

2002 Census of Agriculture Municipio Profile

Vega Baja, Puerto Rico

Number of farms

134 farms in 2002, 157 farms in 1998, down 15 percent.

Land in farms

6,944 cuerdas in 2002, 9,906 cuerdas in 1998, down 30 percent.

Average size of farm

52 cuerdas in 2002, 63 cuerdas in 1998, down 17 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$4,611,920 in 2002, \$4,369,759 in 1998, up 6 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$2,060,121 of the total value in 2002.

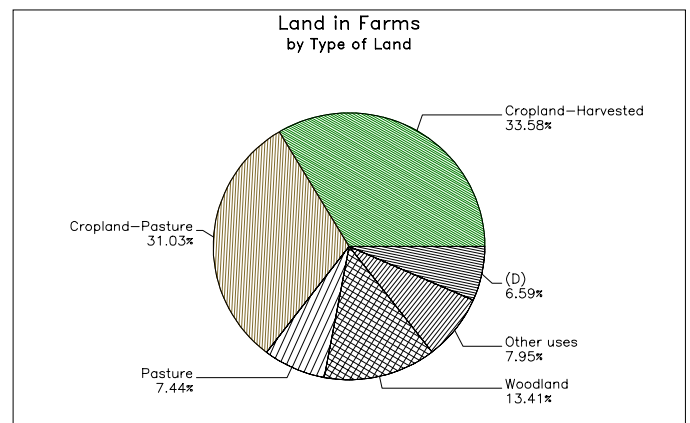
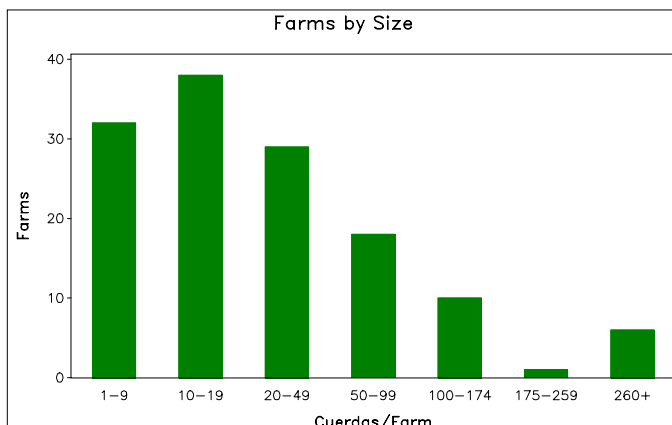
Livestock sales accounted for \$2,551,799 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

\$34,417 in 2002, \$27,833 in 1998, up 24 percent.

Government Payments

\$459,737 in 2002, \$311,444 in 1998, up 48 percent.



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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	4,611,920	42	76
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	2,060,121	41	76
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	2,551,799	27	76
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$)			
Horticulture specialties	815,220	20	64
Plantains	291,227	40	74
Coffee	(D)	(D)	63
Vegetables or melons	191,780	22	71
Fruit	35,669	41	71
Bananas	9,095	52	71
Root crops or tubers	9,735	51	70
Grains	(D)	(D)	62
Grasses and other crops	704,948	4	66
Poultry and eggs	1,837	46	66
Cattle and calves	348,610	31	75
Milk products	1,343,543	24	38
Hogs and pigs	354,304	6	73
Sheep and goats	(D)	(D)	61
Other livestock and other livestock products	(D)	(D)	66
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)			
Rabbits	(D)	2	59
Hogs and pigs	3,667	5	73
Cattle and calves	2,597	29	75
Poultry	1,184	45	72
Sheep	371	12	69
TOP CROP ITEMS (cuerdas)			
Grasses or other crops	2,183	10	74
Plantains	160	43	74
Vegetables	42	30	71
Coffee	38	42	64
Palm trees	37	9	54

Other Municipio Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
\$60,000 or more	14	Farming	63
\$40,000 to \$59,999	3	Other	65
\$20,000 to \$39,999	11	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	15	Male	114
\$7,500 to \$9,999	13	Female	20
\$5,000 to \$7,499	5	All operators by highest level of school attended:	
\$2,500 to \$4,999	25	None	2
\$1,000 to \$2,499	14	Elementary	41
Less than \$1,000	34	Secondary	62
Farm production expenses (\$)		College	10
Wages and salaries	897,374	Graduate	13
Contract labor	34,600		

(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.