



## Region 4 - Ponce Puerto Rico

### Total and Per Farm Overview, 2018

	2018	2018 Island
Number of farms	679	8,230
Land in farms (cuerdas)	50,156	487,775
Average size of farm (cuerdas)	73.9	59.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	120,026,495	485,053,483
Farm-related income	11,446,301	99,957,673
Government payments	8,997,712	85,748,026
<b>Per farm average</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	176,770	58,937
Farm-related income	58,699	35,196
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	64,269	37,298

**25** Percent of island agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	93
Livestock, poultry, and products	7

### Land in Farms by Use (cuerdas)

Cropland	36,100
Pastureland	5,935
Woodland	3,292
Other	4,829

### Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
Less than \$1,000	251	37
\$1,000 to \$2,499	49	7
\$2,500 to \$4,999	59	9
\$5,000 to \$7,499	55	8
\$7,500 to \$19,999	112	16
\$20,000 to \$59,999	62	9
\$60,000 or more	91	13

### Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
Less than 10 cuerdas	163	24
10 to 19 cuerdas	139	20
20 to 49 cuerdas	140	21
50 to 99 cuerdas	99	15
100 to 174 cuerdas	69	10
175 to 259 cuerdas	42	6
260 cuerdas or more	27	4

**Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold**

	Sales (\$)	Number of Farms
<b>Total</b>	<b>120,026,495</b>	<b>679</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>111,993,305</b>	<b>289</b>
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture and sod	(D)	20
Plantains	5,555,729	77
Coffee	197,610	86
Vegetables or melons	16,334,547	104
Fruits and coconuts	9,017,440	44
Pineapples	547,195	5
Bananas	(D)	21
Root crops or tubers	160,470	27
Grains or field crops	(D)	36
Grasses	(D)	29
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>8,033,190</b>	<b>232</b>
Poultry and poultry products	2,179,016	29
Cattle and calves	1,546,370	156
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-
Hogs and pigs	804,694	35
Aquaculture	-	-
Other livestock and livestock products	3,503,110	46

**Total Principal Operators**

<b>Sex</b>	<b>679</b>
Male	633
Female	46
<b>Age</b>	
< 35	14
35 – 64	383
65 and older	282
<b>Primary occupation</b>	
Farming	364
Other	315
<b>Highest level of school attended</b>	
None	3
Elementary	76
Secondary	160
High school diploma/GED	132
Technical/vocational school	45
Some college	65
Bachelor's degree	142
Master's/PhD	56
<b>Other characteristics</b>	
With military service	75
Less than 10 years operating present farm	170
<i>Average age (years)</i>	61.6

**Selected Crops in Cuerdas**

Bananas	933
Coffee	1,010
Grasses, all	3,115
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture and sod	212
Pineapples	199
Plantains	1,257
Vegetables and melons, all	2,201

**Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2018)**

Cattle and calves	12,253
Chickens	3,670,571
Goats	473
Hogs and pigs	4,666
Horses	1,319
Rabbits	(D)
Sheep	446

**Percent of farms that:**

Have internet access	<b>19</b>
Sell directly to consumers	<b>16</b>
Hire farm labor	<b>71</b>
Are family farms	<b>83</b>

**About the Puerto Rico Census of Agriculture**

The Census of Agriculture is conducted once every five years. The 2018 Puerto Rico Census of Agriculture includes places that produced and sold, or normally would have produced and sold, \$500 or more of agricultural products during the 12-month period between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018. Results from 2018 and earlier censuses are available on Quick Stats, in downloadable PDF reports, maps, and a variety of topic-specific products on the NASS website.

[www.nass.usda.gov/AqCensus](http://www.nass.usda.gov/AqCensus)

See [2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data](#), for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

<sup>a</sup> May not add to 100% due to rounding. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available.

(Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.