

ALBANIA - Agricultural Census 1998 – Main Results

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

Holdings by size of total area		
	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
Total	466 809	1 889 498
without land	1 676	0
<0.1 ha	25 767	1 655
0.1 - 0.2	38 339	6 030
0.2 - 0.5	96 535	33 384
0.5 - 1	117 476	87 439
1 - 1.5	88 907	110 099
1.5 - 2	51 470	88 822
2 - 3	36 693	87 201
3>	9 946	1 474 868

Legal status		
	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
Total	466 809	1 889 498
Civil persons	466 716	451 984
Public holdings and others	93	1 437 514

Members of the holder's household engaged in agricultural work on the holding		
	number of persons	
Total	1 342 197	—
male	704 543	—
female	637 654	—

Land use		
	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
All land	—	1 889 498
Agricultural land	—	809 992
Cropland	—	379 118
Arable land	—	345 259
Permanent crops	—	33 860
Permanent mead./pastures	—	430 874
Wood / forest land	—	1 025 564
All other land	—	53 942
Unused and potentially productive	—	43 296
Non agricultural	—	10 646

Temporary crops		
	Holdings reporting	Area (ha)
Wheat	285 266	115 708
Maize	244 252	45 380
Rye	8 627	958
Barley	7 222	1 011
Oats	58 861	9 627
Potatoes	157 013	5 146
White beans	243 541	18 040
Tobacco	26 950	3 346
Cotton	115	11
Sugar beets	8 470	566
Sunflower seed	3 779	1 160
Soybeans	554	130
Tomatoes	292 515	2 925
Peppers	268 423	2 159
Cucumber	157 253	969
Cabbages	75 916	559

Permanent crops

	Total number of trees	of which: of productive age
Apples	582 982	378 868
Pears	139 407	115 840
Plums	775 642	647 617
Figs	661 388	587 103
Walnuts	137 340	119 630
Olives	3 024 627	2 532 439
Citrus fruits	242 946	177 923

Livestock

	Holdings reporting	Head/units
Cattle		
Total	315 640	635 435
male	—	145 282
female	—	490 153
<1 year		
male	—	108 020
female	—	80 221
1-2 years		
male	—	17 192
female	—	24 541
>2 years		
male	—	20 070
female	—	385 391
Sheep	108 630	1 482 275
Goats	66 261	808 063
Pigs	42 201	61 904
Horses	41 285	42 128
Chickens	293 445	2 543 619
Ducks/Geese	14 019	94 840
Turkeys	27 586	226 385
Beehives	5 300	28 736

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Historical outline:

In 1994 and 1995 two annual agricultural surveys were conducted in Albania. The 1998 General Census of Agricultural Holdings is the first complete enumeration census conducted in the country.

Organization:

The organization of the census was based on the following organisms:

Census Central Commission

It is the highest organism managing and organizing the census. It determines the composition of the local commissions and the census offices in communes and municipalities. It is directed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food (MOAF), and includes the General Director of the Institute of Statistics (INSTAT), the Minister of Local Authority and Directors from Statistics, Livestock and Agriculture Directorates of the MOAF.

Census Commissions in the Districts

Directed by the Chairmen of the District Councils, they manage the work at district level, assisting the communes/municipalities.

Census Offices in the Communes/Municipalities

Directed by the Commune Chairman, they are responsible for recruiting and training of enumerators, organization of interviews, collection of questionnaires, etc.

Technical assistance to the General Census was provided by the Istituto Nazionale di Statistica (ISTAT) of Italy and by the Statistical Office of the European Communities (EUROSTAT). Financial support was provided by the Italian Government.

Enumeration period:

Data collection started from 1 June 1998 on.

Reference date:

Data on tenure forms, employment, machinery, crop and livestock production and trade, fertilizers and irrigation, refer to the agricultural year 1997 -1998.

Data on legal status, total and agricultural land and number of livestock, refer to the day of enumeration.

Definitions:

Enumeration units for census purposes are considered all technoeconomic units involved in agricultural, livestock or forestry production, regardless to size of holding, under single management exercised by one or more physical persons or by a juridical person.

Coverage:

The census covered the entire country. Holdings totally abandoned, livestock or fruit-trees located around private buildings in the cities, holdings not using their land for agricultural, livestock or forestry purposes, were excluded from the census.

Frame:

During the period March-July 1996, INSTAT, in collaboration with MOAF, organized the compilation of coded lists of agricultural holdings in the country. To prepare the lists, the documentation of agricultural land distribution, provided by the Land Registry Offices, was used. During the census interviews the lists were updated.

Methods:

A pilot survey for testing the questionnaire was conducted in March-April 1994 in 435 private holdings. The complete enumeration of agricultural holdings, starting on 1 June 1998, was conducted through direct interview of the head of household. 466809 private and public holdings were identified in 2968 villages, 368 communes/municipalities, 36 districts and 12 prefectures. 4500 persons participated into the field work as enumerators, commune and district controllers, members of census commissions, etc.

Data source:

INSTAT, Institute of Statistics - General Census of Agricultural Holdings 1-30 June 1998 - Definitive Data - Tirana, 2000

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