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### **Report Highlights**

A report by the National Office of Statistics (ONE) and the Ministry of Agriculture shows that the Dominican Republic (DR) has 319,676 agricultural production units and a total of 259,971 agricultural producers, of which 83.7 percent are men and 16.3 percent are women. Sixty-two percent are dedicated to crop production and twenty percent to livestock<sup>1</sup>.

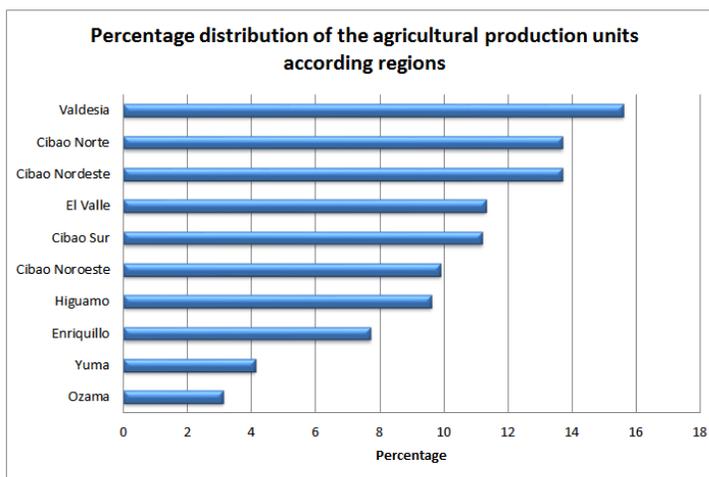
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<sup>1</sup> The full preliminary census report in Spanish is available at: <http://one.gob.do/Categoria/Publicaciones>.

## Preliminary Census report

The National Office of Statistics (ONE) and the Ministry of Agriculture (MA) released a report on the National Agricultural Preliminary Census done in 2015. The report was financed by the European Union (EU), FAO, MA and ONE. The total cost was about US\$2.6 million, and ONE would need an additional amount of US\$9.7 million to finalize the census. The main findings in the report are:

- The Dominican Republic has 319,676 agricultural production units. The Valdesia region, which includes the provinces of Azua, Peravia, San Cristobal and San Jose de Ocoa, accounts for 15.6 percent of that total (49,909 units). The Cibao Norte Region (Espaillat, Puerto Plata and Santiago provinces) and the Cibao Nordeste Region (Duarte, Maria Trinidad Sanchez and Hermanas Mirabal provinces) account for 13.7 percent of the total agricultural production units (43,836 and 43,747 units respectively).



Source: Build by Post with information from the report of the National Agricultural Pre-census, 2015

