired manager or a tenant.

Coverage
- Geographically, the agricultural census covered the entire country.
- Statistically, the combined information extracted from the Census Mail List (CML) and the Area Sample Survey, which was conducted to identify the farms not listed on the CML, resulted on a complete coverage of all farms.

Frame
The List Frame, reporting all known operational farms, was compiled in a pre-census stage using the list of active farms extracted from the 1998 Census of Agriculture, together with lists of farmers provided by the Puerto Rico Department of Agriculture and, in addition, names and addresses of operational farms identified through a screening of the Area Frame. After the identification of duplicate records (i.e. those reported in more than one list), a final list of active operational farms was developed.

Method
The census was conducted using a multiple frame approach, consisting of a List Frame and an Area Frame. To every address, excluding some special records, a Census Report Form was mailed and, in case of no response, a second Report Form was subsequently mailed. Those farms which did not respond by mail were visited by enumerators from the Department of Agriculture.

Data source

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