

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics "PCBS" Release A Statistical Report about Agriculture Statistics in the Palestinian Territory, 2002\2003

1,815 Thousand Dunum Cultivated in the Palestinian Territory US\$ 416 Million the Value Added of the Agricultural Sector, 2002\2003

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics "PCBS" released a statistical data on agriculture statistics in the Palestinian Territory for the agricultural year 2002\2003, data reveal that the area cultivated with field crops, fruit trees, vegetables, and cut flowers in the Palestinian Territory amounted to 1,815 thousand dunum, compared with 1,851 thousand dunum in 2001/2002.

Fruit trees constituted 63.8% from the total cultivated area of the Palestinian Territory. While field crops and vegetables production comprised 26.6% and 9.6% of the cultivated Palestinian areas respectively; 70.2% of the cultivated area in Gaza Strip rely on irrigation compared with only 7.3% of the West Bank.

The livestock production was as follows: cattle, 33,235 in 2002/2003 and 30,105 in 2001/2002 with 10.4% increase, sheep, 828,678 in 2002/2003 compared with 758,293 in 2001/2002 with 9.3% increase, and goats, 392,122 in 2002/2003 compared with 355,387 in 2001/2002 with 10.3% increase. And 37,065 thousands broiler chickens, and 2,895 thousands layer chickens the number of chickens reported in 2002/2003.

The value added of agricultural production of the Palestinian Territory amounted to about US\$ 416 million which shows a decrease compared with 2001/2002 which amounted to US\$ 458 million. Plant production constituted 83.0% of the value added of agricultural production (of which 65.0% in the West Bank and 35.0% in Gaza Strip), while animal production constituted 17.0% (of which 72.1% in West Bank and 27.9% in Gaza Strip). The value of agricultural production of the Palestinian Territory amounted to about US\$ 856 million, of which 55.3% for plant production and 44.7% for Livestock production. The cost of intermediate consumption was about US\$ 441 millions, of which 29.2% of plant production and 70.8% of Livestock production .

Basic Changes for the Agriculture Sector in the Palestinian Territory, 1998\1999 - 2002\2003

Variable	1998\1999	1999\2000	2000\2001	2001\2002	2002\2003
Total Cultivated Area	1,612,013	1,836,789	1,815,547	1,851,070	1,815,019
Area of Fruit Trees	1,124,015	1,192,658	1,174,458	1,181,239	1,158,050
Area of Vegetables*	158,401	173,862	173,417	174,016	173,595
Area of Field Crops	328,882	469,682	467,122	495,297	482,848
Area of Cut Flowers	715	587	550	518	526
Number of Cattle	23,858	23,688	26,601	30,105	33,235
Number of Sheep	504,078	566,409	615,838	758,293	828,678
Number of Goats	295,033	308,845	313,583	355,387	392,122
Value of Plant Production	408,166	629,334	431,072	506,938	473,678
Value of Livestock Production	352,473	350,483	370,529	348,906	382,367
Value of Agricultural Production	760,639	979,817	801,601	855,844	856,045
Cost of Agricultural Inputs	329,313	391,137	413,724	397,927	440,543
Value Added of Agricultural Sector	431,326	588,680	387,877	457,917	415,502

Area in Dunum, and Value in US\$ 1000

*: Area of vegetables doesn't include cut flowers.