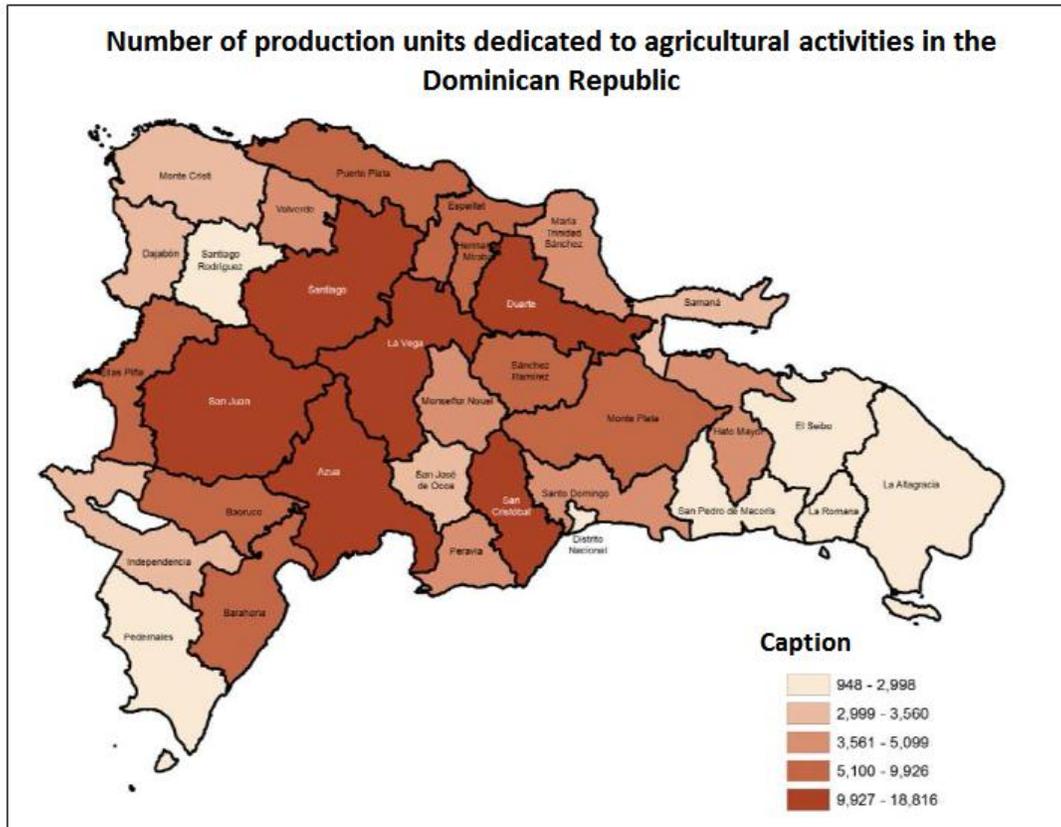
- The largest number of agricultural production units is located in the province of San Juan with 25,908 units, followed by Monte Plata with 20,401 and San Cristobal with 20,048. The province of Santiago has 19,678 units and Duarte has 19,535.
- Most production units in the DR are dedicated to crop activities (62.6 percent). Twenty percent of the production units are dedicated to livestock activities, and an additional 16.3 percent is dedicated to both crop and livestock activities. The rest of the units are dedicated to forestry and flower/ornamental plant production.
- The DR has approximately 1.8 million hectares (Ha) of land dedicated to agricultural activities. The biggest concentration of agricultural land is located in the Cibao Norte Region (240,843 Ha), followed by the Cibao Nordeste Region (237,103 Ha), Higuamo Region<sup>2</sup> (228,532 Ha) and the Cibao Sur Region<sup>3</sup> (225,008 Ha).
- Most of the agricultural land in the DR is dedicated to crop production (754,518 Ha). Land dedicated to livestock activities totals 562,724 Ha. An additional 460,880 Ha of land is dedicated to both crops and livestock activities. The rest of the land is dedicated to forestry and flower and ornamental plant production.

<sup>2</sup> This Region includes the provinces of San Pedro de Macoris, Monte Plata and Hato Mayor.

<sup>3</sup> This Region includes the provinces of La Vega, Sanchez Ramirez and Monseñor Nouel.

## Crop Production activities

- There are 251,916 production units dedicated to crop production (cereals, fruits, vegetables) in the DR. Most of them are located in the Valdesia Region (39,971 units equal to 15.9 percent of that total); the Cibao Nordeste Region (36,656 units or 14.6 percent) and the Cibao Norte Region (32,669 units or 13 percent).

