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INTRODUCTION

HISTORY

The 1982 census is the 10th census of agriculture of Guam. The first agriculture census was taken in 1920 as part of the decennial census, a practice that continued every 10 years through 1960. The 1964 Census of Agriculture was the first quinquennial (5-year) census to be taken in Guam. In 1976, Congress authorized the census of agriculture to be taken for 1978 and 1982 to adjust the data reference year to coincide with the 1982 Economic Censuses. After 1982, the agriculture census will revert to a 5-year cycle and be taken covering years ending in “2” and “7”.

USES OF THE CENSUS

This information is needed by the farmers, their representatives, the government, and many other groups of people who are concerned with food and agricultural production in Guam.

The census provides a comprehensive inventory of farms and their production. A great many uses are made of this basic census information.

For example:

a. Agricultural programs can be evaluated and new programs started on the basis of farm statistics.

b. Monies allocated by the Federal Government are based in part on census data.

c. Businesses can determine where and how much of their products they can sell, and measure other features of their markets.

d. Farmers can compare their current size and performance with the size and performance of other farms in the same geographic area to determine how well they are doing.

Census figures are fundamental to making sound economic decisions and help increase the competition that provides better prices for goods and better services to the farmers.

AUTHORITY AND AREA COVERED

The 1982 Census of Agriculture was taken in accordance with the provisions of title 13, United States Code. Sections 142(a) and 191 provide for a census of agriculture every 5 years in each State, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands of the United States. The census data for Guam may be collected by the Governor or a representative from his/her staff to act as census supervisor in accordance with a Memorandum of Agreement prescribed or approved by the Director of the Bureau of the Census.

FARM DEFINITION

The statistics presented in this report relate to places qualifying as farms for census purposes. For the 1982 Census of Agriculture in Guam, a farm was defined as a place on which any crop, vegetable, or fruit was harvested or gathered during 1982, or on which there was any livestock or 15 or more poultry at the time of enumeration. The same definition was used in 1978.

Appendix A includes an explanation on taking the census and office processing.

COMPARABILITY OF DATA

Comparability of data from the 1982 Census of Agriculture in Guam has been slightly affected by improvements in the coverage of the operators’ list and improved techniques of training enumerators. In general, data are comparable with that of previous censuses.

TABULAR PRESENTATION

Island data—Tables 1 through 9 show detailed island level data usually accompanied by historical data for one or more censuses. Tables 26 and 27 provide 1982 island data cross tabulated by size of farm and tenure of operator.

Election Districts data—Selected data items are presented by Election Districts in tables 10 through 25, which include general data for all districts. The Election Districts are listed in alphabetical order in the table stub.

CENSUS Disclosure Rules

In keeping with the provisions of title 13, United States Code, no data are published that would disclose the operations of an individual farm. However, the number of farms in a given size category or other classification is not con-
sidered a disclosure, so this information may be given even though other information is withheld.

DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS
Definitions and a general explanation of terms used are shown in appendix A. The 1982 report form is shown in appendix B.

DOLLAR VALUES
All dollar values presented in this report are expressed in current dollars, i.e., 1982 data are expressed in 1982 dollars and 1978 data in 1978 dollars. The dollar values have not been adjusted for changes in price levels between census years.

INVENTORIES, PRODUCTION, AND SALES DATA
Inventories of livestock and poultry are as of the day of enumeration. Crop and livestock production, sales, and expense data are for the calendar year.

ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS
The following abbreviations and symbols are used throughout the tables:
- Represents zero.
(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.
(X) Not applicable.
(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.
(NA) Not available.