AGRICULTURE TRENDS IN TIMOR-LESTE FROM 2010-2015

Analysis of agricultural data derived from the 2015 Timor-Leste National Population and Housing Census (NPHC) which was conducted 11th - 12th July 2015 and aimed at assessing progress in the agriculture sector since 2010

The 2015 data came from 1,183,643 people and 204,597 households.

70% of the population are reported in rural areas.
49.2% of the population were female.
50.8% of the population were male.

Key agricultural household data:

- 89.8% or 183,633 households were engaged in agriculture.
- 15.5% or 28,500 of agricultural households were headed by females.
- 84.5% or 155,133 of agricultural households were headed by males.

Age range of agricultural household heads:

- 0.6% younger than 20 years.
- 8.5% 20-29 years.
- 19.4% 30-39 years.
- 25.9% 40-49 years.
- 45.5% 50 years or older.

Livestock:

21% more households began raising livestock between 2010 and 2015.

Livestock numbers in 2015 and movement from 2010 to 2015:

- 32% Chickens: 928,006.
- 27% Pigs: 419,169.
- 37% Cattle: 221,767.
- 4% Goats: 158,467.
- 33% Buffaloes: 128,262.
- 12% Horses: 50,751.
- 3% Sheep: 40,498.

- 87.2% or 178,363 households in Timor-Leste rear livestock.
- 84.7% of livestock rearing households are male headed.
- 15.3% of livestock rearing households are female headed.
- 99.5% of livestock households rear livestock for their own use.
- 98.1% of livestock households rear livestock to sell.
40% more households began growing crops in Timor-Leste from 2010 to 2015.

Increase in households growing these crops from 2010 to 2015:
- Rice: 57%
- Coffee: 50%
- Maize: 39%
- Cassava: 38%
- Vegetables: 35%
- Coconuts: 34%
- Fruit: permanent: 16%
- Fruit: temporary: 14%

CROPPING LAND BY LAND SIZE:
- 63% of crop producing households cultivated less than 1 hectare of land.
- 31% of crop producing households cultivated between 1 and 5 hectares of land.
- 2% of crop producing households cultivated more than 5 hectares of land.

68,413 or 33% of Timor-Leste households engaged in aquaculture and fishing in 2015.

85% of fisheries households were engaged in aquaculture activities only.

9% of fisheries households were engaged in both aquaculture and fishing activities.

6% of fisheries households were engaged in fishing activities only.