

Highlights of the 2004 Agricultural Census

Number of Holders and Holdings

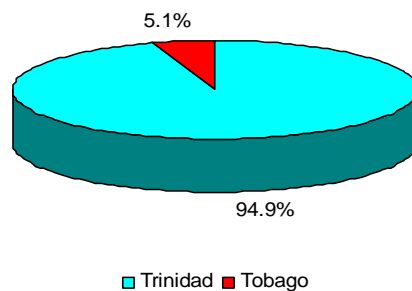
The total number of agricultural holders enumerated in the 2004 Agricultural Census after adjustments for duplicates and misclassified holders was 19 111. There was an under coverage error of 2.4%.

The total number of agricultural holdings was 18 951 of which 18 004 holdings were found in Trinidad and 947 in Tobago.

Distribution of Holders

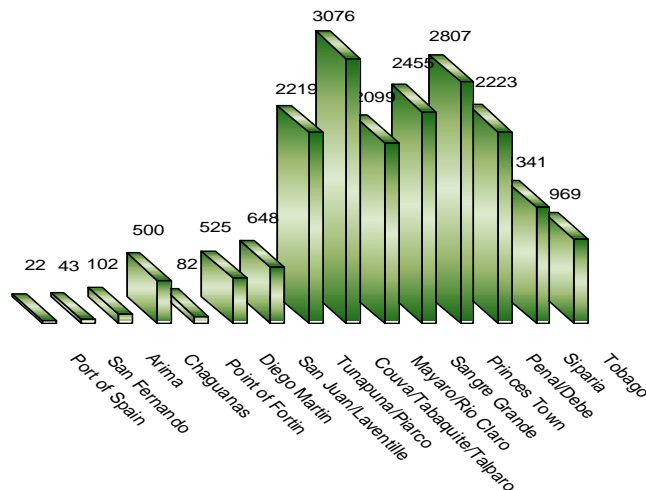
The majority of agricultural holders 18 142 or 94.9% were found in Trinidad and 969 or 5.1% in Tobago.

Chart 1 Agricultural Holders by Island



Regionally a preponderance of agricultural holders 18 362 or 96.1% resided in areas outside of the main Cities and Boroughs. The region of Couva/ Tabaquite/ Talparo had the largest number of holders 3076 or 16.1%.

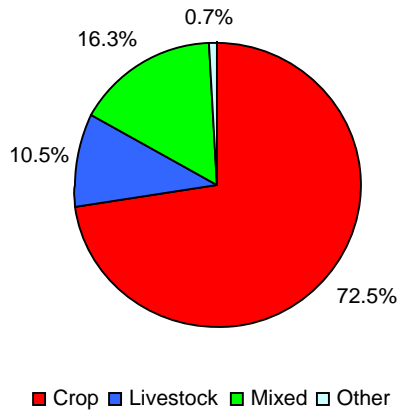
Chart 2 Agricultural Holders by Location of Holder



Agricultural Activity

The majority of Agricultural holders 13 851 or 72.5% were engaged in crop farming activities, 2 017 or 10.6% were involved in rearing livestock, 3 109 holders or 16.3% were involved in both crop and livestock activities. One hundred and thirty four (134) holders or 0.7% were engaged in 'other' agricultural activities e.g. inland fishing.

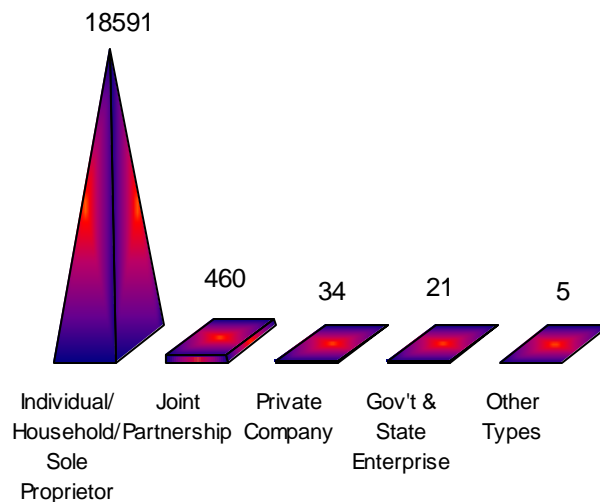
Chart 3 Agricultural Holders by Activity



Type of Organisation

Agricultural holders were almost exclusively individuals, households or sole proprietors, 99.1% of holders were found in this category of organization.

Chart 4 Agricultural Holders by Type of Organisation



Private Holders

Demographic and Other Characteristics of Private Holders

Gender

Agricultural activity continues to be a highly male oriented activity, 85.3% of all private holders were male while 14.7% were female. Similar rates were found in Trinidad and in Tobago.

