

# ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES - Agricultural Census 2000 – Main Results

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

Number and area of holdings		
	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
Total	7 380	7 199

Number and area of holdings by size		
	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
Total	7 380	7 199
without land	876	—
< 0.2 ha	2 032	148
0.2 - 0.4	732	169
0.4 - 1	1 735	1 018
1 - 2	1 102	1 477
2 - 4	647	1 569
4 - 10.1	187	968
10 - 20.2	41	527
20.2 - 40.5	19	535
40.5 >	9	789

Fragmentation		
	Number of parcels	
Total	8 258	—

Legal status		
	Number of holdings	
Total	7 380	—
Civil person	7 353	—
Cooperative/Corporation	11	—
Government	14	—
Other	2	—

Tenure of land		
		Area (ha)
Total	—	7 199
owned	—	5 299
rented	—	1 647
other forms of tenure	—	253

Holders by age		
	Number of holders	
Total	7 346	—
< 15 years of age	12	—
15 - 24	299	—
25 - 34	1 054	—
35 - 44	1 943	—
45 - 54	1 583	—
55 - 64	1 192	—
65 >	1 134	—
not specified	129	—

Holder's household members by sex and age			
		Number of persons	
Total		29 794	—
male		15 263	—
< 15 years of age		4 334	—
15 - 24		3 305	—
25 - 34		1 966	—
35 - 44		1 964	—
45 - 54		1 356	—
55 - 64		1 031	—
65 >		1 061	—
not specified		246	—
female		14 531	—
< 15 years of age		4 243	—
15 - 24		3 064	—
25 - 34		1 961	—
35 - 44		1 860	—
45 - 54		1 318	—
55 - 64		897	—
65 >		978	—
not specified		210	—

Permanent workers			
		Number of workers	
Total		1 739	—
male		1 280	—
female		459	—

Land use			
			Area (ha)
All land	—		7 199
Agricultural land	—		6 025
Cropland	—		4 729
Arable land	—		1 707
I. under temporary crops	—		1 080
fallow land	—		627
Permanent crops	—		3 021
Permanent mead./pastures	—		1 296
Wood or forest land	—		731
All other land	—		444

Temporary crops			
		Holdings reporting	Area (ha)
Cabbages		515	53
Carrots		398	42
Dasheen		1 179	159
Eddoes		725	199
Groundnuts		229	52
Pigeon peas		700	66
Sweet pepper		382	25
Sweet potatoes		807	157
Tannias		713	63
Tomatoes		536	58
Yams		817	106

Permanent crops		
	Holdings reporting	Number of trees/plants
Avocados	1 051	6 631
Bananas	2 576	3 328 808
Coconut	2 249	71 105
Grapefruit	471	2 822
Guava	514	4 652
Limes	838	3 712
Mangoes	2 037	12 144
Oranges	1 121	13 998
Plantains	819	186 083
Papaw	390	1 781
Pineapples	116	139 306

Livestock		
	Holdings reporting	Head/units
Cattle, total	1 515	4 767
male	—	1 402
< 1 year	—	525
1 - 2 years	—	482
2 years >	—	387
not stated	—	8
female	—	3 365
< 1 year	—	579
1 - 2 years	—	770
2 years >	—	2 001
not stated	—	15
Sheep, total	2 139	10 038
male	—	2 875
< 1 year	—	1 630
1 year >	—	1 226
not stated	—	19
female	—	7 163
< 1 year	—	2 385
1 year >	—	4 724
not stated	—	54
Goats, total	2 193	9 554
male	—	2 779
< 1 year	—	1 631
1 year >	—	1 144
not stated	—	4
female	—	6 775
< 1 year	—	2 198
1 year >	—	4 562
not stated	—	15
Pigs, total	804	4 807
male	—	1 868
< 6 month	—	1 032
6 month and >	—	800
not stated	—	36
female	—	2 939
< 6 month	—	1 356
6 month and >	—	1 534
not stated	—	49
Horses	—	44
Asses	—	265
Rabbits	—	1 249
Chickens	—	65 920
Turkeys	—	131
Ducks	—	342
Other fowls	—	2 961
Beehives	—	42

# **ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES - Agricultural Census 2000 - Explanatory Notes**

## **Historical outline:**

The Agricultural Census 2000 is the fifth conducted in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Prior to the 2000 census, censuses were conducted in 1985/86, 1972, 1961 and 1946.

## **Organization:**

The Ministry of Agriculture and Labour (MAL) created an Agriculture Census Unit (ACU) to be responsible for the overall management and coordination of the Agricultural Census 2000. The Agriculture Census Coordinator and two Assistants to the Coordinator were recruited. Additional staff included the Data Processing Supervisor (from the Data Processing Department of the Ministry of Finance), and a Statistician from the Agriculture Planning Unit (APU). MAL staff served as supervisors, enumerators, coders and data entry personnel. As part of the FAO technical assistance, the FAO Regional Statistician, a National Statistician and an International Statistician, consultant in Data Processing, advised the ACU on technical and procedural issues. An Agricultural Census 2000 Steering Committee (ACSC) was formed, to act as a national governing unit that would advise the MAL and approve methodologies and procedures.

## **Enumeration period:**

The census was conducted from 14 February to 31 March 2000. Followup visits were made, through the end of May, as required.

## **Reference date:**

The reference year for the census is the agricultural year from 1 January 1999 to 31 December 1999.

## **Definition:**

The agricultural holding is considered an economic unit of agricultural production satisfying, at the day of enumeration, at least one of the following minimum specifications:

- one head of cattle or one donkey or horse;
- two head of pigs, sheep, goats (or one head of any two);
- A flock of at least 12 fowls or rabbits;
- 10 or more bearings of any tree crops, bananas or plantains;
- 500 square meters or more of vegetables, provision, food or cash crops.
- A raised stand or greenhouse of at least 18 square meters.

## **Coverage:**

Geographically, the census covered the entire country.

## **Frame:**

Agricultural holdings were identified through a listing form used by enumerators who visited every dwelling unit in the country. When an agricultural holding was identified, a census questionnaire was administered. Separate listing books were prepared for each enumeration district in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. The heads of household were asked whether anyone in their household would satisfy one or more of the criterion for an agricultural holding and the responses were recorded in the listing books. Lists of large and specialized farms were also prepared by the MAL Regional Extension Supervisors. These lists were used to confirm that all these holdings were included in the census. The Regional Extension Supervisors enumerated all large and specialized farms not identified through the listing procedures.

## **Methods:**

The agricultural census was designed as a complete enumeration of all agricultural holdings in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. 161 enumerators were hired. Some staff from the MAL and other public service agencies were also used as enumerators. The enumerators worked under the direction of 35 supervisors drawn mainly from the Extension Staff of the MAL. These supervisors were in turn supervised by three Regional Extension Supervisors.

## **Data source:**

Government of St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Ministry of Agriculture and Labour – National Agricultural Census 2000, Preliminary Results

## **Mailing address:**

