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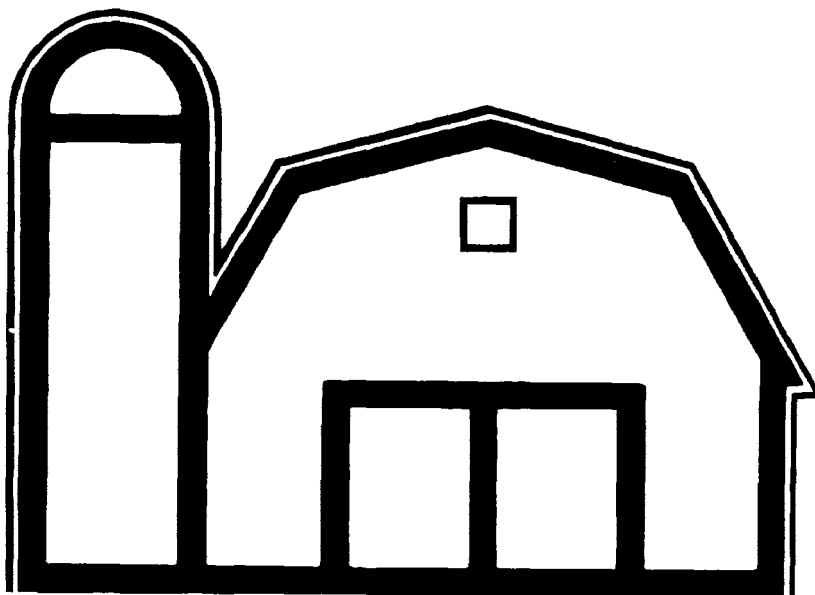
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## HISTORY

The 1990 Census of Agriculture for the Northern Mariana Islands is the third census to be taken by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. The first agriculture census was taken in 1970 as part of the decennial census of population and housing and has continued every 10 years.

## USES OF THE CENSUS

The census of agriculture is the recognized source of statistics about the Northern Mariana Islands' agricultural production and the only source of consistent, comparable data at the municipality 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 the Northern Mariana Islands is conducted every 10 years and was included with the 1990 Census of Population and Housing. Beginning in 1997, the census will be conducted every 5 years as it is in each State, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands of the United States.

## FARM DEFINITION

The statistics presented in this report relate to places qualifying as census farms. Chapter 1 uses the new farm definition, 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 the Northern Mariana Islands. Chapter 1, tables 21 through 24 provide 1990 data for the Northern Mariana Islands cross tabulated by tenure of operator, size of farm, age of operator, and value of agricultural products sold.

**Municipality data**—Data are presented for municipalities in chapter 1, tables 9 through 20 and in chapter 2, tables 8 through 17.

## 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.



ISLANDS MAP