Chart 5 Private Holders by Gender

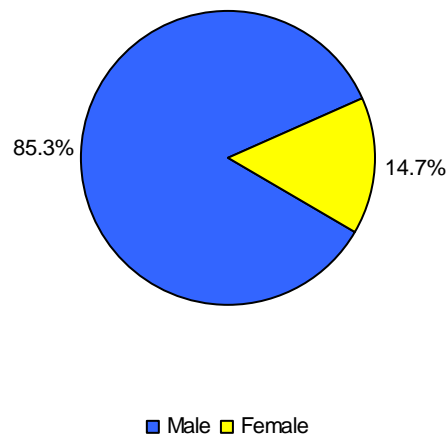
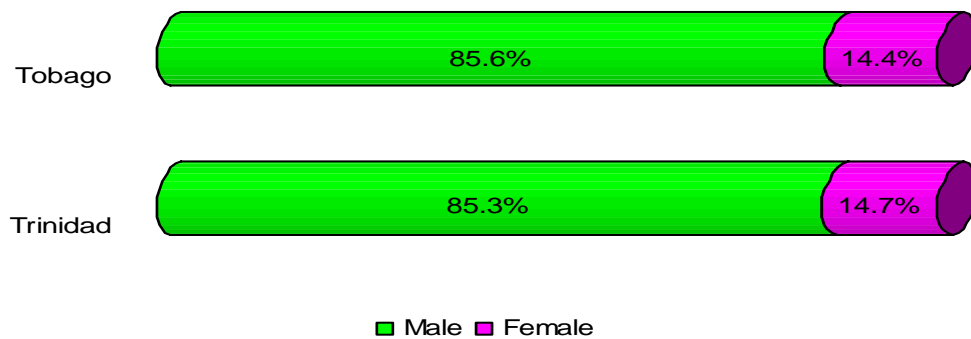


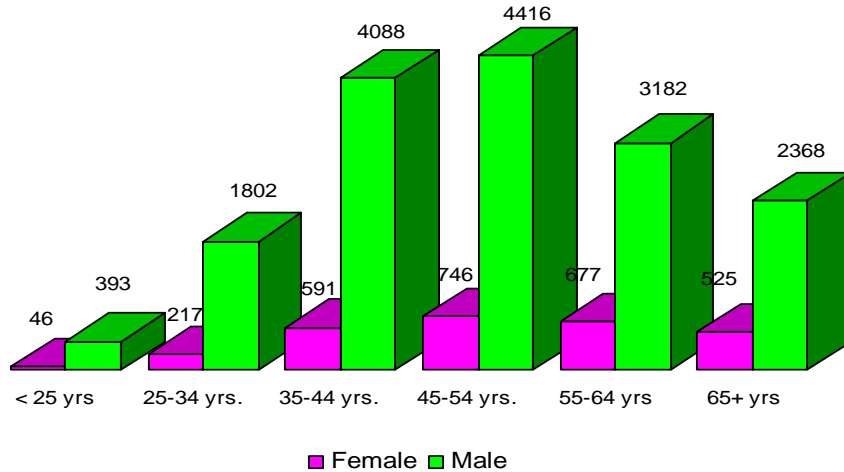
Chart 6 Private Holders by Gender and Island



Age Group and Gender

The distribution of private holders by age group was skewed markedly towards older age groups with 62.5% of holders reporting an age of 45 years and above. The average age of a private holder in Trinidad and Tobago was 50 years. The average age for males was 49 years and females 52 years. The average age of private holders in Tobago was 52 years.

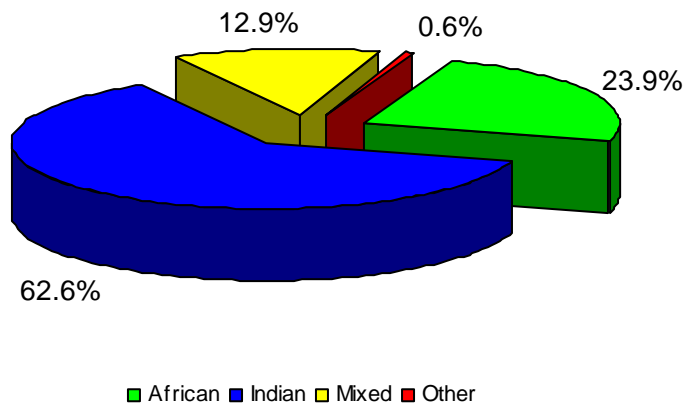
Chart 7 Private Holders by Age Group and Gender



Ethnic Group

Persons of East Indian descent accounted 62.6% of the Private Holders, followed by Africans 23.9%, Mixed 12.9% and 'Other' ethnic groups 0.6%

