

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SURVEY FINDINGS

- The average size of farm households nationwide was 5.07. About 52 percent of the farm household population were males.
- The national average age of household heads was 49 years. About 16.45 percent were elementary school graduates, 14.13 percent were high school graduates and 4.67 percent were college graduates.
- Across the country, 93.18 percent of farm households were engaged in crop production, 72.42 percent in livestock and poultry raising and 13.32 percent in capture fishing and aquaculture.
- Special agricultural activities and home processing of agricultural products were reported by 1.89 percent and 0.85 percent of farm households, respectively.
- The average farm size operated and managed by households was 1.63 hectares while the average number of farm parcels was 1.66.
- About 44.13 percent of the farm parcels were fully owned and 23.66 percent were tenanted.
- At the national level, 35.69 percent of the irrigated farm parcels were supplied with communal type of irrigation while 34.35 percent had individual sources of water supply. Only 29.96 percent were supplied by the National Irrigation Administration (NIA).
- Investments of farm households on machineries and transport equipment nationwide averaged P6,258; on farm buildings and structures, P2,057; on farm tools, equipment and other supplies, P1,216; and on fishing gear, P83.
- Among households engaged in crop production, 59.81 percent planted palay. About 43.03 percent of households were coconut growers, 35.70 percent produced corn, 23.85 percent planted banana while 13.52 percent were mango growers. There were 12.18 percent who planted cassava.
- Among those engaged in livestock and poultry raising, 52.92 percent were in backyard hog raising while 52.20 percent raised native chicken, also on backyard scale.

- Among households engaged in capture fishing nationwide, 64.81 percent were in marine fishing, 31.71 percent in inland fishing and 16.27 percent in gathering of shells, aquarium fish, etc.
- At the national level, 50.68 percent of palay farmers and 41.26 percent of corn farmers used the high yielding variety of seeds. Likewise, 50.00 percent of farmers who planted permanent crops and 17.24 percent who cultivated other temporary crops used the high yielding variety of seeds.
- Majority of crop farmers were producing their own seeds. This was reported by 66.71 percent of palay farmers and by 58.74 percent of corn farmers.
- About 55.56 percent of farmers nationwide applied urea in their palay farms. The use of urea was reported by 42.80 percent of corn farmers.
- Around 60.34 percent of palay farmers and 11.86 percent of corn farmers applied insecticides in their farms. Another 33.16 percent of palay farmers and 5.29 percent of corn farmers applied weedicides/herbicides.
- Majority or 68.85 percent of the farmers nationwide were influenced by traders in the valuation of their produce. About 56.39 percent brought their produce to traders or buying stations.
- The survey revealed that 59.57 percent of the farmers were aware of government programs in crop farming. There were 15.84 percent who reportedly know about livestock and poultry raising programs of the government. Only 4.91 percent said that they were aware of government programs on capture fishing and aquaculture.
- There were 77.05 percent of the farmers who did not borrow money. Among those who borrowed, 52.32 percent availed of the loans for agricultural production purposes.
- Of those who borrowed, 84.46 percent paid amortization on time. About 54.07 percent paid loan amortization in less than 6 months while 27.04 percent amortized their loan within 6 months to one year period.

- The annual income of farm households averaged P106,181. Income derived from farming accounted for 54.27 percent, non-farm income contributed 29.56 percent while off-farm income shared 6.37 percent. The remainder was from other sources such as pensions, remittances from abroad, donations, contributions, etc.
- Of the average annual farm income, 73.21 percent was derived from crop production. Of this, 47.49 percent was from palay production.
- By farm enterprise, annual gross income of households from crop production averaged P45,280. Livestock and poultry raising generated gross earnings of P11,010 while capture fishing and aquaculture yielded a gross income of P45,878.
- In terms of annual net income by farm enterprise, capture fishing and aquaculture posted a net income of P21,896; crop production, P18,012; and livestock and poultry raising, P1,402.
- The average annual household expenditures on food amounted to P40,187. Recurring and non-recurring expenses averaged P9,726 and P12,629, respectively.
- Cereals accounted for the biggest share in food expenditure of households at 30.10 percent. Meat and meat preparations accounted for 19.82 percent while fish and marine products shared 15.58 percent.
- Of the average annual recurring expenses of households nationwide, fuel, light and water took the biggest amount at 24.67 percent. On the other hand, education took the biggest amount of the total non-recurring expenses at 42.30 percent.