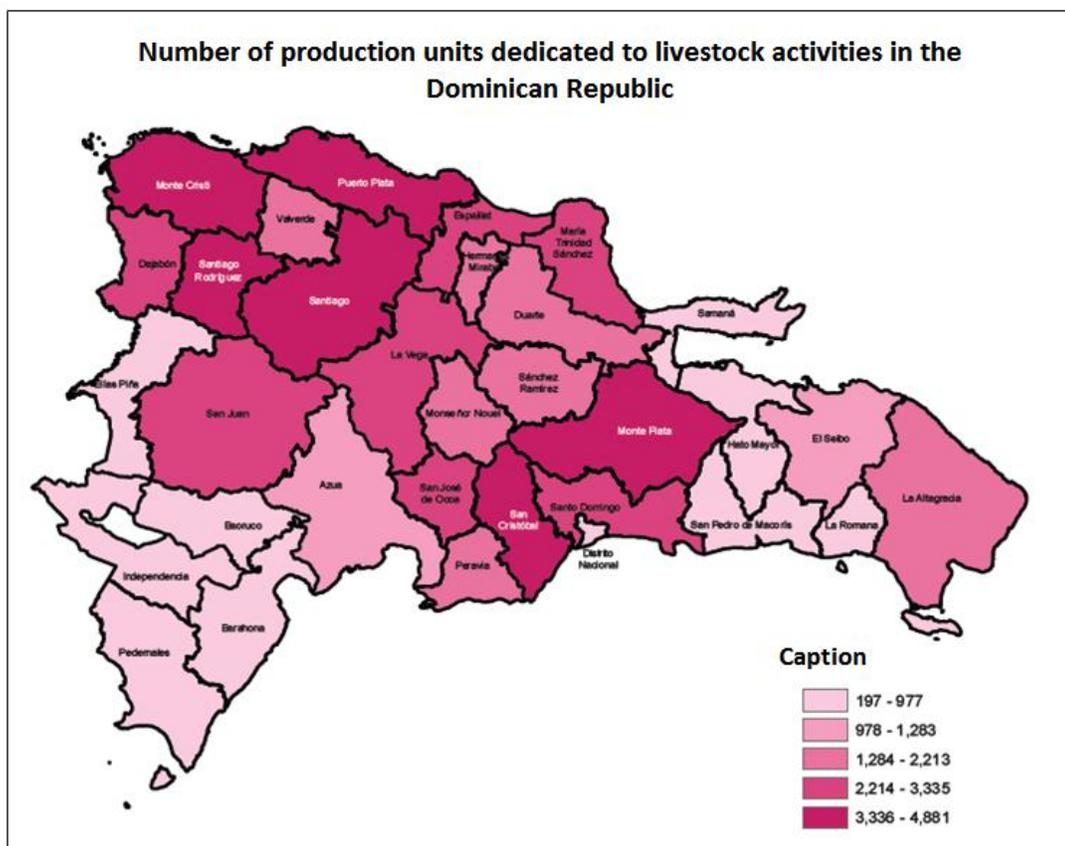


*Source: Report of the National Agricultural Pre-census, 2015*

- Of the production units dedicated to crop production, most are dedicated to cereal production (70,638 units equal to 28.0 percent); followed by fruits and nuts (61,892 units equal to 24.6 percent); and crops dedicated for species (43,750 units or 17.4 percent).
- Most of the agricultural land dedicated to agricultural production in the DR is located in the Cibao Nordeste Region (128,947 Ha).
- Most of the production units dedicated to agricultural activities (41 percent) have a size between 0.5 and 2.5 Ha. An additional 15.9 percent have a size below 0.5 Ha.

## Livestock activities

- They are 115,578 production units dedicated to livestock activities in the DR. Most of them are located in the Cibao Noroeste Region (18,747 units or 16.2 percent); the Valdesia Region (16,881 units or 14.6 percent) and the Cibao Norte Region (15,837 units or 13.7 percent).



Source: Report of the National Agricultural Pre-census, 2015

- Most of the agricultural land dedicated to livestock production in the DR is located in the Cibao Norte Region (101,423 Ha).
- Most of the production units dedicated to livestock activities have a size between 0.5 and 12.5 Ha (44.3 percent). A 12.4 percent of the production units dedicated to livestock activities have a size between 12.5 and 65.0 Ha.
- Of the production units dedicated to livestock activities, most for cattle production (47,916 units or 41.5 percent of the total units); followed by those dedicated to poultry production (26,269 units or 22.7 percent of the total units); and those dedicated to production of fish and shrimp (13,043 units or 11.3 percent of the total units).

### Agricultural producers

- At a Regional level, the Valdesia Region has the largest number of producers with 43,457 (16.7 percent of the total). The Cibao Norte Region has 38,565 producers (14.8 percent of the total). The Cibao Nordeste Region has 35,781 producers (13.8 percent of the total).

- According to gender, 83.7 percent of the agricultural producers are men.
- Most of the agricultural producers in the country (84.7 percent) only possess one agricultural unit. The rest of the producers (15 percent) are distributed in those that possess between two and more than five units.