

Lesotho – Agricultural Census 2019/2020– Main results

Holdings and area, by legal status		
	Holdings	Area (ha)
Total	199 246	294 566
Civil persons	199 059	290 521
Judicial persons	187	4 045

Land tenure ¹		
	Holdings	Area (ha)
Total	199 059	290 521
Legal ownership or owner-like possession	n.a	201 428
Non-legal ownership or owner-like possession	n.a	39 422
Rented from others	n.a	49 149
Other form of tenure	n.a	523

Distribution of holdings by land size classes ²		
	Holdings	Area (ha)
Total area of holding	199 059	290 521
Holdings without land	47 897	
Holdings with land	151 162	n.a
Less than 1 ha	90 981	n.a
1–1.99 ha	46 032	n.a
2–4.99 ha	14 149	n.a

Land use ³		
	Holdings	Area (ha)
Total	199 059	290 521
Holdings without land	47 897	
Agricultural land	150 388	288 881
Arable land	149 914	287 224
land under temporary crops	106 516	212 456
land under temporary meadows and pastures	1 705	5 155
land temporarily follow	41 693	69 613
Land under permanent crops	206	414
Permanent meadows and pastures	116	372
Land under Temporary and Permanent Crops	151	871
Forest and other wooded land	648	822
Other area not elsewhere classified	126	818

Holdings in the household sector, by main purpose of production		
	Holdings	Area (ha)
Total	199 059	290 521
Home consumption	124 385	n.a
Sales with some Own Consumption	15 712	n.a
Sale	3 665	n.a
Own Consumption with some Sales	55 297	n.a

Members of holder's household, by sex		
	Number	
Total	1 009 228	
Male	534 292	
Female	474 936	
Engaged in agricultural activities on the holding	360 508	
Male	221 474	
Female	139 035	

Sex of agricultural holder in the household sector		
	Number	Area operated (ha)
Holder is an individual	227 899	290 521
Male	156 676	207 308
Female	71 223	83 213

Holders in the household sector, by sex and age		
	Number	Area operated (ha)
Holder is an individual	227 899	290 521
Male	156 676	207 308
Female	71 223	83 213
Less than 25 years	15 604	n.a
Male	14 429	n.a
Female	1 175	n.a
25–34 years	27 840	n.a
Male	24 079	n.a
Female	3 761	n.a
35–44 years	41 211	n.a
Male	33 058	n.a
Female	8 153	n.a
45–54 years	42 297	n.a
Male	30 633	n.a
Female	11 664	n.a
55–64 years	42 559	n.a
Male	25 987	n.a
Female	16 572	n.a
65 years and over	58 388	n.a
Male	28 489	n.a
Female	29 899	n.a

Holdings by household size		
	Number	
Total	199 059	
1 person	13 914	
2–3 persons	41 608	
4–5 persons	67 760	
6–9 persons	64 693	
10 persons and over	11 083	

Employees working on the holding		
	Number	
Total employees	84680	

Livestock, by type		
	Holdings	Head
Total holdings with livestock	190 508	
Cattle	125 718	620 996
Sheep	94 399	1 987 966
Goats	64 944	955 918
Pigs/swine	45 232	84 521
Equines	127 599	248 505
Horses	48 022	86 627
Mulles	250	323
Donkey	79 327	161 555
Poultry	94 822	1 124 816
Chicken	90 731	1 103 864
Ducks	1 030	7 788
Geese	2 243	9 687
Turkeys	818	3 477
Other animals		
Rabbits and hares	1 227	5 398

Sources of irrigation water		
	Holdings	Area irrigated (ha)
Total	4 455	2 505
Surface water	2 934	1 755
Groundwater	780	426
Municipal water supply	655	284
Harvested	86	40

Machinery and equipment used on the holding		
	Holdings	Units
Total tractors of all kind	2 241	n.a
Combine harvesters	36	n.a
Ploughs (machine powered)	2 314	n.a
Other (machine-powered)		
Forage harvester	45	n.a
Sprayer	1 001	n.a
Planter	1 058	n.a
Thresher	92	n.a
Power tiller	130	n.a
Milking machine	17	n.a
Disk harrow	446	n.a
Pump honey	309	n.a
Extractor	22	n.a
Ridger	40	n.a

Agricultural pesticides, by type	
	Holdings
Total	38 098
Insecticides	30 851
Herbicides	3 731
Fungicides	2 164
Rodenticides	1 049
Other	303

Fertilizer, by type	
	Holdings
Total	83 305
Mineral fertilizers	32 605
Organo-mineral fertilizers	3 987
Organic fertilizers	9 243
Biofertilizers	572
Manure	36 859
Other organic materials to enhance plant growth	39

Temporary crops harvested	
	Area (ha)
Total	185 690
Cereals	151 307
Maize	121 270
Wheat	8 515
Sorghum	21 523
Vegetables and melons	34 383
Beans	31 830
Peas	1 332
Rape	378
Potatoes	845

Permanent crops	
	Area (ha)
Total	n.a
Orchards	n.a
Apple	832
Peach	1 050
Grape	253
Pear	228
Apricots	338
Plum	247
Quince	54

¹Data provided in this table refers to only civil persons

²Data provided in this table excluded households producing livestock only