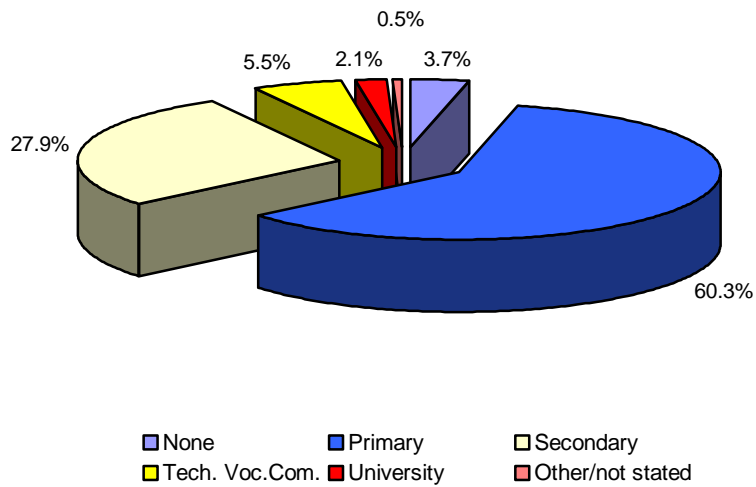
Chart 8 Private Holders by Ethnic Group



Educational Attainment

The highest level of educational attainment by agricultural holders was predominantly primary with 60.3% of holders attaining this level followed by secondary with 27.9%.

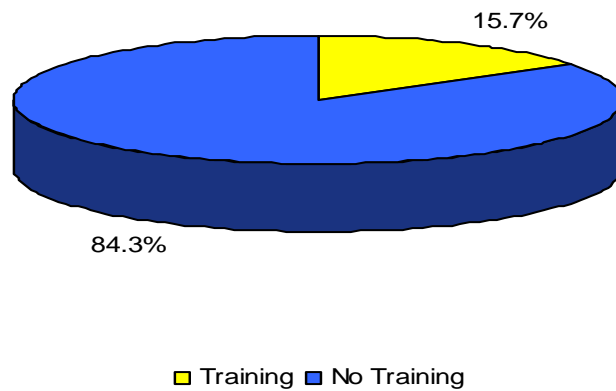
Chart 9 Private Holders Highest level of Educational Attainment



Training

The number of agricultural holders with formal training in agriculture was surprisingly low, only 15.7% of agricultural holders indicated that they had some sort of formal training.

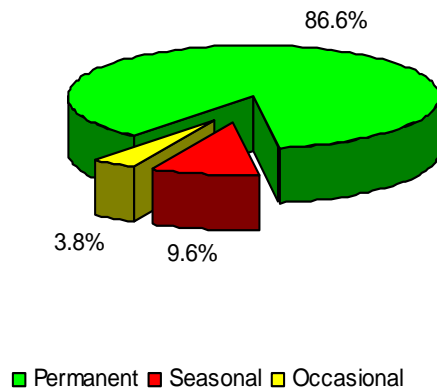
Chart 10 Private Holders and Training Status



Nature of Employment

The majority of agricultural holders 86.6% worked on a permanent basis on their holdings, 9.6% indicated that they worked seasonally while 3.8% worked occasionally.

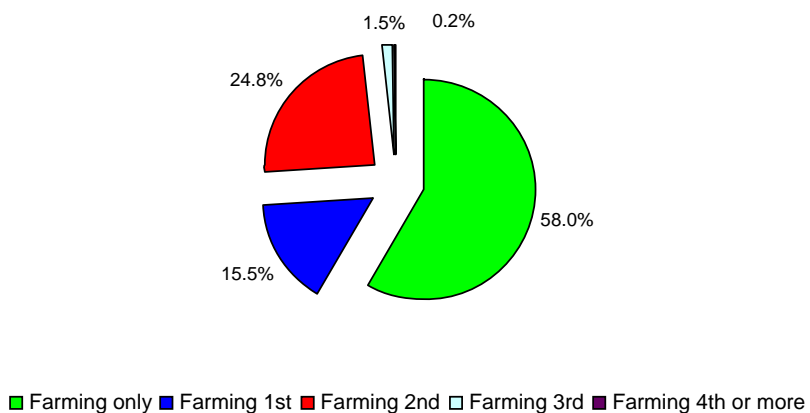
Chart 11 Private Holders by Nature of Employment



Main Occupation

Fifty eight percent of all agricultural holders reported that farming was their only occupation, 15.5% had farming as their first occupation while for 24.8% farming was their second occupation. A very small proportion of holders regarded farming as a third or more occupation.

