

Characteristics of Agriculture

Quick Facts

Puerto Rico

2002 Census of Agriculture

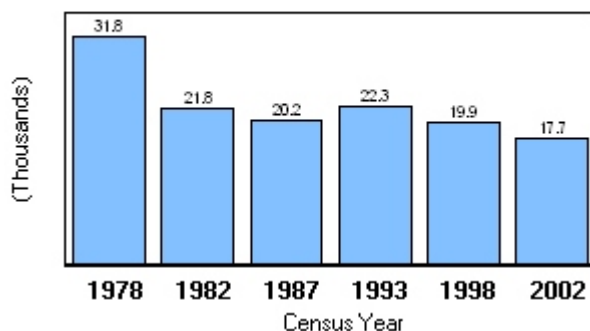
The 2002 Census of Agriculture was the 15th census for Puerto Rico and the first conducted with the same reference period as the continental U.S. In Puerto Rico, the census of agriculture defined a farm as any place from which \$500 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the reference year. The 2002 Census of Agriculture reported approximately 17,700 farms.

The total market value of sales from all crop and livestock commodities totaled \$581.5 million, down 2 percent from 1998. Livestock commodities accounted for \$331.1 million dollars and crop commodities accounted for \$250.4 million dollars. In addition to the market value of sales, farm related income totaled \$71.9 million dollars, up 43 percent from 1998. This includes income from rent, custom farm work, government payments, etc.

The dairy industry continues to be the major contributor to the local economy. Nearly \$194.2 million worth of dairy products were sold in 2002, including 373.3 million quarts of milk. Poultry and poultry products came in second to the dairy industry and accounted for \$78.8 million in sales, including 32 million broilers sold. These two industries accounted for about \$273.0 million or about 47 percent of the total value of sales.

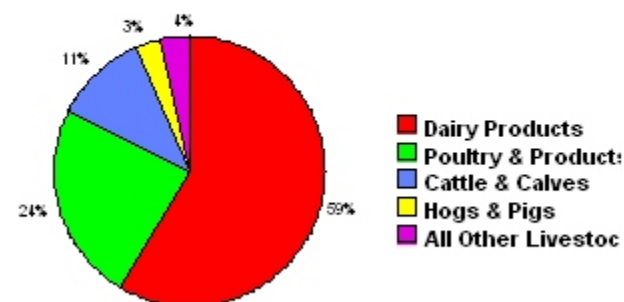
Horticultural and nursery products contributed the most to the local economy of all crop commodities. They reported \$66.5 million in sales, followed by plantains with \$47.5 million and coffee with \$42.1 million. Combined, these three commodities accounted for nearly 27 percent of the total value of sales.

Number of Farms: 1978-2002



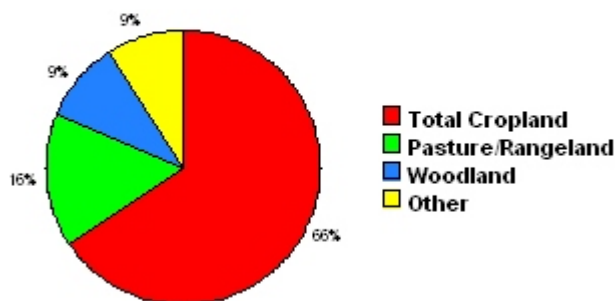
Market Value of Livestock, Fish, Poultry and Products Sold: 2002

