



Guyana's Rice Industry Responds to Global Change, 1992 - 2014

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Guyana Rice Farmers - 1954

	Berbice	Demerara	Essequibo	Grand Total
32- and over (acres)	35	229	10	274
16 – 31.9 acres	207	388	31	626
8 – 15.9 acres	1365	1269	944	3578
4 – 7.9 acres	4383	1869	2283	8535
2 – 3.9 acres	5119	1182	1245	7546
Under 2 acres	4229	1363	832	6424
Total Farmers	15338	6300	5345	26983

Drastic Change

The rice industry which was originally primarily based as a small-farming subsistence economy is fast becoming a large farmer based entity

Guyana Rice Farmers : 2009

	Region #2	Region #3	Region #4	Region #5	Region #6	Grand Total
100-1000+ Acres	38	32	8	108	124	310
51-100 Acres	93	40	24	110	111	378
31-50 Acres	111	67	24	156	114	472
1-30 Acres	1905	893	382	487	497	4164
Total Farmers	2147	1032	438	861	846	5324

OWNED VS RENTED – GUYANA 2009

	Region #2	Region #3	Region #4	Region #5	Region #6
Owned	1178	554	N/A	691	449
Rented	969	478	N/A	171	397

OCT ROUTE and Expansion of Rice Industry

- ▶ 1990 -1996 production increased from 93,000 to 334,500 metric tons
- ▶ Exports increased from 51 metric tons in 1990 to 262,000 metric tons in 1996
- ▶ Europe accounted for almost 90% of exports

PL 480 – US Rice as Aid

- ▶ 1997 – US Rice entered the Jamaican market
- ▶ Guyana's market share in Jamaica curtailed
- ▶ Added to the shock