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AGRICULTURE CENSUS 2024 REPORT: NEGERI TERENGGANU

Agriculture Sector Income in Terengganu Recorded RM5.98 billion in 2023, Dominated by the Crop and Fisheries Subsectors

KUALA TERENGGANU, 16TH APRIL 2026 – The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) has released the Agriculture Census 2024 Report for Terengganu, introducing new parameters for the agriculture sector, including income, expenditure and salaries and wages for the reference year 2023. The report also provides the latest parameters on agricultural holdings, planted and harvested areas, production and sales quantities, sales value and employment.

These findings are derived from the Agriculture Census 2024, conducted from 7th July to 31 October 2024 through extensive and strategic collaboration between DOSM and 1,390 agriculture-related agencies at the federal, state, and district levels. Key ministries and agencies involved include the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (KPKM), the Ministry of Plantation and Commodities (KPK), the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability (NRES), the Sarawak Ministry of Food Industry, Commodity and Regional Development (M-FICORD) and the Sabah Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Industry (MAFFI). Government-linked companies (GLCs) in Terengganu also play a significant role in the implementation of the census, including Lembaga Kemajuan Terengganu Tengah (KETENGAH), Terengganu Development and Management Berhad (TDM), Terengganu Agrotech Development Corporation (TADC), Ladang Rakyat Terengganu and Terengganu Incorporated (Terengganu Inc).

Terengganu recorded 73,089 agricultural holdings, of which 72,405 were individual holdings, representing 99.1 per cent of the total. Meanwhile, 684 agricultural holdings were managed by establishments. The updated profile also indicates 58,475 crop

subsector agricultural holdings of which 58,051 are individual. In addition, 11,816 individuals are involved in livestock subsector, 3,001 in captured fisheries subsector, 910 in aquaculture subsector, and 173 in forestry & logging subsector.

The reported total planted area in Terengganu is 227,904.3 hectares. The main crop is oil palm, covering 176,851.0 hectares, followed by rubber with 18,031.2 hectares, paddy with 16,615.8 hectares, fruits account for 8,600.7 hectares while other crops account for 4,511.8 hectares.

The Agriculture Census 2024 also recorded that the total sales value for the crop subsector for Terengganu amounted to RM4.00 billion, the captured fisheries subsector recorded at RM455.89 million, followed by livestock subsector recorded sales valued at RM404.02 million. While forestry & logging subsector recorded a sales value of RM265.87 million and aquaculture subsector generated RM252.41 million respectively.

Income Performance

The total income of the agriculture sector for Terengganu in 2023 amounted to RM5.98 billion, with the crop subsector emerged as the largest contributor at RM4.55 billion (76.0%) followed by the captured fisheries subsector with RM465.51 million (7.8%), livestock with RM422.51 million (7.1%), forestry and logging at RM295.45 million (4.9%) and aquaculture at RM254.59 million (4.2%). The three administrative districts recording the highest total income were Kemaman with RM1.92 billion, followed by Dungun (RM828.75 million) and Setiu (RM819.39 million).

Agricultural holdings operated by establishments contributed RM4.07 billion, equivalent to 68.0 per cent of Terengganu's total agriculture sector income, while agricultural individual holdings recorded RM1.92 billion (32.0%). Within the crop subsector, agricultural holdings operated by establishments generated RM3.39 billion (74.5%) as compared to RM1.16 billion (25.5%), contributed by individual holdings. For the livestock subsector, income was generated by individual holdings at RM224.65 million (53.2%), while establishment holdings contributed RM197.86 million (46.8%). The captured fisheries subsector income was dominated by individual holdings at RM399.08 million (85.7%) as compared to RM66.42 million (14.3%) contributed by establishment holdings. Conversely, income for the aquaculture subsector was mostly

generated by individual holdings contributed RM130.20 million (51.1%), while establishment agricultural holdings contributed RM124.38 million (48.9%). Income from the forestry & logging subsector was contributed by establishment holdings at RM293.52 million (99.3%), while individual holdings contributed only RM1.92 million (0.7%).

Three districts (3) with highest contributions to agricultural sector income were Kemaman (RM1.68 billion), Setiu (RM691.78 million) and Dungun (RM651.99 million). In the crop subsector, Kemaman, Setiu, and Dungun emerged as the top three contributors to income, recording RM1,675.21 million, RM691.78 million and RM651.99 million. For the livestock subsector, Kemaman recorded the highest income at RM145.83 million, followed by Dungun (RM67.76 million) and Besut (RM52.09 million). For captured fisheries subsector, Besut, Kuala Terengganu and Kemaman recorded RM115.50 million, RM103.79 million and RM84.48 million. Aquaculture subsector income was highest in Besut (RM95.17 million), Marang (RM61.73 million) followed by Setiu (RM57.68 million). For forestry & logging subsector, Hulu Terengganu recorded (RM144.10 million), Kuala Nerus (RM58.81 million) and Dungun (RM53.04 million).

