



Since the last Census of Agriculture in 2018, the amount of land in farms and average farm size increased in Puerto Rico while the number of farms decreased.

The data show how Puerto Rico agriculture changed since the last Puerto Rico Census of Agriculture in 2018, which was delayed due to the conditions caused by Hurricane Maria in 2017.



Farms and Land

In 2022, Puerto Rico had 7,602 farms, down 7.6%, or 628 farms, from 2018. These farms accounted for 494,481 cuerdas of farmland, or 21.9% of all land in Puerto Rico. This was an increase of 6,706 cuerdas (1.4%) from 2018.

During the same time, the average farm size increased 9.6%, from 59.3 cuerdas in 2018 to 65.0 cuerdas in 2022.

Since 2018, the number of farms with sales under \$1,000 declined 48.9%. Farms with sales of 40,000 or more increased 21.5%.

	2018	2022	% change
Less than \$1,000	2,885	1,474	-49
\$1,000 to \$4,999	1,592	1,500	-6
\$5,000 to \$19,999	1,805	2,287	27
\$20,000 to \$39,999	648	761	17
\$40,000 or more	1,300	1,580	22

Farms and Farmland, 2018 and 2022

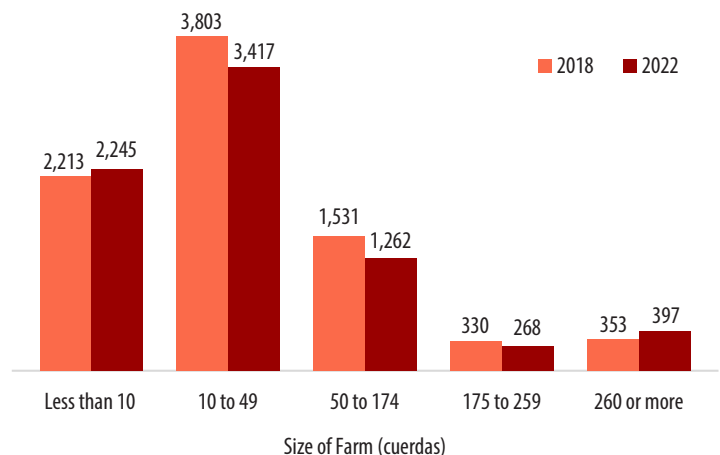
	2018	2022	% change
Number of farms	8,230	7,602	-7.6
Land in farms (cuerdas)	487,775	494,481	1.4
Average farm size (cuerdas)	59.3	65.0	9.6

Twenty-Year Trends

Between 2002 and 2022, the number of Puerto Rico farms declined by more than half (57.0%) and the amount of farmland declined 28.4%. At the same time, the average size of farms increased 66.2%, from 39.1 cuerdas in 2002 to 65.0 cuerdas in 2022.

Year	no. of farms	land in farms
2002	17,659	690,687
2007	15,745	557,530
2012	13,159	584,988
2018	8,230	487,775
2022	7,602	494,481

From 2018 to 2022, farms with 10 to 49 cuerdas decreased 10.1%.



SNAPSHOT Puerto Rico Farmers, 2022

	(percent)
Sex	
Male	88
Female	12
Age	
<35	5
35 - 64	53
65+	42
Years farming	
less than 10	29
10 or more	71
Lived on their farm	55
Worked off farm	
No days	60
1 to 199 days	15
200+ days	25
Primary occupation	
Farming	60
Other	40
With military service	5
Average age (years)	60.3

What is a "farm"?

The Puerto Rico Census of Agriculture defines a farm as any place from which \$500 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the census year.

1 cuerda = 0.971 acres.

About the Census

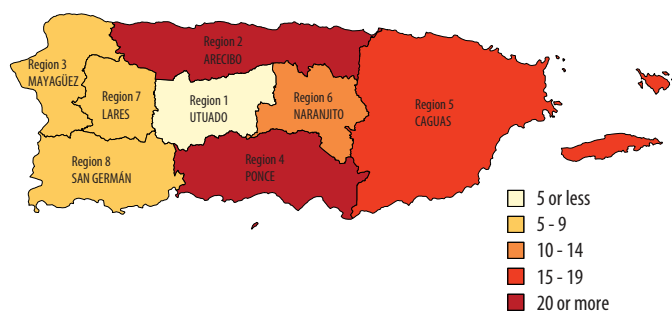
The Census of Agriculture, conducted once every five years, is a complete count of U.S. farms and ranches and the people who operate them. Results from the 2022 ag census as well as previous censuses are available at national, state, and county levels.

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Puerto Rico Agricultural Sales by Location

Total Value of Production by Region as Percent of Island Total, 2022



Puerto Rico's total agricultural sales in 2022 were \$703 million, a 44.9% increase from 2018. Large increases in sales were in poultry and poultry products, coffee, plantains, bananas, and fruit.

Regions	no. of farms	total sales (\$ millions)
Ponce	659	157.0
Arecibo	927	149.9
Caguas	1,042	117.9
Naranjito	738	93.1
San Germán	814	67.0
Lares	1,299	49.6
Mayagüez	590	40.7
Utuaado	1,533	28.1

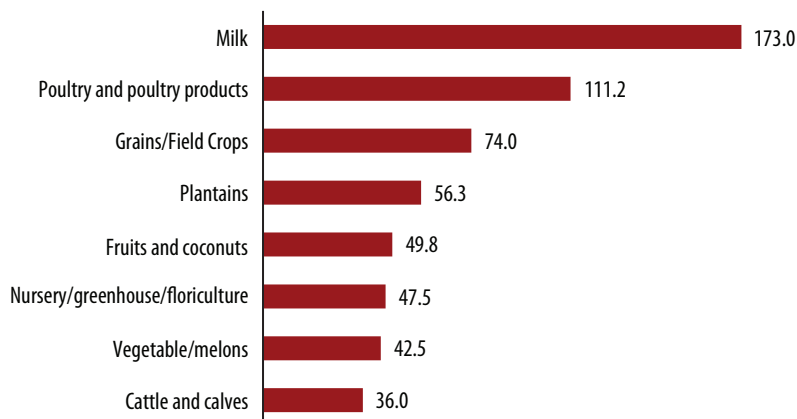
Top Municipios by Sales, 2022 (\$ millions)

Santa Isabel	55.5
Arecibo	54.6
Salinas	45.9
Hatillo	35.4
Juana Díaz	29.8
Cidra	27.3
Camuy	26.0
Aibonito	25.9
Barranquitas	25.3
San Sebastián	24.4

Top Commodities

Milk was the top commodity in Puerto Rico in 2022 with \$173.0 million in sales, followed by poultry and poultry products (\$111.2 million), and grains or field crops (\$74.0 million). These three accounted for 51% of the agricultural value of all agricultural products sold.

Top Commodities (\$ millions)



Farms by Land

Most farms in Puerto Rico were under 19 cuerdas, accounting for 53% of all farms. Farms with 260 or more cuerdas accounted for 5% of farms in 2022.

Farm Class by Size (cuerdas)	no. of farms	% of total farms
Less than 10	2,258	30
10 to 19	1,741	23
20 to 49	1,676	22
50 to 99	762	10
100 to 174	500	7
175 to 259	268	3
260 or more	397	5