

2.5 Data Highlights of the Survey of Agricultural Production for Home Use

2.5.1 Households with Home Use Production

Nationally, 42.0% of all households in Trinidad and Tobago were engaged in some form of agricultural production for home use. When these households were disaggregated by island the majority 94.7 % were found in Trinidad and 5.3% in Tobago.

Regionally Couva/Tabaquite/Talparo had the highest number of households engaged in home use production, 9.5%. This region also contained the greatest proportion of households involved in these activities 63.7%.

Chart 1. Households by Home Use Status

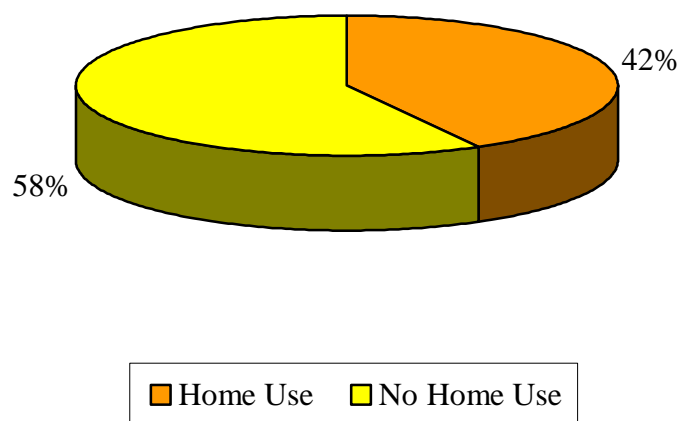
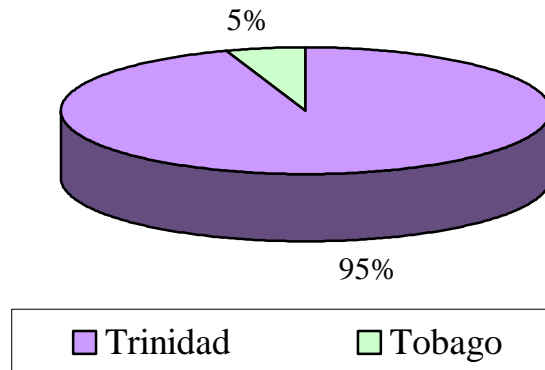


Chart 2. Households involved in Agricultural Production for Home Use by Island



2.5.2 Persons Mainly Responsible for Home Use Production

Amongst persons mainly responsible for agricultural production for home use, 67.9 % were males and 32.1% females. With respect to the ethnic group of such persons East Indians accounted for 47.9%, Africans 36.4% and Mixed 14.0%. The majority of persons who were mainly responsible for agricultural production for home use were over 39 years old, married and living with their partner and had obtained either primary or secondary education.

Chart 3. Persons Mainly Responsible for Home Use Production by Gender

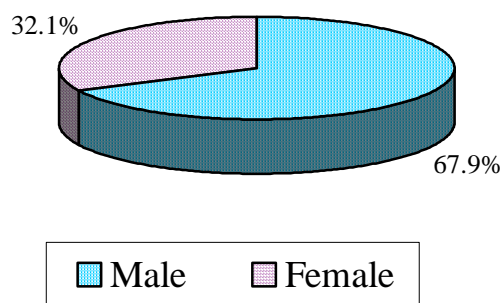
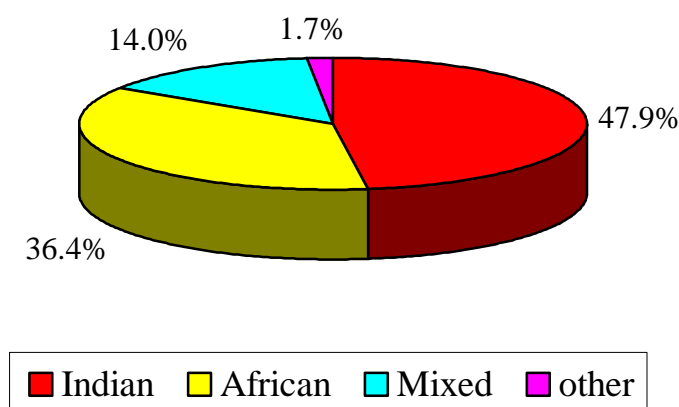


Chart 4. Persons Mainly Responsible for Home Use Production by Ethnic Group



2.5.3 Land Use

Total land under agricultural production for home use was 3,794.4 hectares of which 84.6% accounted for land on the same plot as the household dwelling and 15.4% for land separate from the dwelling plot.