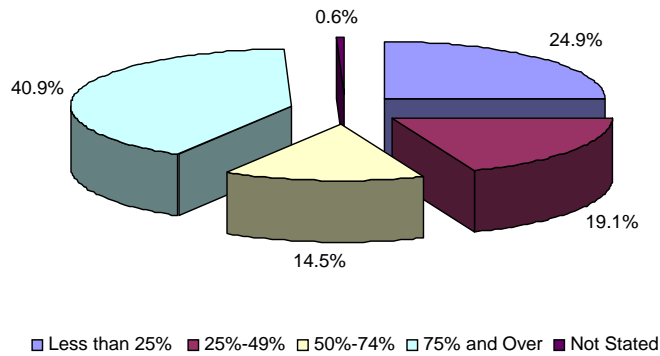
Chart 12 Private Holders by Main Occupation



Gross Income Received From Farming

Over fifty percent of all agricultural holders received half and more of their gross incomes from agriculture while 44% received less than half of their gross incomes from agriculture.

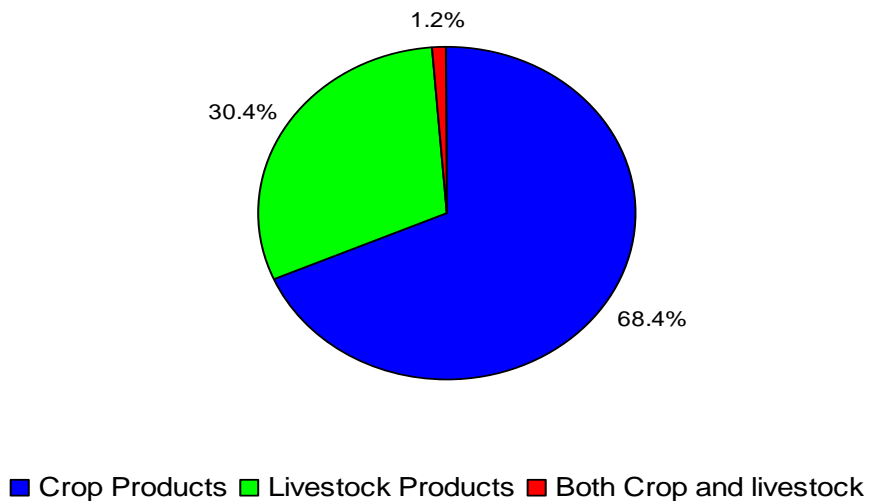
Chart 13 Gross Income Received from Farming



Agro Processing

The number of holdings engaged in agro-processing was 247 of which 169 were involved in agro-processing of crop products and 75 in the agro-processing of livestock products, while 3 holdings were involved in both crop and livestock activities.

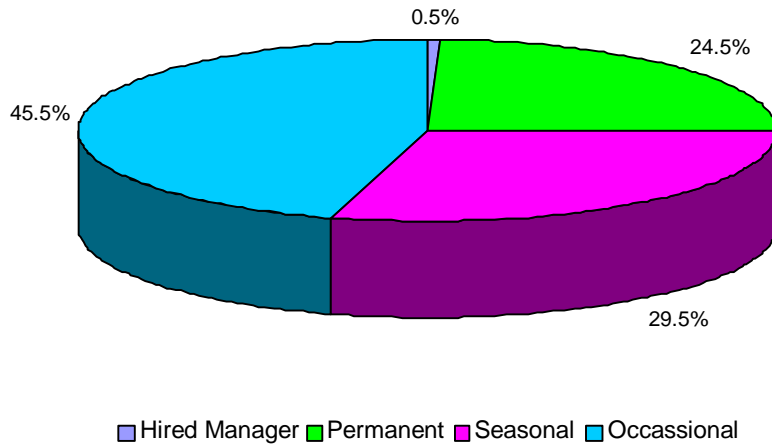
Chart 14 Holdings Engaged in Agro Processing



Employment on Holding

The total number of workers employed on all holdings was 36 482 of which 33 334 were male and 3 148 female resulting in a male to female ratio of 10.6. Only 24.5% of these workers were permanently employed.

