



Region 2 - Arecibo Puerto Rico

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2018

	2018	2018 Island
Number of farms	933	8,230
Land in farms (cuerdas)	74,177	487,775
Average size of farm (cuerdas)	79.5	59.3
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	139,069,131	485,053,483
Farm-related income	14,305,730	99,957,673
Government payments	12,216,635	85,748,026
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	149,056	58,937
Farm-related income	40,526	35,196
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	41,272	37,298

29 Percent of island agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	14
Livestock, poultry, and products	86

Land in Farms by Use (cuerdas)

Cropland	57,841
Pastureland	7,975
Woodland	4,437
Other	3,925

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$1,000	238	26
\$1,000 to \$2,499	75	8
\$2,500 to \$4,999	89	10
\$5,000 to \$7,499	93	10
\$7,500 to \$19,999	94	10
\$20,000 to \$59,999	114	12
\$60,000 or more	230	25

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than 10 cuerdas	198	21
10 to 19 cuerdas	207	22
20 to 49 cuerdas	218	23
50 to 99 cuerdas	111	12
100 to 174 cuerdas	85	9
175 to 259 cuerdas	45	5
260 cuerdas or more	69	7

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$)	Number of Farms
Total	139,069,131	933
Crops	19,565,127	318
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture and sod	12,249,385	40
Plantains	1,122,275	59
Coffee (D)		29
Vegetables or melons	1,507,891	74
Fruits and coconuts	146,884	38
Pineapples (D)		7
Bananas	39,744	34
Root crops or tubers	199,768	42
Grains or field crops (D)		46
Grasses	2,219,604	108
Livestock, poultry, and products	119,504,004	576
Poultry and poultry products	2,897,590	41
Cattle and calves	9,638,380	471
Milk and other dairy products from cows	104,999,339	158
Hogs and pigs	1,056,723	54
Aquaculture	450	6
Other livestock and livestock products	911,522	84

Total Principal Operators

Sex	933
Male	848
Female	85
Age	
< 35	42
35 – 64	575
65 and older	316
Primary occupation	
Farming	531
Other	402
Highest level of school attended	
None	5
Elementary	74
Secondary	149
High school diploma/GED	161
Technical/vocational school	50
Some college	172
Bachelor's degree	203
Master's/PhD	119
Other characteristics	
With military service	55
Less than 10 years operating present farm	349
<i>Average age (years)</i>	57.9

Selected Crops in Cuerdas

Bananas	90
Coffee	838
Grasses, all	8,937
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture and sod	788
Pineapples (D)	
Plantains	286
Vegetables and melons, all	150

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	47
Sell directly to consumers	9
Hire farm labor	54
Are family farms	77

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2018)

Cattle and calves	68,758
Chickens	80,028
Goats	611
Hogs and pigs	6,900
Horses	1,294
Rabbits	2,652
Sheep	1,027

About the Puerto Rico Census of Agriculture

The Census of Agriculture is conducted once every five years. The 2018 Puerto Rico Census of Agriculture includes places that produced and sold, or normally would have produced and sold, \$500 or more of agricultural products during the 12-month period between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018. Results from 2018 and earlier censuses are available on Quick Stats, in downloadable PDF reports, maps, and a variety of topic-specific products on the NASS website.

www.nass.usda.gov/AqCensus

See [2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data](#), for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

^a May not add to 100% due to rounding. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available.

(Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.