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Highlights of the 2022 Census of Agriculture and Fisheries Sarangani Province

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Number and area of farms/holdings reported in 2022

The 2022 Census of Agriculture and Fisheries (CAF) in Sarangani Province reported a total estimate of 54,282 farms/holdings during the period of 01 January to 31 December 2022. The number of farms/holdings in 2022 decreased by 6.7 percent compared to the 58,205 farms/holdings in 2012. Moreover, the total farm area in 2022, covering 83,063.645 hectares, is lower than the total farm area in 2012 at 108,830.000 hectares, reflecting a reduction of 23.7 percent. Consequently, the average area of farms/holdings dropped from 1.87 hectares per farm/holding in 2012 to 1.53 hectares per farm/holding in 2022. (Table A)

Table A. Number of Farms/Holdings and Average Area per Farm/Holding
2012 and 2022

Census Reference Year	Number of Farms/Holdings	Area of Farms	Average Area per Farm/Holding
Y – 2012	58,205	108,830.000	1.87
Y – 2022	54,282	83,063.645	1.53

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2012 Census of Agriculture and Fisheries (CAF) and 2022 CAF
Data on total number of farms are tabulated by residence of operator/location of the office



More farms/holdings reported an area of less than 1 hectare

About 98 percent of the total farms/holdings in Sarangani Province in 2022 had size 7.0000 hectares and below. Of these, two in every five farms/holdings were below 1.0000 hectare with an average area of 0.14 hectare per farm/holding. (Table B)

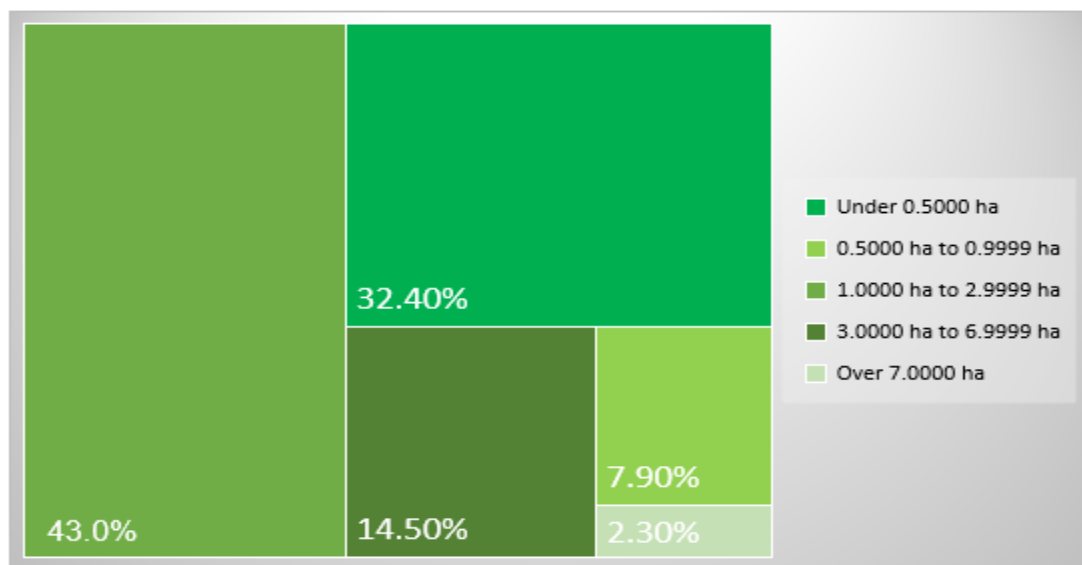
Table B. Number and Area of Farms/Holdings and Average Area per Farm/Holding, by Size of Farm/Holding: 2022

Size of Farm	Number of Farms	Percentage	Area of Farms	Average Area of Farm
Total	54,282	100.00	83,063.645	1.53
Under 0.5000 ha	17,559	32.4	838.191	0.05
0.5000 ha to 0.9999 ha	4,272	7.9	2,324.034	0.54
1.0000 ha to 2.9999 ha	23,350	43.0	33,854.159	1.45
3.0000 ha to 6.9999 ha	7,850	14.5	30,613.366	3.90
7.0000 ha to 9.9999 ha	609	1.1	4,721.499	7.75
10.0000 ha to 24.9999 ha	601	1.1	7,342.821	12.22
25.000 and over	29	0.1	3,430.470	118.29

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2022 Census of Agriculture and Fisheries
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About 43 percent or 23,350 farms belonged to farm/holding size group 1.0000 hectare to 2.9999 hectares. The area of these farms/holdings totaled 33,854,159 hectares with an average area of 1.45 hectare per farm/holding. One out of seven farms/holdings belonging to 3.0000 hectares to 6.9999 hectares had an average area of 3.90 hectares per farm/holding. Approximately two percent of the remaining number of farms/holdings had sizes of more than 7.0000 hectares, which were categorized as large farms/holdings, measuring an estimated area of 15,494.79 hectares. (Table B, Figure 1)

