





Agriculture in Figures 2012

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Introduction

The publication highlights aspects of the agricultural sector; it contains a large array of analytical statistics and indicators on agriculture holdings, livestock and fishery.

The data provided in the release will assist to capture developments of the sector and develop integrated policies and strategies; in fulfillment of sustainable development of the agricultural sector.

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The combined area of agricultural holdings in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi is 752,839 donums. Approximately 40 percent of that area is cultivated with fruit trees, compared with 2 percent for field crops and 2 percent for vegetables. The total cultivated area in the Emirates of Abu Dhabi has been growing over the period 2009 to 2012. Al Ain region accounted for the largest proportion of that expansion with 59 percent of the emirate's total cultivated area located in the region.

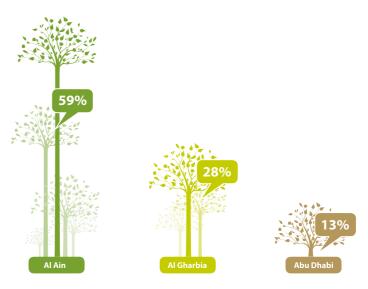
Number and areas of agricultural holdings in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi by region 2009 to 2012 (Area in donums)

Region		2009	2010	2011	2012*
Total	No	24,097	24,290	24,394	24,394
	Area	737,957	747,679	752,839	752,839
Abu Dhabi	No	3,814	3,837	3,837	3,837
	Area	94,380	95,483	95,483	95,483
Al Ain	No	11,782	11,894	11,985	11,985
	Area	436,656	441,637	446,898	446,898
Al Gharbia	No	8,501	8,559	8,572	8,572
	Area	206,921	210,559	210,458	210,458

^{*} Data in 2011 and 2012 are similar

Source: Abu Dhabi Food Control Authority

Percentage distribution of agricultural holdings area by region, 2012





Agricultural producer price index, 2011 and 2012

(100 = 2010)

2011	2012
100.1	103.9
101.1	109.3
101.2	110.2
151.7	155.5
101.5	116.8
108.7	119.0
148.8	160.6
111.6	116.0
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168.7	177.7
101.3	99.2
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The general Agricultural Producer Price Index grew by 3.8 percent in 2012 compared with 2011 (2010 = 100). One of the largest contributors to this rise was mallow which accounted for 26.6 percent of the rise, squash to the index rise by 15.1 percent, coriander by 10.8 percent, watermelon by 9.5 percent, peppers by 8.9 percent, tomatoes by 8.1 percent, parsley by 6.4 percent, beets by 6.3 percent and eggplant 5.3 percent.

On the other hand, price falls were reported for a number of crops, including carrots, corn, beans and cauliflower, as their prices declined by 5.0 percent, 4.1%, 2.6 percent and 2.1 percent, respectively.

Contd. /Agricultural producer price index, 2011 and 2012

(100 = 2010)

Crop	2011	2012
Broad Bean	110.1	111.5
Cabbage	101.3	105.5
Lettuce	101.8	105.3
Jews Mallow	86.2	109.1
Coriander	87.1	96.5
Beets	104.0	110.5
Parsley	119.5	127.1
Potato	129.4	130.9
Corn	93.4	89.6
Turnip	96.5	98.5
Carrot	80.5	76.5
Garden Rocket	107.4	107.9

Source: Statistic Centre - Abu Dhabi

Livestock



Number of sheep, goats, cattle and camels in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi by region 2009 to 2012

Year		Total	Abu Dhabi	Al Ain	Al Gharbia
2009	Sheep& goats	2,305,603	473,193	1,443,121	389,289
	Cattle	42,992	11,799	22,000	9,193
	Camels	378,076	85,445	202,827	89,804
2010	Sheep& goats	2,041,902	340,699	1,316,938	384,265
	Cattle	39,778	3,764	34,911	1,103
	Camels	275,385	42,916	164,808	67,661
2011	Sheep& goats	2,080,623	379,883	1,308,974	391,766
	Cattle	39,692	3,948	34,640	1,104
	Camels	277,577	45,279	164,009	68,289
2012	Sheep& goats	2,551,432	525,720	1,577,767	447,945
	Cattle	40,046	4,457	34,441	1,148
	Camels	330,215	63,452	185,242	81,521

Source: Abu Dhabi Food Control Authority

Livestock is one of the most important sub-activities of the agriculture sector, in addition to being the main sector of employment and source of income for rural and Bedouin populations. It is also the source of important consumer products for the residents of Abu Dhabi emirate. There has been an increase in the emirate's livestock population over the period 2009 to 2012. Efforts are needed to preserve and develop the livestock raising activity as an economic priority for rural areas.

Total number of sheep, goats, cattle and camels in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi 2012







Fisheries



Quantity and Value of Fish Catch by Major Fish Families, 2011 and 2012Quantity in Tons, Value in Million AED

Fish families	20	11	2012	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Total	3,921.9	69.4	4,399.2	80.8
Carangidae	557.5	8.1	982.1	9.5
Haemulidae	379.0	2.6	298.2	2.5
Lethrinidae	839.4	12.8	733.9	11.5
Lutjanidae	35.5	0.2	45.4	0.4
Portunidae	84.9	1.6	112.0	1.5
Scombridae	780.0	13.1	1,149.9	27.0
Serranidae	824.8	26.4	788.5	25.4
Sparidae	80.2	0.8	73.4	0.8
Others	340.6	3.9	215.8	2.2

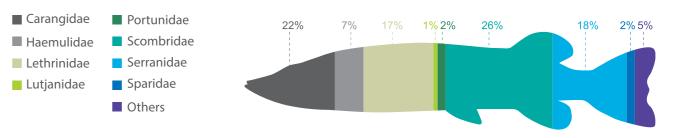
Source: Environment Agency - Abu Dhabi

Fish is an important food and a source of living and income for vast populations around the world. It is estimated that 95 percent of the people relying on fish for their livelihood live in developing countries. A renewable natural resource, and the source of a basic food for coast inhabitants, fisheries are a significant component in the generation of national income.

The world demand for fish is on the rise in recent years, a trend that is likely to continue in response in response to population growth, rise of income levels and improvements in dietary intake.

Abu Dhabi's 500 km coastline is rich in fish and other marine species. The emirate's territorial waters embrace over 200 islands varying in size and in historical and economic significance.

Composition of annual catch by major fish families, 2012





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