Expenditure Incurred

The total expenditure of the agricultural sector for Terengganu in 2023 amounted to RM1.99 billion, with the crop subsector emerged as the largest contributor at RM1.39 billion (69.9%), followed by the captured fisheries subsector RM209.31 million (10.5%), livestock subsector RM201.90 million (10.1%), forestry & logging subsector RM132.28 million (6.6%), and aquaculture subsector RM56.75 million (2.9%). Three (3) administrative districts recorded highest total expenditure were Kemaman RM600.95 million (30.1%), Dungun RM281.61 million (14.1%) and Setiu RM270.54 million (13.6%).

Agricultural holdings operated by establishments contributed RM1.30 billion, equivalent to 65.2 per cent of Terengganu's total agriculture sector expenditure, while individual holdings recorded RM693.35 million (34.8%). Establishment holdings generated higher expenditure of RM981.51 million (70.4%) in crop subsector, RM116.87 million (57.9%) in livestock subsector, RM31.47 million (15.0%) in captured fisheries subsector, RM38.95 million (68.6%) in aquaculture subsector and RM132.16

million (99.9%) in forestry & logging subsector as compared to RM412.6 million (29.6%), RM85.03 million (42.1%), RM177.85 million (85.0%), RM 17.80 million (31.4%) and RM0.13 million (0.1%) from individual holdings. Conversely, expenditure in the captured fisheries subsector's individual holdings accounted for RM177.85 million (85.0%) while establishment holdings contributed RM31.47 million (15.0%).

Three districts (3) with highest contributions to agricultural sector expenditure were Kemaman RM600.95 million, Dungun RM281.61 million and Setiu RM270.54 million. In the crop subsector, Kemaman, Setiu and Dungun emerged as the top three contributors to income, recording RM497.23 million, RM210.44 million and RM199.66 million. For the livestock subsector, Kemaman recorded the highest expenditure at RM57.17 million, followed by Dungun (RM31.74 million) and Besut (RM29.96 million). For captured fisheries subsector, top three contributors were Besut, Kuala Terengganu and Kemaman with recorded expenditure RM51.79 million, RM48.03 million and RM37.87 million respectively. For aquaculture subsector, Setiu (RM30.95 million), Marang (RM6.87 million) and Kuala Terengganu (RM5.91 million) emerged as top three administrative districts while Hulu Terengganu, Dungun and Kuala Nerus contributed top three highest income at RM67.43 million, RM25.08 million and RM23.04 million forestry & logging subsector.

Employment and Wages & Salaries

Employment in the agriculture sector for Terengganu recorded 97,114 persons in 2023. The top three administrative districts contributing to employment were Kemaman (16,891 persons), Besut (13,966 persons), and Setiu (12,157 persons). A total of 67,903 working proprietor and active business partners were recorded in 2023, followed by 25,753 paid employees and 3,458 unpaid family workers.

The average annual wages and salaries for agriculture sector amounted to RM17,373.00 with establishments holdings recorded RM23,946.00 and individual holdings RM10,615.00. Several administrative districts recording levels above the state average, namely Kemaman (RM21,365.00), Dungun (RM18,511.00), Kuala Terengganu (RM18,225.00), Kuala Nerus (RM17,858.00) and Setiu (RM17,423.00).

Moving Forward

Based on the Agriculture Census 2024, DOSM has also developed the Agricultural Statistics Digital Gateway (TaniStats 2.0), which was officiated by the Chief Secretary to the Government, Tan Sri Shamsul Azri Abu Bakar, on 7 December 2025. This initiative represents a strategic step in transforming the nation's agricultural data management through the development of an integrated smart platform that consolidates census results, administrative data and supply chain information into a comprehensive digital ecosystem.

The agriculture sector remains one of the key drivers of national economic growth. Beyond ensuring adequate food supply, the sector contributes significantly to reducing the nation's dependence on imports, supporting processing industries, creating employment opportunities, and increasing household income, particularly among farmers. Through this census, agriculture statistics are available down to the smallest locality level, providing granular information that enables more targeted interventions and supports the continued development of the national agriculture sector.

As part of the national agenda to modernise the agriculture sector through a more data-driven approach, reliable and comprehensive data is essential to support effective policy planning and decision-making. The Agriculture Census is conducted once every ten years to ensure that the data remains relevant and reflective of the structure of the national agriculture sector. The census also ensures that baseline data remains current and aligned with evolving sectoral needs. In addition, short-term agricultural surveys will be conducted periodically starting in 2026 to strengthen data availability and support the continuous monitoring of the agriculture sector.

The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) is conducting the **Economic Census 2026 (BE2026)**, with themed “**Data Nadi Ekonomi Rakyat**”. The sixth Economic Census, will be carried out from **5th January to 31st November 2026**. BE2026 aims to collect comprehensive and structured data from all registered and unregistered business establishments in Malaysia to assess the nation’s economic performance, structure and characteristics in an evidence-based manner.

