

Benin - General Census of Agriculture 2018-2021 - Main Results

Holdings and area, by legal status ¹		
	Holdings	Area (ha)
Total	913 415	6 863 378
Civil persons	825 376	5 870 612
Group of civil persons	84 197	956 426
Juridical	3 842	36 340

¹ The data pertain to the household sector only. Holdings with the legal status "Juridical" refer to those that are formally registered.

Holdings by tenure		
	Holdings	Area (ha)
Total	913 415	6 863 378
Holdings owned by the holder or in owner-like possession	779 100	4 136 711
Holdings rented from others	264 818	2 463 176
Other form of land tenure	25 484	263 491

Members of holder's household, by sex		Number
Total		6 428 765
Male		3 348 185
Female		3 080 580
Engaged in agricultural activities on the holding		2 382 820
Male		1 264 997
Female		1 117 823
aged 15 to 24 years		569 752
Male		311 253
Female		258 499
aged 25 to 34 years		805 296
Male		386 094
Female		419 202
aged 35 to 44 years		499 101
Male		265 286
Female		233 815
aged 45 to 54 years		271 566
Male		160 525
Female		111 041
aged 55 to 64 years		144 902
Male		84 983
Female		59 919
aged 65 years and over		92 203
Male		56 856
Female		35 347

Holders by sex		
	Number	Area operated (ha)
Total	913 415	6 863 378
Male	768 743	6 267 186
Female	144 672	596 192

Total employees working on the holding		Number
Total permanent employees		393 533
Male		296 485
Female		97 048

Holders in the household sector, by sex and age		
	Number	Area operated (ha)
Total	913 415	6 863 378
Male	768 743	6 267 186
Female	144 672	596 192
Under 25 years	31 590	160 833
Male	28 434	149 909
Female	3 156	10 924
25-34 years	203 357	1 254 949
Male	181 850	1 170 166
Female	21 507	84 783
35-44 years	292 149	2 191 522
Male	250 499	2 006 597
Female	41 650	184 925
45-54 years	199 274	1 666 290
Male	164 184	1 515 785
Female	35 090	150 505
55-64 years	104 443	889 327
Male	81 202	796 337
Female	23 241	92 989
65 years and over	82 602	700 457
Male	62 574	628 392
Female	20 028	72 065

Source of irrigation		
	Holdings	Area irrigated (ha)
Holdings with irrigated land	30 330	53 011
Surface water	15 635	26 971
Groundwater	14 695	26 040

Machinery and equipment used on the holding		Holdings
Total tractors of all kind		32 390
Motor Tiller		2 890

Fertilizer, by type		Holdings
Total		913 415
No use of fertilizers		423 974
Use of fertilizers:		489 441
Mineral fertilizers		454 169
Organic fertilizers		251 733

Temporary crops harvested		
	Holdings	Area (ha)
Total	885 244	3 278 257
Cereals	878 132	1 639 128
Maize	876 427	1 349 543
Rice	64 074	126 748
Sorghum	197 874	132 115
Millet	60 545	23 222
Fonio	3 819	7 500
Vegetables and melons	246 150	79 146
Crincrin (gout plant)	24 221	2 412
Okra	80 042	16 980
Goussi (traditional vegetable in Benin)	6 534	8 316
Gboma (African eggplant) or Grande morelle	22 158	4 112
Tomato	146 332	39 301
Onion	6 687	6 500
Lettuce	2 273	1 524
Oilseed crops	383 201	176 321
Soybean	203 224	1 250
Peanuts	232 472	169 351
Sesame	15 292	2 391
Dohi (kersting's groundnut)	11 328	3 328
Root/tuber crops	534 544	622 513
Casava	431 234	362 000
Sweet potatoes	39 633	9 947
Yams	220 554	250 000
Taro	n.a.	567
Leguminous crops ²	n.a.	395 682
Other temporary crops	171 031	638 948
Cotton	171 031	638 948

² Leguminous crops includes Cowpea, Voandzou, and Pigeon Pea.

Permanent crops ³		
	Holdings	Area (ha)
Total	303 158	n.a.
Pineapples	7 608	6 398
Citrus fruits	18 303	11 140
Cashew	147 270	376 084
Oil palms	70 787	95 811

³The number of holdings with permanent crops includes mangoes, papaya, avocado, and other similar crops. These are not disaggregated in the table due to concerns about data quality.

Livestock, by type		
	Holdings	Head
Total holdings with livestock	606 112	
Large ruminants	115 425	n.a.
Cattle	109 839	1 773 157
Small ruminants	392 934	n.a.
Sheep	208 478	2 295 522
Goats	232 843	2 362 001
Pigs/swine	77 885	681 885
Poultry	472 189	n.a.
Chicken	467 738	10 250 541
Laying hens	4 605	356 098
Broiler chickens	2 462	117 750
Guinea fowl	77 072	1 348 029
Rabbits and hares	4 994	94 005
Other animals	5 640	n.a.
Snails	252	49 558
Aulacodes	262	4 225
Guinea pigs	403	5 881
Other	n.a.	n.a.
Insects		
Bees (hives)	4 803	25 536

Land actually irrigated: Fully and partially controlled irrigation		
	Holdings	Area irrigated (ha)
Holdings with irrigated land	30 330	53 011
Fully controlled irrigation	12 405	31 614
Partially controlled irrigation	17 925	21 397