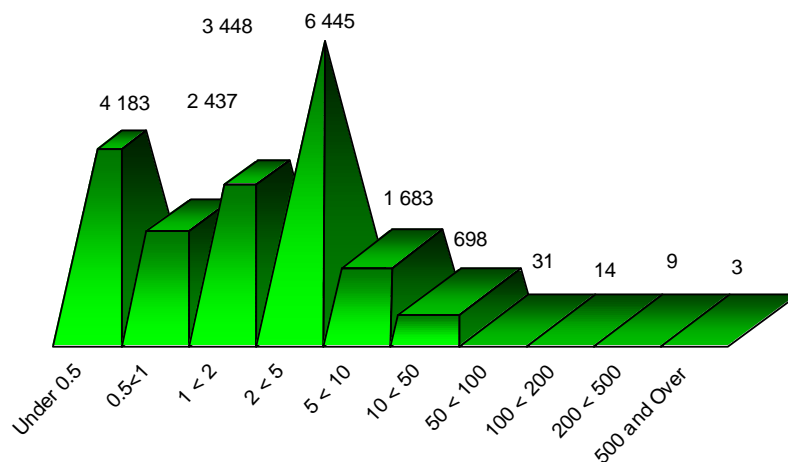
Chart 15 Employment on Holding



Area of Agricultural Holdings

The total area of all holdings was 84 900 hectares with an average holding size of 4.5 hectares. While 33.9% of all holdings fell into the size group '2 < 5' hectares, 22.2% of holdings were less than 0.5 hectares in size.

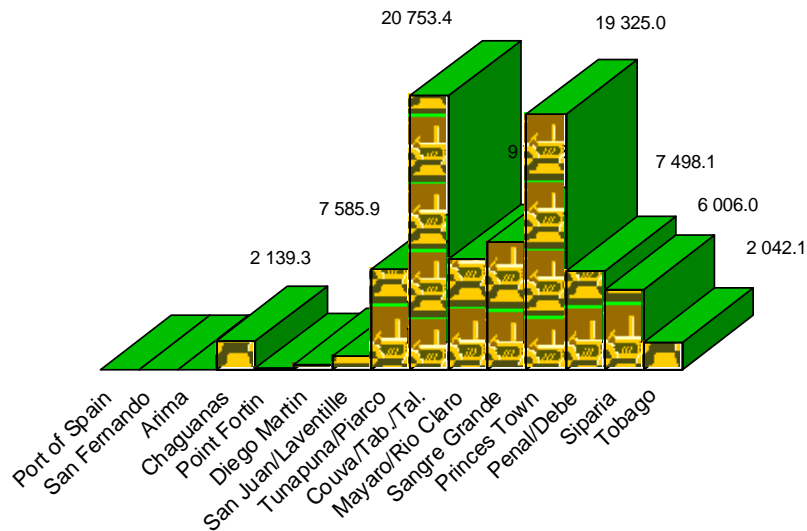
Chart 16 Area of Agricultural Holdings



Land under Agricultural Production by Location

The area of land under agricultural production was concentrated within a few regions, 47.1% of the total area of all holdings were located within the regions of Couva/Tabaquite/Talparo and Princes Town.

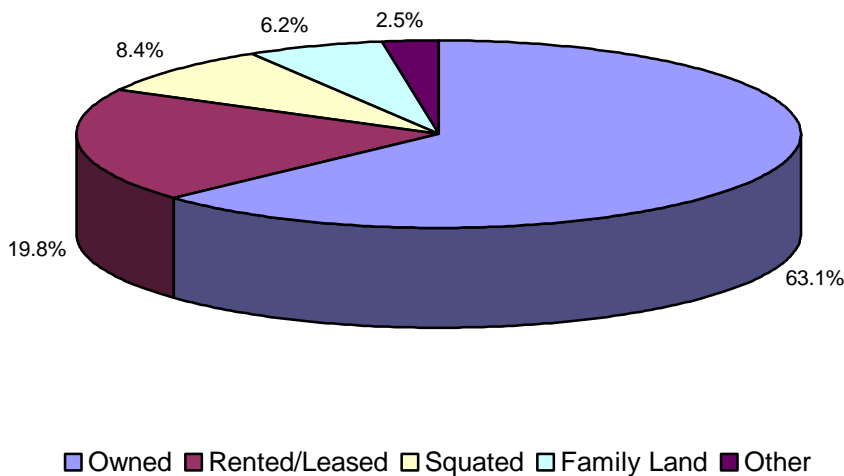
Chart 17 Area of Holdings by Location of Parcel



Type of Tenure of Parcels – All Holdings

The predominant type of tenure was owned, 63.1% of agricultural land on all holdings was ‘owned’, 19.8% was ‘rented’ or ‘leased’, 8.4% ‘squatted’, ‘family lands’ accounted for 6.2% and ‘other’ types of tenure 2.5%.

