

Tanzania Agricultural Census 1995 – Main Results

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

1 - TOTAL NUMBER AND AREA OF HOLDINGS	
Number	Area (ha)
3 872 323	10 764 000

HOLDERS BY SEX	Total	Male	Female
Holders	3 872 323	3 210 455	661 868

HOLDERS BY AGE	Number of holders
Total	3 872 323
under 25 years	156 726
25 to 34 years	905 021
35 to 44 years	908 775
45 to 54 years	796 263
55 to 64 years	589 771
65 years and over	512 973
Of age not stated	2 794

HOLDERS BY MAIN TYPE OF ACTIVITY	Number of holders
Total	3 872 323
Agricultural work on the holding	3 778 543
Permanent	3 082 602
Occasional	695 941
Work of the holding	46 927
Not economically active	46 853

HOLDINGS BY HOUSEHOLD SIZE	Number of holdings
Total	3 872 323
1 person	215 897
2 to 3 persons	906 713
4 to 5 persons	1 108 924
6 to 9 persons	1 288 379
10 persons and over	352 410

FARM POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX	Total	Male	Female
Total	21 020 227	10 674 310	10 345 917
Under 10 years	6 485 350	3 274 446	3 210 904
10 to 24 years	6 901 973	3 514 078	3 387 895
25 to 34 years	2 760 777	1 288 432	1 472 345
35 to 44 years	1 804 996	906 656	898 340
45 to 54 years	1 350 424	702 625	647 799
55 to 64 years	921 274	506 921	414 353
65 years and over	786 364	478 355	308 009
Of age not specified	9 069	2 797	6 272

EMPLOYMENT (persons of 10 years of age and over)	Number of persons
Total	14 534 877
Agricultural work on the holding	13 145 179
Permanent	8 747 385
Occasional	4 397 794
Work of the holding	447 182
Not economically active	942 516

TEMPORARY CROPS (on arable land)	Number of holdings reporting	Area planted (ha)
Maize	2 216 547	1 368 246
Rice	675 870	274 428
Sorghum	634 622	389 644
Millet	254 150	207 841
Finger millet	101 788	29 211
Cassava (manioc)	708 102	188 243
Potatoes	18 504	1 500
Sweet potatoes	411 520	59 571
Edible dry beans	880 563	228 418
Sunflower seed	79 398	23 124
Simsim	50 513	8 615
Groundnuts	414 717	91 825

LIVESTOCK	Total number of head
Cattle	15 644 802
buffaloes	7 911
Sheep	3 493 033
Goats	10 682 406
Pigs	434 638
Asses	419 314
Chickens	27 065 384
Ducks/Geese	1 214 330
Turkeys	91 135
Guinea fowls	43 193
Rabbits	224 751

MACHINERY / EQUIPMENT OWNED BY THE HOLDER	Number of holdings reporting	Units
Electric generators	1 988	1988
Tractors	6 740	7 525
Harvesters-threshers (combines)	4 327	6 815
Sprayers	320 134	372 638
Grain grinders / crushers	126 948	159 039

USE OF NON RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS	Holdings reporting use
Food storage	1 132 000

Tanzania Agricultural Census 1995 – Explanatory Notes

Historical outline: The first agricultural census in Tanzania was conducted in 1950 and repeated in 1960 and in 1971/72. The subsequent agricultural censuses, which were conducted in 1993/94 and in 1994/95, were preceded by a pilot census which took place in 1992. Data presented here refer to the 1994/95 census. Between 1972 and 1992, the Central Bureau of Statistics and the Ministry of Agriculture conducted a number of sample surveys. Livestock censuses were conducted in 1971, 1978, 1984 and 1993/94-1994/95. The censuses of 1978 and 1984 were complete enumeration while those of 1971 and 1993/94-1994/95 were sample censuses.

Organization: The administrative bodies involved in conducting the census were the National Census Committee, led by the Minister of Agriculture, and the Regional Census Committee, chaired by the Regional Agriculture and Livestock Development Office, both directing the implementation of the census operations along with the National Census Technical Committee, chaired by the Government Statistician, (who was also the Census Commissioner) and the Regional Census Technical Committee, led by the Regional Statistical Officer, both conducting and supervising the census. Field activities involved supervision at three levels: Headquarters, Regional and District; 540 enumerators and 96 district supervisors were involved in field operations. Technical and financial assistance were provided by the World Bank, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and the SIDA/Statistics Sweden.

Enumeration period: The census was launched in September 1993 and was completed in 1995.

Reference date: The agricultural year 1 October 1994 to 30 September 1995 was the reference year. The livestock count was as of a specific date, i.e. on 30 October 1994.

Definition: The selected statistical unit was the Agricultural Household, defined as any household operating at least 25 square meters of land or owing/keeping at least one cattle or five goats/sheep/pigs or fifty chickens/ducks/turkeys.

Coverage: The census covered rural areas only. Urban areas and large scale farms were considered outside the scope of the census.

Data on **Crops, and Machinery and Equipment**, shown below, refer to Long Rain Season accounting for 80 percent of total crop growing.

Frame: The selection of the 540 villages throughout the country as Primary Sampling Units (PSU) was based on the National Master Sample, which was designed for conducting sample surveys for Tanzania Mainland. Official lists of households in the villages, representing the Secondary Sampling Units (SSU), were maintained by the villages secretaries.

Methods: The census was conducted on a sampling basis. Strata were developed, out of which villages were selected systematically using probability proportional to size procedure (PPS); this selection was done by stratum and from each stratum two to eight villages (PSUs) were independently selected up to a total of 540; in each of the 540 villages a sample of 15 agricultural households (SSUs) was selected for interview by the district supervisors, using systematic random sampling procedure; 8100 agricultural households were interviewed in the whole country (mainland).

Data source:

- National Sample Census of Agriculture 1993/94 and 1994/95, Tanzania Mainland, Report, Volume I, March 1996.
- National Sample Census of Agriculture 1994/95, Tanzania Mainland, Report, Volumes II and III, March - April 1996.

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