

2002 Census of Agriculture Municipio Profile

Ponce, Puerto Rico

Number of farms

318 farms in 2002, 455 farms in 1998, down 30 percent.

Land in farms

17,835 cuerdas in 2002, 11,655 cuerdas in 1998, up 53 percent.

Average size of farm

56 cuerdas in 2002, 26 cuerdas in 1998, up 115 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$6,580,317 in 2002, \$6,469,293 in 1998, up 2 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$5,563,525 of the total value in 2002.

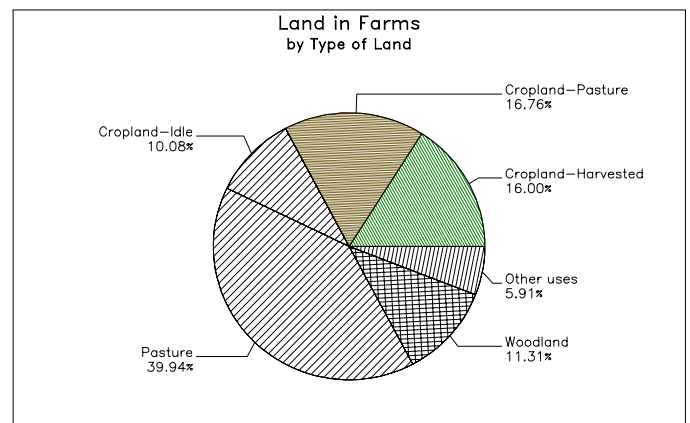
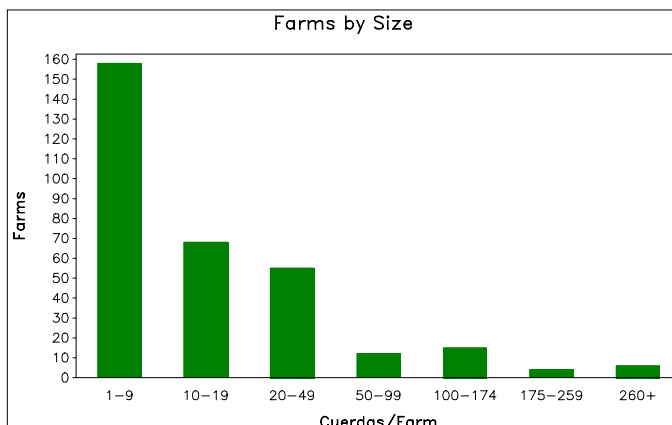
Livestock sales accounted for \$1,016,792 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

\$20,693 in 2002, \$14,218 in 1998, up 46 percent.

Government Payments

\$824,421 in 2002, \$942,661 in 1998, down 13 percent.



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United States Department of Agriculture, Puerto Rico Agricultural Statistics Service**

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Ranked items among the 78 Puerto Rico municipios

Item	Quantity	Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	6,580,317	30	76
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	5,563,525	16	76
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,016,792	46	76
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$)			
Horticulture specialties	2,272,340	8	64
Plantains	285,230	41	74
Coffee	1,443,707	10	63
Vegetables or melons	66,983	37	71
Fruit	(D)	(D)	71
Bananas	(D)	(D)	71
Root crops or tubers	28,367	34	70
Grains	1,748	47	62
Grasses and other crops	(D)	(D)	66
Poultry and eggs	1,043	50	66
Cattle and calves	528,951	24	75
Milk products	-	-	38
Hogs and pigs	49,805	43	73
Sheep and goats	6,503	31	61
Other livestock and other livestock products	430,490	4	66
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)			
Cattle and calves	6,073	13	75
Poultry	975	48	72
Hogs and pigs	702	36	73
Rabbits	642	24	59
Horses	201	17	75
TOP CROP ITEMS (cuerdas)			
Coffee	1,835	11	64
Grasses or other crops	(D)	52	74
Mangoes	(D)	3	52
Plantains	131	47	74
Palm trees ²	(D)	(D)	54

Other Municipio Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
\$60,000 or more	9	Farming	140
\$40,000 to \$59,999	7	Other	149
\$20,000 to \$39,999	14	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	22	Male	288
\$7,500 to \$9,999	25	Female	30
\$5,000 to \$7,499	41	All operators by highest level of school attended:	
\$2,500 to \$4,999	58	None	16
\$1,000 to \$2,499	78	Elementary	108
Less than \$1,000	64	Secondary	128
Farm production expenses (\$)		College	25
Wages and salaries	2,361,602	Graduate	15
Contract labor	(D)		

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of municipios in Puerto Rico with item.

² Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.