Figure 1. Percent Distribution of Farms by Size of Farms
Sarangani Province: 2022



Majority of the farms/holdings consisted of only one parcel

The 54,282 farms/holdings were reported to have a total of 58,365 parcels. Nine of the ten farms/holdings consisted only one parcel with a total area of 67,804.605 hectares. These farms/holdings had an average area of 1.34 hectares. (Table C)

Six in every ten farms/holdings had two parcels while the remaining farms/holdings had 3 or more parcels. As the number of parcels per farm/holding increased, the average area per farm/holding also increased. (Table C)

About one-third of the farm/holding parcels were used under permanent crops

Almost one-third of the total parcels, covering 35,780.454 hectares, were devoted under permanent crops. About 11,210 (19.2 percent) farm/holding parcels with a total measure of 14,520.125 hectares were reported to have been used under temporary crops. Meanwhile, 14,699 or one-fourth of the total parcels were utilized for growing both temporary and permanent crops. An estimated of 9,666 homelots were also used in agricultural activities such as raising and keeping livestock and/or poultry, vegetable gardening, among others. Such homelots represented 16.6 percent of the total parcels used for agricultural operation in 2022. Other parcels were used for aquaculture, livestock/poultry raising, grazing/pasturing, temporarily fallow, covered with wood and forest, public land, and other main land use. (Table D, Figure 1)

**Table C – Number and Area of Farms/Holdings and
Average Area per Farm/Holding, by Number of Parcel: 2022**

Number of Parcels	Number of Farms	Percentage	Area of Farms	Average Area per Farm/Holding
Total	54,282	100.00	83,063.645	1.53
1 parcel	50,527	93.1	67,804.605	1.34
2 parcels	3,457	6.4	12,805.146	3.70
3 parcels	224	0.4	1,629.763	7.28
4 parcels	35	0.1	413.087	11.80
5 parcels	17	0.03	195.739	11.51
6 parcels	7	0.01	107.730	15.39
7 parcels	1	0.002	8.000	8.00
8 parcels	-		-	-
9 parcels	-		-	-
10 parcels and over	2	0.004	160.470	80.24

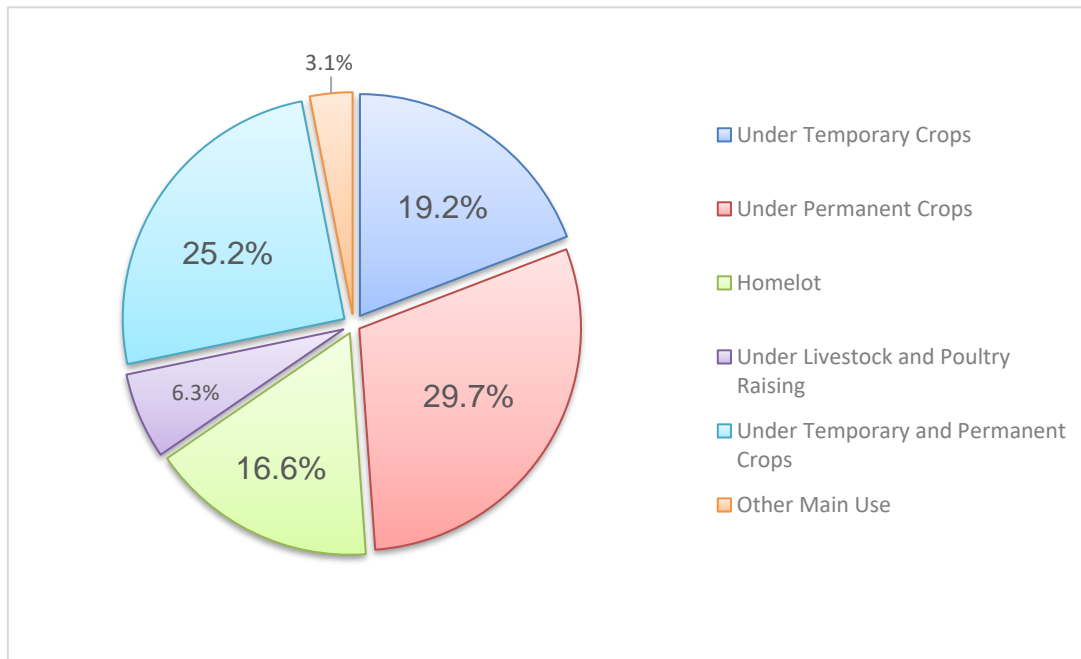
*Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2022 Census of Agriculture and Fisheries
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**Table D – Number and Physical Area of Farm/Holding Parcels and
Average Area per Farm/Holding Parcel, by Main Land Use: 2022**

