

# CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

(July to December 2014)



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## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF STATISTICS

### Statistics Mauritius

Dear Sir/Madam,

Statistics Mauritius is conducting a Census of Agriculture jointly with the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security in the islands of Mauritius and Rodrigues from July to December 2014.

In this context, a Census Officer will call at your residence for an interview to fill in a questionnaire with information that you will supply to him/her.

This information is very important for planning and policy decisions with regard to the agricultural sector.

While it is your duty to participate in the Census and provide accurate information, it is an obligation on us to keep the information you will provide us strictly confidential. You may rest assured that we will do so.

Thank you.

**L.F. Cheung Kai Suet**

*Director of Statistics*

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## WHAT IS A CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE?

A Census of Agriculture is a statistical operation involving the collection, analysis and dissemination of data on the structure of the agricultural sector in the country. Typical structural data collected in a Census of Agriculture are size of holdings, land tenure, land use, crop area cultivated and harvested, livestock numbers, labour and other aspects of the sector.

## WHY IS THE CENSUS IMPORTANT?

The Census of Agriculture 2014 will be a source of data that will be used to improve estimates of the structure of the agricultural sector and hence help to improve planning and informed decision making for the agricultural sector of the Republic of Mauritius.

## WHO ARE THE DATA PROVIDERS?

All agricultural businesses and a sample of the household farms and private households have been selected to participate in the Census.

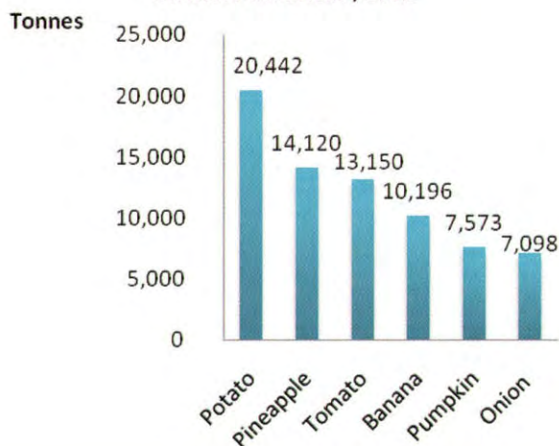
## IS IT COMPULSORY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CENSUS?

Participation at the Census is compulsory by law. According to the Statistics Act, the selected businesses/farms/households should provide the required data and Statistics Mauritius should not share the individual information with anyone. Census Officers as well as other officers having access to the individual information have taken oath of non-disclosure and will keep the responses confidential. The law provides penalties, including imprisonment, regarding any breach of confidentiality.

## HOW DO I RECOGNISE A CENSUS OFFICER?

A Census Officer holds an identity card with his/her photo on it. The card is signed by the Director of Statistics and bears the stamp of Statistics Mauritius.

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