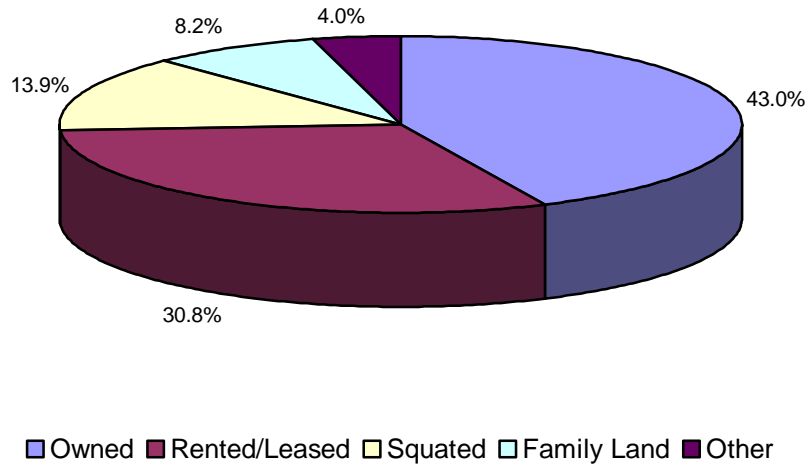
Chart 18 Area of Parcels by Type of Tenure on All Holdings



Type of Tenure of Parcels - Private Holdings

With respect to private holdings ‘owned’ accounted for 43% ‘rented/leased’ 30.8%, ‘squatted’ 13.9%, ‘family lands’ 8.2% and ‘other’ forms of tenure 4.0%.

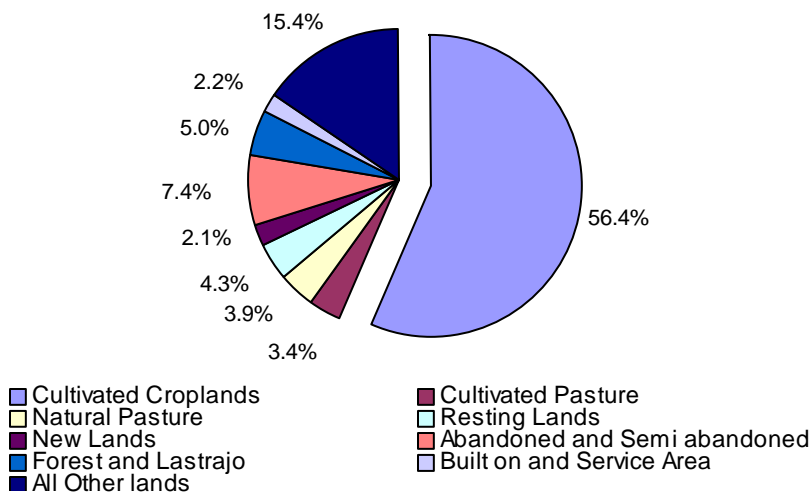
Chart 19 Area of Parcels by Type of Tenure on Private Holdings



Land Use

Approximately 56% of land on all holdings was ‘cultivated crop lands’, ‘new lands being prepared’ was 2.1%, while ‘abandoned’ and ‘semi abandoned’ land amounted to 7.4% of the total acreage on all holdings.

Chart 20 Land Use on Holdings



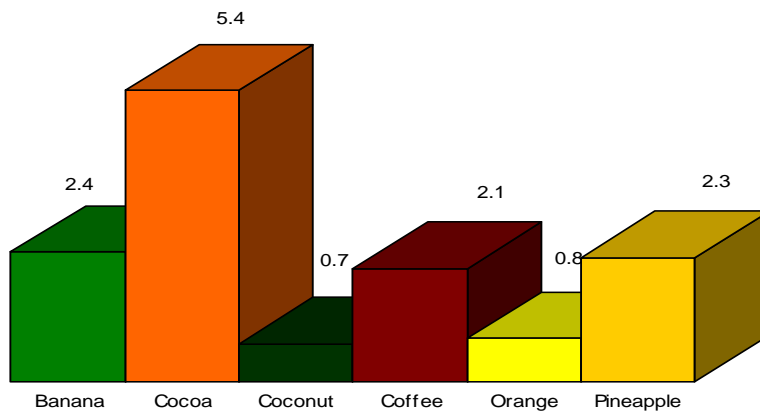
Tree Crops Under Cultivation

The total number of tree crops under cultivation was 16.3 million of which 11.5 million trees were inter-planted with other crops and 4.8 million were planted pure stand. Non-Orchard crops accounted for 76.3% of all tree crops while Orchard crops contributed 23.7%.

Selected Tree Crops

Cocoa was the major crop under cultivation with a total of 5.4M trees. Banana, Pineapple and Coffee accounted for approximately 2 M trees each.

