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Introduction

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This publication provides specialty crop data for the U.S. Outlying Areas, including the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, that supplement the 2007 Census of Agriculture. This publication complies with Section 10103 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008. A specialty crop is defined by Section 3 of the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 (7 U.S.C. 1621 note; Public Law 108-465) as fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, and nursery crops (including floriculture).

Census data for American Samoa are collected in 2009 for the 2008 calendar year and will be published in early 2010. Specialty crop data will be appended to this publication in early 2010.

HISTORY

This is the first time NASS has summarized and published the census of agriculture data for specialty crops.

AUTHORITY

The 2007 Census of Agriculture is required by law under the "Census of Agriculture Act of 1997," Public Law 105-113 (Title 7, United States Code, Section 2204g). The law directs the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a census of agriculture in 1998 and in every fifth year thereafter, covering the prior year.

FARM DEFINITION

The census definition of a farm varies among the Outlying Areas. For Guam and the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, it is the same as the fifty states - any place from which \$1,000 or more of

agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the census year. For Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, the farm definition is any place from which \$500 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the census year. For American Samoa, there is no sales requirement to be included in the agriculture census and data are collected for all households holding livestock and/or producing agricultural products for sale or family use.

REFERENCE PERIOD

Crop production and sales are measured for the calendar year 2007, except for American Samoa which was for the calendar year 2008.

TABLES

Data Tables. Tables 1 through 4 show the number of farms, acres harvested, value of sales, and the percent of the total value of crop sales accounted for by specialty crops for each Outlying Area.

RESPONDENT CONFIDENTIALITY

In keeping with the provisions of Title 7 of the United States Code, no data are published that would disclose information about the operations of an individual farm or ranch. All tabulated data are subject to an extensive disclosure review prior to publication. Any tabulated item that identifies data reported by a respondent or allows a respondent's data to be accurately estimated or derived was suppressed and coded with a 'D'. However, the number of farms reporting an item is not considered confidential information and is provided even though other information is withheld.

DATA PRODUCTS

The 2007 Census of Agriculture Specialty Crop publication for the Outlying Areas and other census products are available on the Internet at www.usda.gov/nass. Order printed reports at 1-800-727-9540.

CUSTOM TABULATIONS

Special studies such as the 2007 Census of Agriculture Specialty Crop publication provide supplemental information to the 2007 Census of Agriculture. Results are published on the Internet. Custom-designed tabulations may be developed when data are not published elsewhere. These tabulations are developed to individual user specifications on a cost-reimbursable basis and shared with the public.

Special studies and custom tabulations are subject to a thorough disclosure review prior to release to

prevent the disclosure of any individual respondent data. Requests for custom tabulations can be submitted via the Internet from the NASS home page, by mail, or by e-mail to:

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DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

See the individual census reports for definitions and explanations of selected terms used in the tables. These reports can be found as PDF files at http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/Publications/2007/Fu11_report/index.asp.

Table 1. Specialty Crops – Puerto Rico: 2007

Crop	Farms ¹	Acres harvested ²	Value of sales (dollars)	Percent of crop sales
All crops.....	9,325	123,460	218,619,026	100.0
All specialty crops.....	9,122	87,673	205,247,798	93.9
Coffee.....	5,289	(NA)	41,721,396	19.1
Pineapples.....	53	(NA)	526,908	0.2
Plantains.....	3,597	(NA)	44,833,305	20.5
Bananas.....	1,809	(NA)	10,071,579	4.6
Grains (Pulses).....	809	(NA)	1,524,961	0.7
Root crops.....	1,620	(NA)	6,677,425	3.1
Fruits and nuts.....	2,111	(NA)	19,878,100	9.1
Vegetables.....	951	(NA)	35,438,329	16.2
Nursery crops.....	521	(NA)	44,575,795	20.4

(NA) Not available

¹ Data refer to farms with sales of itemized commodities.

² Acres refer to itemized commodity acres.

Table 2. Specialty Crops – Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands: 2007

Crop	Farms ¹	Acres harvested ²	Value of sales (dollars)	Percent of crop sales
All crops.....	208	538	1,849,943	100.0
All specialty crops.....	208	538	1,849,943	100.0
Root crops.....	106	(NA)	638,498	34.5
Vegetables and melons.....	110	(NA)	631,470	34.1
Fruits and nuts.....	115	(NA)	401,664	21.7
Nursery crops.....	17	(NA)	178,311	9.6

(NA) Not available

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² Acres refer to itemized commodity acres.

Table 3. Specialty Crops – Guam: 2007

Crop	Farms ¹	Acres harvested ²	Value of sales (dollars)	Percent of crop sales
All crops	95	498	2,436,223	100.0
All specialty crops	95	498	2,436,223	100.0
Root crops	17	(NA)	46,701	1.9
Vegetables and melons	56	(NA)	1,497,580	61.5
Fruits and nuts	53	(NA)	287,074	11.8
Nursery crops	22	(NA)	604,868	24.8

(NA) Not available

¹ Data refer to farms with sales of itemized commodities.

² Acres refer to itemized commodity acres.

Table 4. Specialty Crops – United States Virgin Islands: 2007

Crop	Farms ¹	Acres harvested ²	Value of sales (dollars)	Percent of crop sales
All crops	145	304	1,578,812	100.0
All specialty crops	145	294	1,578,812	100.0
Field and forage crops	37	(NA)	49,104	3.1
Vegetables	93	(NA)	366,195	23.2
Fruits and nuts	117	(NA)	216,877	13.7
Horticultural specialties	21	(NA)	946,636	60.0

(NA) Not available

¹ Data refer to farms with sales of itemized commodities.

² Acres refer to itemized commodity acres.