

Libyan Arab Jam Agricultural Census 1987 – Main Results

Please refer to the Explanatory Notes given at the end of the document.

NUMBER AND AREA OF HOLDINGS CLASSIFIED BY SIZE OF TOTAL AREA OF HOLDINGS		
Holding size classes	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
Total	175 528	2 495 906
Holdings without land	11 711	-
Under 0.5 ha	5 887	-
0.5 and under 1 ha	7 615	-
1 and under 2 ha	17 654	-
2 and under 3 ha	16 495	-
3 and under 4 ha	14 909	-
4 and under 5 ha	12 500	-
5 and under 10 ha	40 406	-
10 and under 20 ha	28 285	-
20 and under 50 ha	15 987	-
50 and under 100	3 393	-
100 ha and above	686	-

FRAGMENTATION OF HOLDINGS	
Number of parcels	297 445

HOLDERS BY MAIN TYPE OF ACTIVITY	Number of holders
Total	175 528
Agricultural work on the holding	67 199
Work of the holding	108 329

FARM POPULATION	
Household members, total	1 433 955

LAND USE	Area (ha)
Total land	2 495 906
Agricultural land	1 527 020
Cropland	1 234 503
Arable land	880 092
Land under permanent crops	354 411
Land under permanent meadows/pastures	292 517
All other land	968 886

IRRIGATION

Normally irrigated land area (ha)	363 665
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TEMPORARY CROPS (on arable land)	Area (ha)	Production (metric tons)
Wheat	108 778	-
Barley	629 713	-
Onions	-	131 154
Garlic	-	5 562
Peppers, green	-	23 434
Eggplant	-	1 178
Carrots	-	4 289
Cabbages	-	2 375
Lettuce	-	10 237
Cucumbers	-	10 690
Potatoes	-	156 887
Tomatoes	-	195 582

PERMANENT CROPS	Number of trees	Production (metric tons)
Olives	7 015 703	159 669
Dates	3 439 885	103 705
Bananas	3 501 624	14 615
Grapes	8 991 282	28 496
Pomegranates	1 735 579	15 499
Figs	1 581 245	9 971

LIVESTOCK	Total number of head
Cattle	97 629
Camels	81 418
Sheep	1 172 201
Goats	4 364 546
Chickens	7 578 367
Beehives /Bee colonies (units)	12 654

MACHINERY / EQUIPMENT	Holdings reporting use
Harvester-threshers (combines)	88 135
Electric generators	62 134

Libyan Arab Jam Agricultural Census 1987 – Explanatory Notes

Historical outline: A census of agriculture was conducted in the United Kingdom of Libya in 1960; subsequently, two censuses of agriculture were conducted in the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the first in 1974 and the second, to which data here refer, in 1987.

Organization: The 1987 Census of Agriculture was planned, organized and conducted by the Department of Statistics and Census as central authority. At local level, municipalities were also involved in census operations.

Enumeration period: The field operations continued from late 1987 through 1988 and the first half of 1989.

Reference date: Census items refer to the agricultural year October 1986 to September 1987.

Definition: Holding - is defined as a technoeconomic unit of agricultural production wholly or partly used for crop production or livestock keeping or tree crops growing or a mixture of land, livestock and tree crops, operated as an independent economic unit. Economic units raising race horses only were not included in the census.

Coverage: The census covered the entire country.

Frame: A list of agricultural holders and holdings was obtained from the 1984 Population Census.

Methods: Complete enumeration of all holdings was carried out. Data were collected through direct interview.

Data source: The Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya - The General People's Committee for Economic Planning - Department of Statistics and Census - Agricultural Census 1987, Final Results.

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