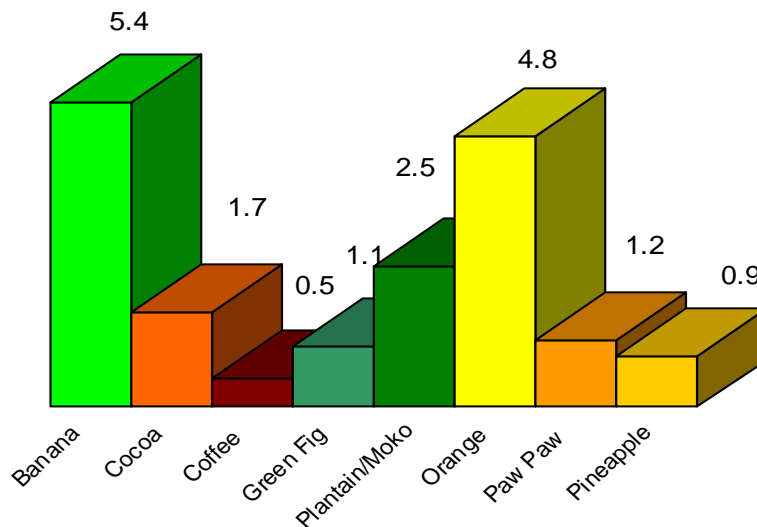
Chart 21 Selected Tree Crops Under Cultivation



Quantity Harvested - Selected Tree Crops

Banana and Orange were the predominant crops harvested in 2003. Harvested bananas amounted to 5.4 million kilograms while 4.8 million kilograms of oranges were harvested. Cocoa and coffee harvested was 1.7 and 0.5 million kilograms respectively.

Chart 22 Quantity Harvested for Selected Tree Crops (million kg)

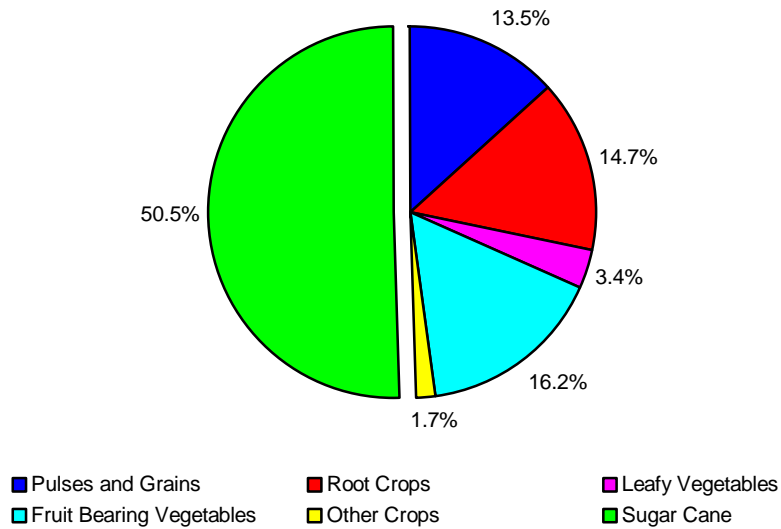


Temporary or Non Tree Crops

The area planted under Temporary or Non Tree Crops was 29.7 thousand hectares of which 21.0 thousand hectares or 70.1% were planted pure stand and 8.7 thousand hectares or 29.9 % were inter-planted.

Sugar cane accounted for 50.5% of the acreage under non-tree crop cultivation, fruit bearing vegetables comprised 16.2%, root crops 14.7%, pulses and grains 13.5%, leafy vegetables 3.4% and other crops 1.7%.

Chart 23 Acreage under Cultivation – Temporary Crops

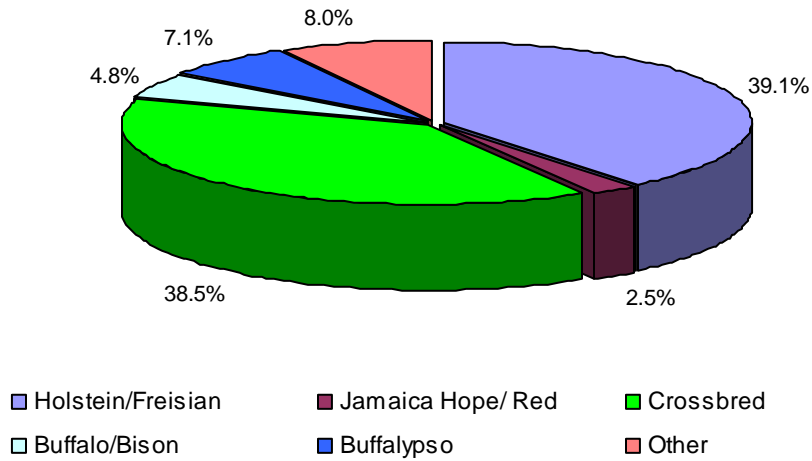


Inventory of Livestock and Poultry as at July 31 2004

Cattle

The total number of cattle reared on all holdings was 19 088. The Holstein/Freisian and Crossbreds were the most common breeds amongst holders.