Main Land Use	Number of Farm/ Holding Parcels	Area of Farm/ Holding Parcels	Average Area of Farm/ Holding Parcels
Under Temporary Crops	11,210	14,520.125	1.30
Under Permanent Crops	17,313	35,780.454	2.07
Under Temporary and Permanent Crops	14,699	28,860.123	1.96
Temporarily Fallow	524	863.245	1.65
Under Temporary Meadows and Pastures	47	49.018	1.04
Under Permanent Meadows and Pastures	157	308.154	1.96
Covered with Wood and Forest	54	96.648	1.79
Under Livestock and Poultry Raising	3,670	1,705.028	0.46
Homelot	9,666	173.201	0.02
Under Aquaculture	8	3.850	0.48
Public Land	85	56.086	0.66
Other Main Land Use	932	647.714	0.69

*Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2022 Census of Agriculture and Fisheries
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Figure 2 – Percentage Distribution of Farm Parcels, by Land Use: 2022



Almost all farms/holdings in Sarangani Province were household operated

Nearly a hundred percent (99.7%) or 54,105 of the farms/holdings in Sarangani Province were operated by the households or by individual person. These farms/holdings covered 79,755.970 hectares, translated into an average area of 1.474 hectares per farm/holding. (Table E)

Other farms/holdings were operated by partnerships (0.3%), corporation (0.02%), cooperative, local government unit, and other legal status of the farm operator. (Table E)

More than half of the farms/holdings owned by the agricultural operators

The land tenure of farm/holding reported in 2022 depended on the land tenure of its parcels. Three out of five farms/holdings (33,103) in Sarangani Province were fully-owned or in owner-like possession covering 56,742.203 hectares. About 20.0 percent of the farms/holdings were tenanted with a total area of 16,840.062 hectares and about 1.2 percent were leased/rented with 1,026.463 hectares. Another 19.8 percent of the farms/holdings were rented free. (Table F)

About 1,353 farms/holdings had combined forms of tenure. These were farms with more than one parcel with different land tenures.

**Table E – Number and Area of Farms/Holdings and
Average Area per Farm/Holding by Legal Status of the Operator/Holder: 2022**

Legal Status of the Operator/Holder	Number of Farms/Holdings	Area of Farms/Holdings	Average Area of Farm/Holding
All Farms	54,282	83,063.645	1.530
Individual/Single Proprietorship	54,105	79,755.970	1.474
Partnership	153	834.682	5.455
Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations	-	-	-
Stock Corporation	9	1,393.143	154.794
Non-Stock/Non-Profit Corporation	3	144.000	48.000
Cooperative	7	975.670	139.381
Local Government Unit	3	1.075	0.358
National Government Agency	-	-	-
Other Legal Status of the Farm Operator	1	20.000	20.000

*Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2022 Census of Agriculture and Fisheries
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**Table F – Number and Physical Area of Farm/Holding Parcels and
Average Area per Farm/Holding Parcel by Land Tenure: 2022**

Land Tenure	Number of Farm/Holding Parcels	Percentage	Area of Farm/Holding Parcel	Average Area per Farm/Holding
Fully Owned	10,990	18.8	21,965.323	2.00
Owner-like Possession	22,113	37.9	34,776.880	1.57
Tenanted	11,650	20.0	16,840.062	1.45
Leased/Rented	692	1.2	1,026.463	1.48
Rent-free	11,566	19.8	5,882.193	0.51
CLT/CLOA	941	1.6	1,869.891	1.99
CADT/CALT	201	0.3	363.960	1.81
CBFMA	105	0.2	137.047	1.31
CSA/CSC	69	0.1	156.438	2.27
Others	37	0.1	45.387	1.23

*Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2022 Census of Agriculture and Fisheries
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Technical Notes:

The 2022 Census of Agriculture and Fisheries (CAF) is a large-scale government undertaking geared towards the collection and compilation of basic information on the agricultural and fishery sectors in the Philippines.

The 2022 CAF selected and used sample barangays. It listed all households residing in these barangays and interviewed completely those that engaged in any agricultural activities with reference period January 1 to December 31, 2022. Household interviews for the 2022 CAF were conducted from September to November 2023, while non-household interviews were conducted from May to July 2023.

A farm/holding is any piece of land used wholly or partly for any agricultural production involved in raising crops, livestock, poultry and other agricultural activities under single management, and operated as one technical unit by one person alone or with others, regardless of title, legal form, size or location.

Parcel is one contiguous piece of land under one form of tenure without regard to land use. "Contiguous" means not separated by other lands, or water or road or forest or other features that do not form part of the agricultural holding/farm. A parcel may consist of one or more fields or plots adjacent to each other.

Land tenure refers to the right under which a farm/holding parcel is held or operated.

Physical Area of the Parcel refers to the size or actual measurement of the parcel.

Main Use of the Parcel refers to the main use of the land parcel such as growing crops, raising livestock or cultivating/culturing fish, and other agricultural activities carried out on the parcel making up the holding with the intention of obtaining products and/or benefits.

Temporary crops (such as palay, corn, etc) are crops grown seasonally with a growing cycle of less than a year and which must be sown/planted again for production after each harvest.

Permanent crops (such as fruits trees, etc) are crops with more than one-year growing cycle and do not need to be replaced after each harvest.

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