

## American Samoa Agricultural Census 1990 – Main Results

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

NUMBER AND AREA OF HOLDINGS CLASSIFIED BY SIZE OF TOTAL AREA OF HOLDINGS		
Holding size classes	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
Total	384	2 349
Under 0.4 ha	19	4
0.4 and under 1.2 ha	76	47
1.2 and under 2 ha	69	100
2 and under 3.2 ha	56	127
3.2 and under 4 ha	7	24
4 and under 8.1 ha	96	452
8.1 and under 16.2 ha	40	409
16.2 and under 20.2 ha	3	53
20.2 ha and above	18	1 133

LAND TENURE OF HOLDINGS	Number of holdings	Area (ha)
Total	384	2 349
Holdings under one form of tenure	368	2 308
Owned or in ownerlike possession	358	2 284
Rented from others	10	24
Holdings under more than one form of tenure	16	41

HOLDERS BY AGE	Number of holders
Total	384
under 25 years	9
25 to 34 years	32
35 to 44 years	81
45 to 54 years	130
55 to 64 years	78
65 years and over	54

HOLDERS BY MAIN TYPE OF ACTIVITY	Number of holders
Total	384
Agricultural work on the holding	139
Work off the holding	245

LAND USE	Area (ha)
Total land	2 349
Agricultural land	1 817
Cropland	1 680
Land under crops	1 461
Other cropland	219
Land under permanent meadows/pastures	137
All other land	532

TEMPORARY CROPS (on arable land)	Area (ha)
Taro (cocoyam)	236
Yams	15
Cucumbers	14
Cabbages	9
Sugar cane	6
Beans, green	4
Cassava	2
Maize	2
Melons	1

PERMANENT CROPS	Number of holdings reporting	Number of trees
Avocados	63	590
Bananas	354	-
Breadfruit	299	53 890
Cocoa	24	1 801
Coconut	291	255 696
Grapefruit	14	638
Lemons	117	2 199
Limes	45	441
Mangoes	124	886
Oranges	76	1 392
Papayas	167	12 556
Pineapples	100	26 833

LIVESTOCK	Number of holdings reporting	Total number of head
Cattle	4	179
Pigs	263	7 580
Horses/Mules/Asses	2	-
Chickens	173	27 401

MACHINERY / EQUIPMENT	Number of holdings reporting	Units
Tractors	8	8
Trucks	14	17

## American Samoa Agricultural Census 1990 – Explanatory Notes

**Historical outline:** The US Bureau of the Census conducted the first agricultural enumeration in American Samoa as part of the 1920 Decennial Census Program. Subsequent agricultural censuses have been carried out every 10 years, in conjunction with the Population and Housing Censuses.

**Organization:** The Agriculture Census in American Samoa was an adjunct to the 1990 Census of Population and Housing. In December 1989, the Governor of American Samoa signed memoranda of agreement with the US Bureau of the Census for the 1990 Population and Housing Census, including agriculture enumeration: the Bureau of the Census agreed to provide technical assistance at various levels, and the Territorial Government accepted responsibility for conducting the census, for recruiting and training local office and field staff, and for the supervision of local administrative matters. The Decennial Planning Division of the US Bureau of the Census had primary supervisory responsibility for census undertaking, while the Outlying Areas Statistics Branch of the Agriculture Division served as primary planning and coordinating office. The central office of the census was established in Pago Pago, on Tutuila Island. The census staff was composed of 1 project manager, 1 census advisor, 1 office operations supervisor, 2 field operations supervisors, 18 crew leaders, 9 office clerks and 92 enumerators.

**Enumeration period:** The census was carried out in the period April to August 1990.

**Reference date:** The reference dates/periods are:

- the enumeration day for Inventory data;
- the calendar year 1989 for data on Production.

**Definition:** Farm is any place that had sales of US \$100 or more of agricultural products during the census year.

**Coverage:** The census covered the entire country.

**Frame:** Lists of Address Register Areas (ARA) were prepared and given to enumerators.

**Methods:** The census of agriculture was conducted by direct enumeration in conjunction with the Population and Housing Census. House-to-house canvassing was carried out to enumerate each ARA. On the last page of the Population and Housing questionnaire there was an agriculture screening section. The enumerator was required to complete an agriculture questionnaire when a positive answer was received to anyone of the five screening questions.

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