2.5.4 Non Tree Crop

The area under food crop cultivation for home use in 2003 was 1 354.3 hectares, the total quantity produced was 2 922.2 tonnes of which 12.9% was sold.

2.5.5 Tree Crop

The total number of trees existing in 2003 was approximately 1.5 million of which 73.3% were bearing trees and 26.7% non bearing. The quantity of tree crops produced for home use was estimated at 23 267.7 tonnes of which 7.7% was sold.

2.5.6 **Livestock and Poultry**

The total number of livestock reared for home use in 2004 was 20 600. The amount produced in 2003 was 28 428 of which 3 085 was sold. Goats and sheep were the most popular livestock produced for home use in 2003. The number of goats reared was 12 566 while the number of sheep produced was 4 738.

Yard/common fowl and ducks were the most popular types of poultry reared for home use in 2004. The number of Yard/common fowl reared in 2004 was 272 229 while the number of ducks was 172 216.

2.6 Home Use Contribution To Total Agricultural Production

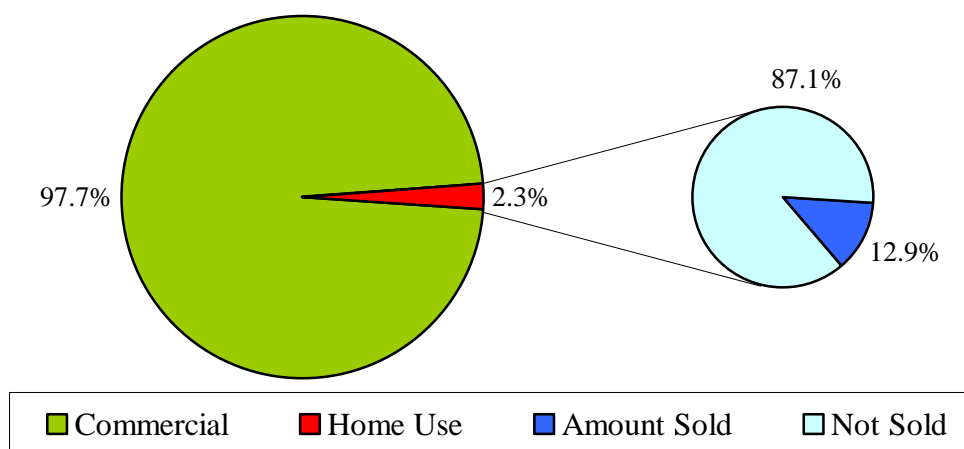
2.6.1 Land Under Agricultural Production

Land under agricultural production for home use accounted for only 4.3% of total lands under agricultural production. Commercial agriculture accounted for the remaining 95.7%.

2.6.2 Non Tree Crops

The area cultivated under non tree crops for home use represented 2.0% of the total area cultivated for these crops. Home use production of non tree crops accounted for 2.3% of total production, 12.9% of home use production was sold.

Chart 5. Purpose of Production and Home Use Sale of Non Tree Crops



2.6.3 Tree Crops

The total number of trees under home use production was approximately 1.5 million this accounted for only 8.4% of all tree crops under cultivation. However for certain selected tree crops home use production represented the majority proportion. Tree crop production where home use production accounted for over 50% were Mangoes 71.0%, Avocado Pears 63.5%,

Cherries 75.4%, Pommecythere 74.2%, Pommerac 67.7%, Soursop 84.1%, Sapodilla 72.6%, Carambola 85.6%, Chataigne 59.2% and Breadfruit 51.8%.

2.6.4 **Livestock and Poultry**

Livestock reared for home use production accounted for 15.3% of total agricultural production while poultry reared for home use accounted for 8.0% of total poultry production. Sheep and goat reared for home use represented 27.4% of total agricultural production while pigs reared for home use production accounted for 6.0%. Home use production accounted for 11.1% of the total quantity of livestock sold in 2003 whereas poultry sold by home use producers in 2003 accounted for only 0.9% of total agricultural production.