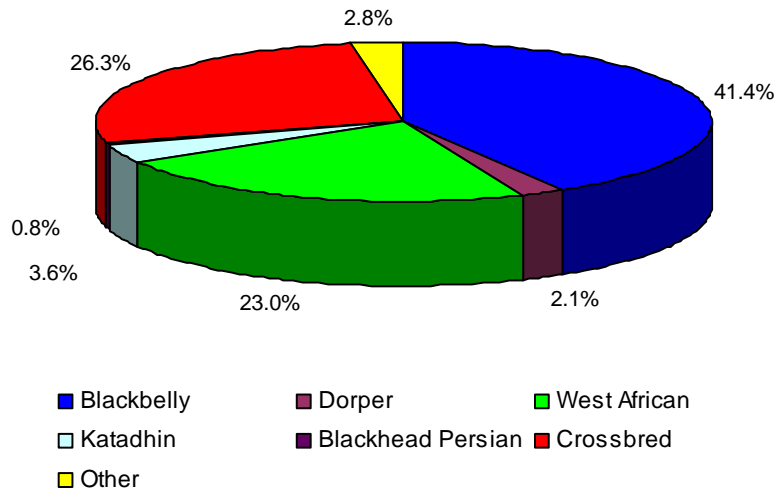
Chart 24 Cattle Reared on Holdings by Breed



Sheep

The overall number of sheep reared was 20 726. The most popular breeds were the Black belly, Crossbreds and West African.

Chart 25 Sheep Reared on Holdings by Breed

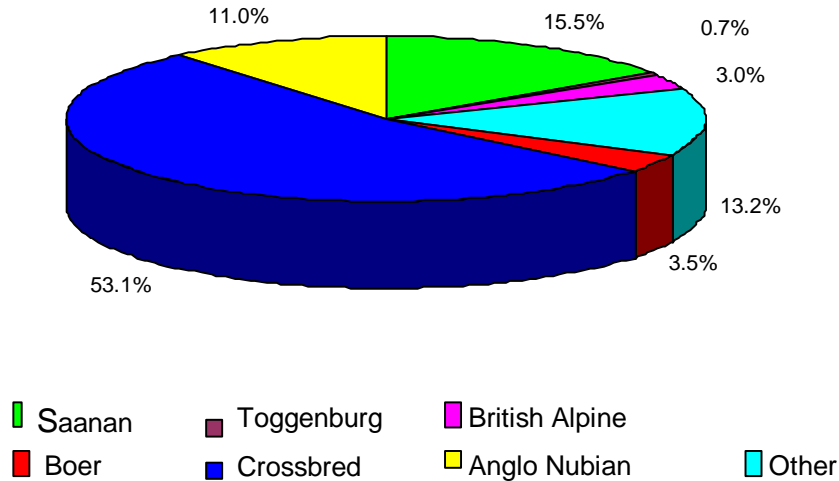


Goats

The total quantity of goats on all holdings was 12 500, Crossbreds accounted for 53.1 %.

Chart 26 Goats Reared on Holdings by Breed

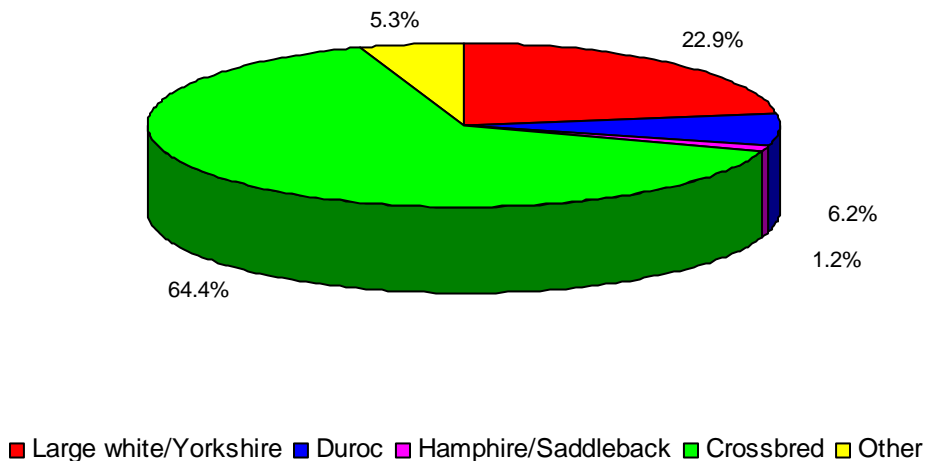
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Pigs

The total number of pigs reared on all holdings was 54 855, the majority of which were Crossbreds.

Chart 27 Pigs Reared on Holdings by Breed



Poultry

Poultry of all types reared on agricultural holdings amounted to 5.7 million birds. Broilers accounted for 64.3%, layers 31.6% and ducks 3.0%.

Chart 28 Poultry Reared on Holdings by Breed

