

2002 Census of Agriculture Municipio Profile

Vega Alta, Puerto Rico

Number of farms

29 farms in 2002, 77 farms in 1998, down 62 percent.

Land in farms

2,300 cuerdas in 2002, 5,197 cuerdas in 1998, down 56 percent.

Average size of farm

79 cuerdas in 2002, 67 cuerdas in 1998, up 18 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$7,476,109 in 2002, \$5,507,893 in 1998, up 36 percent.

Crop sales accounted for (D) of the total value in 2002.

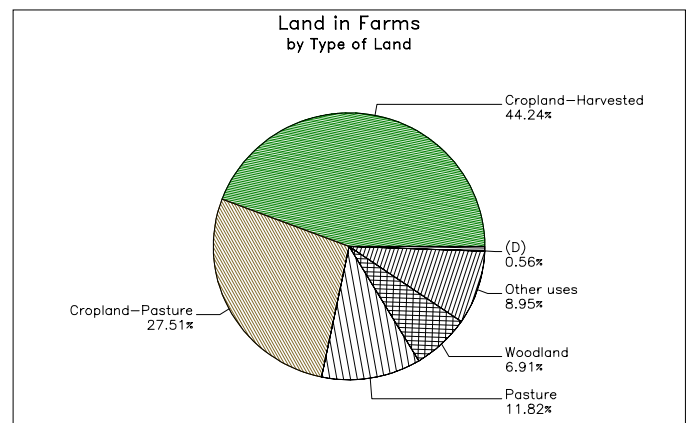
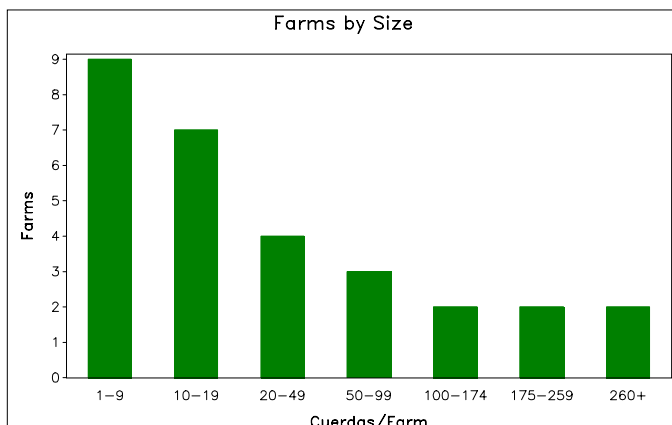
Livestock sales accounted for (D) of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

\$257,797 in 2002, \$71,531 in 1998, up 260 percent.

Government Payments

(D) in 2002, (D) in 1998.



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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	7,476,109	23	76
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	(D)	(D)	76
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	(D)	(D)	76
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$)			
Horticulture specialties	5,793,500	3	64
Plantains	423,294	32	74
Coffee	3,222	56	63
Vegetables or melons	(D)	(D)	71
Fruit	(D)	(D)	71
Bananas	1,575	63	71
Root crops or tubers	2,360	65	70
Grains	-	-	62
Grasses and other crops	117,350	22	66
Poultry and eggs	-	-	66
Cattle and calves	37,610	70	75
Milk products	(D)	(D)	38
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	73
Sheep and goats	-	-	61
Other livestock and other livestock products	(D)	(D)	66
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)			
Cattle and calves	1,070	62	75
Hogs and pigs	(D)	51	73
Poultry	96	70	72
Horses	54	60	75
Sheep	33	61	69
TOP CROP ITEMS (cuerdas)			
Grasses or other crops	(D)	37	74
Plantains	174	40	74
Palm trees	104	4	54
Vegetables	(D)	41	71
Coffee ²	(D)	(D)	64

Other Municipio Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
\$60,000 or more	7	Farming	18
\$40,000 to \$59,999	1	Other	8
\$20,000 to \$39,999	1		
\$10,000 to \$19,999	2	Principal operators by sex:	
\$7,500 to \$9,999	1	Male	29
\$5,000 to \$7,499	1	Female	-
\$2,500 to \$4,999	7		
\$1,000 to \$2,499	3	All operators by highest level of school attended:	
Less than \$1,000	6	None	4
Farm production expenses (\$)		Elementary	6
Wages and salaries	451,600	Secondary	13
Contract labor	-	College	4
		Graduate	1

(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.