Total = \$331,114,540



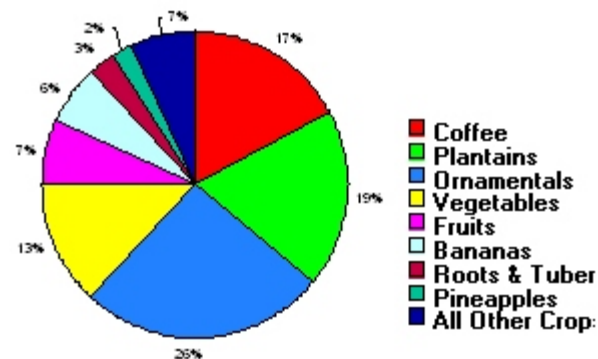
Farm Land Use: 2002

Total = 690,687 Cuerdas

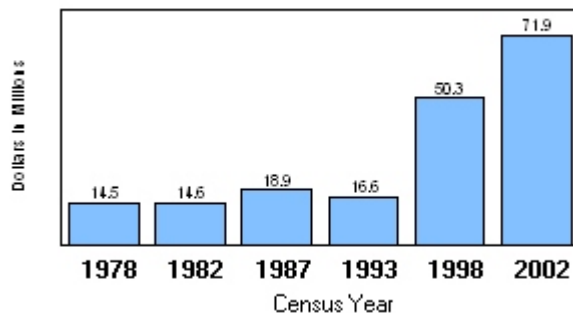


Market Value of Crops Sold: 2002

Total = \$250,429,402

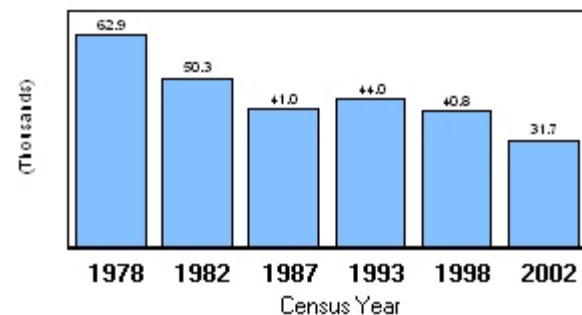


Farm Related Income: 1978-2002



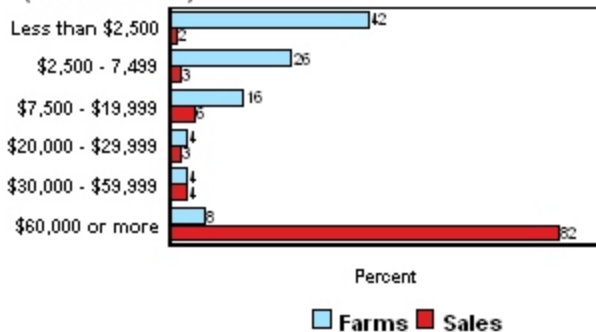
Note: Income from rent, custom farm work, government payments

Hired Farm Workers, Agregados, and Sharecroppers: 1978-2002

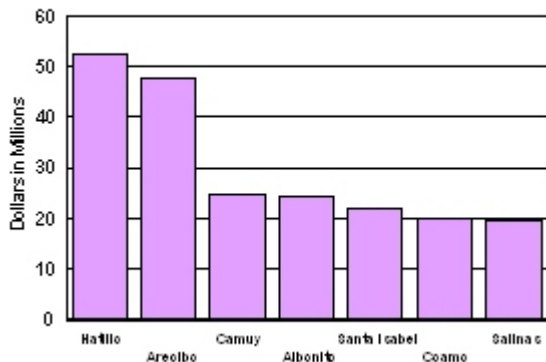


Percent of Farms and of Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold: 2002

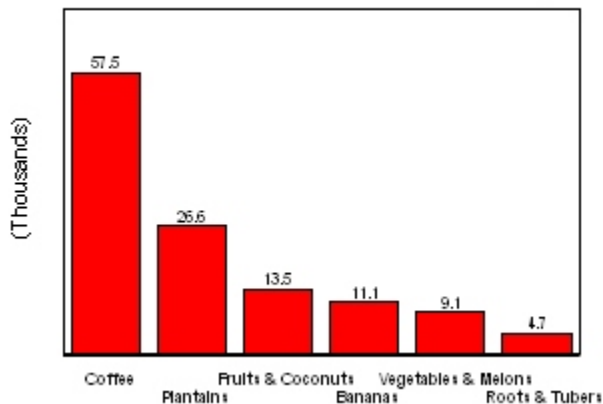
(Value of Sales)



Municipios with Largest Market Sales



Cuerdas Harvested for Selected Crops: 2002



The 2002 Census of Agriculture provides a detailed look at agriculture in each of the Nation's 3,000 plus counties. These data, available in electronic format on the Internet, printed, or CD-ROM give a complete statistical view of the Nations farms and farms every 5 years.

The census of in Puerto Rico provides a detailed look at agriculture in each of the islands 78 municipios. These data, available in electronic format on the Internet.

The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) wishes to thank all farmers and ranchers who responded to the Puerto Rico 2002 Census of Agriculture.

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