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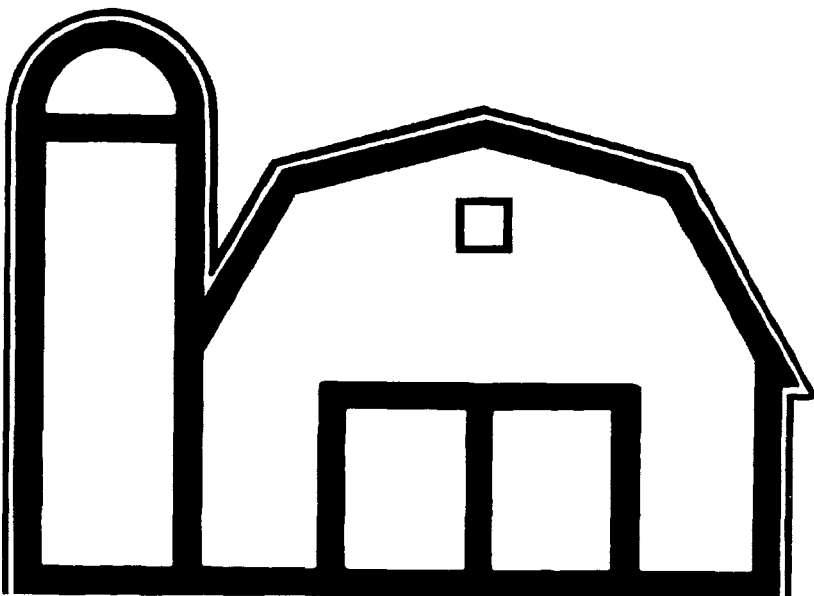
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HISTORY

The 1990 Census of Agriculture for American Samoa is the eighth census to be taken by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. The first agriculture census was taken in 1920 as part of the decennial census of population and has continued every 10 years.

USES OF THE CENSUS

The census of agriculture is the recognized source of statistics about American Samoa's agricultural production and the only source of consistent, comparable data at the district level. Census statistics are used to measure agricultural production and to identify trends in an ever changing agricultural sector. Many local programs use census data as a benchmark for designing and evaluating surveys. Private industry uses census statistics to provide a more effective production and distribution system for the agricultural community.

AUTHORITY AND AREA COVERED

The census of agriculture is required by law under Title 13, United States Code, sections 142(a) and 191. The census of agriculture in American Samoa is conducted every 10 years in conjunction with the census of population and housing.

FARM DEFINITION

The statistics presented relate to places qualifying as census farms. Chapter 1 uses the new farm definition, developed by the Census Bureau and the Government of American Samoa, which defines a farm as any place from which \$100 or more of agricultural products were sold or normally would have been sold during the census year. Chapter 2 provides comparable 1990 data according to the

old farm definition used in previous censuses, which defined a farm as having a minimum number of livestock, poultry, fruit or nut trees, or any crops or vegetables harvested for sale.

COMPARABILITY OF DATA

Data comparability has been maintained in chapter 2 which contains the 1980 data along with the comparable 1990 data. Dollar figures shown for agricultural product sales only apply under the new farm definition in chapter 1.

TABULAR PRESENTATION

Island data—Chapter 1, tables 1 through 8 and chapter 2, tables 1 through 7 show detailed data for American Samoa. Chapter 1, tables 22 through 25 show 1990 data cross tabulated by tenure of operator, size of farm, age of operator, and value of agricultural products sold.

District and county data—Data for districts and counties are presented in chapter 1, tables 9 through 21 and in chapter 2, tables 8 through 18.

SPECIAL TABULATIONS

Custom designed tabulations are available to individual user specifications on a programming cost reimbursable basis. Inquiries about special tabulations should be directed to the Chief, Agriculture Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233.

CENSUS DISCLOSURE RULES

In keeping with the provisions of Title 13, United States Code, no data are published that would disclose the operations of an individual farm. However, the number of farms in a given size category or other classification, such as size of farm, is not considered a release of confidential information and is provided even though other information such as crop production, number of livestock, and sales is withheld.

INVENTORIES, PRODUCTION, AND SALES DATA

Inventories of livestock, poultry, and fruit and nut trees or plants are determined by the number on hand on the day of enumeration. Crop production and sales, as well as livestock sales, are for the calendar year.

ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

The following abbreviations and symbols are used throughout the tables:

- Represents zero.
- (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.

- (X) Not applicable.
- (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.
- (NA) Not available.
- sq ft Square feet.