Malaysia has, for the first time, successfully secured the **top position** globally in the biennial **Open Data Inventory (ODIN) 2024/25** report released by Open Data Watch (ODW), surpassing 197 other countries. This achievement marks a significant leap from its 67th position in the ODIN 2022/23 assessment.

OpenDOSM NextGen is a medium that provides data catalogue and visualisations to facilitate users' analysis and can be accessed through <https://open.dosm.gov.my>.

TaniStats 2.0 is a centralised agricultural information hub that provides informative, structured and user-friendly statistical dashboards to strengthen public understanding of patterns and changes in the agriculture sector, thus supporting digital transformation initiatives towards more inclusive and evidence-based policies. Access TaniStats at <https://tanistats.dosm.gov.my>.

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**TABLE 1: INCOME OF THREE MAIN ACTIVITIES BY ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT,
TERENGGANU STATE, 2023**

INCOME OF THE THREE MAIN ACTIVITIES BY ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT, TERENGGANU, 2023							
DISTRICT	TOTAL INCOME (RM Million)	MAIN ACTIVITY	INCOME OF MAIN ACTIVITIES (RM Million)	SECOND ACTIVITY	INCOME OF SECONDARY ACTIVITIES (RM Million)	THIRD ACTIVITY	INCOME OF THIRD ACTIVITY (RM Million)
Besut	715.40	Oil Palm	143.08	Fisheries	115.50	Paddy	108.50
Dungun	828.75	Oil Palm	562.57	Livestock	67.76	Fruits	53.22
Hulu Terengganu	749.93	Oil Palm	481.19	Forestry & Logging	144.10	Fruits	43.94
Kemaman	1,923.94	Oil Palm	1,441.35	Fruits	165.89	Livestock	145.83
Kuala Nerus	321.66	Oil Palm	103.86	Forestry & Logging	58.81	Fisheries	42.22
Kuala Terengganu	237.18	Fisheries	103.79	Oil Palm	31.28	Livestock	29.07
Marang	388.17	Oil Palm	180.87	Aquaculture	61.73	Livestock	43.28
Setiu	819.39	Oil Palm	569.29	Aquaculture	57.68	Vegetables	34.51

**TABLE 2: EXPENDITURE OF THREE MAIN ACTIVITIES BY ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT,
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Besut	252.48	Fisheries	51.79	Paddy	51.25	Oil Palm	41.75
Dungun	281.61	Oil Palm	164.84	Livestock	31.74	Forestry & Logging	25.08
Hulu Terengganu	252.01	Oil Palm	136.93	Forestry & Logging	67.43	Fruits	17.08
Kemaman	600.95	Oil Palm	414.25	Fruits	59.58	Livestock	57.17
Kuala Nerus	113.35	Oil Palm	29.26	Forestry & Logging	23.04	Fisheries	19.49
Kuala Terengganu	100.43	Fisheries	48.03	Livestock	16.55	Fruits	10.58
Marang	122.95	Oil Palm	52.37	Livestock	25.18	Fisheries	16.01
Setiu	270.54	Oil Palm	161.85	Aquaculture	30.95	Livestock	14.90

EXHIBIT 1: KEY PARAMETERS OF THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR, TERENGGANU, 2023

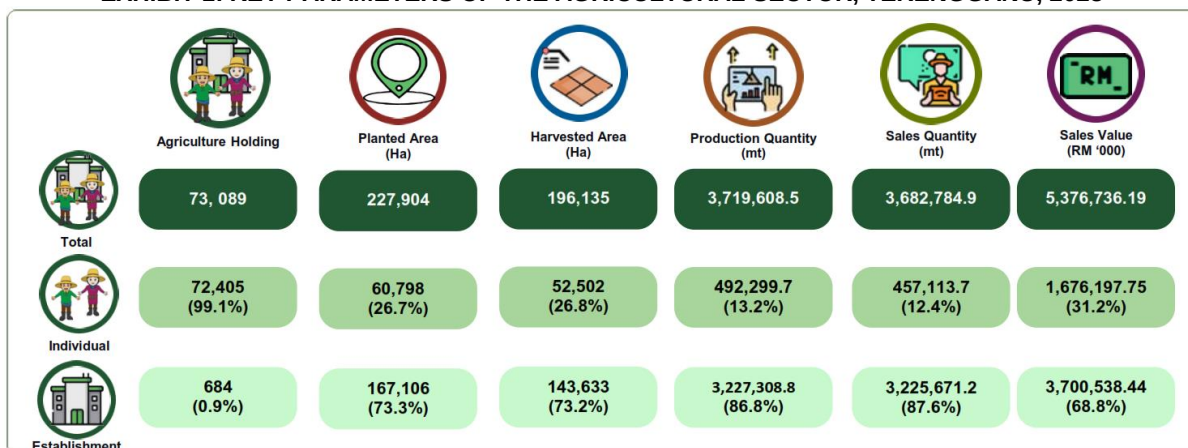


EXHIBIT 2: INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR, TERENGGANU, 2023



EXHIBIT 3: INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR IN TERENGGANU BY DISTRICT, 2023

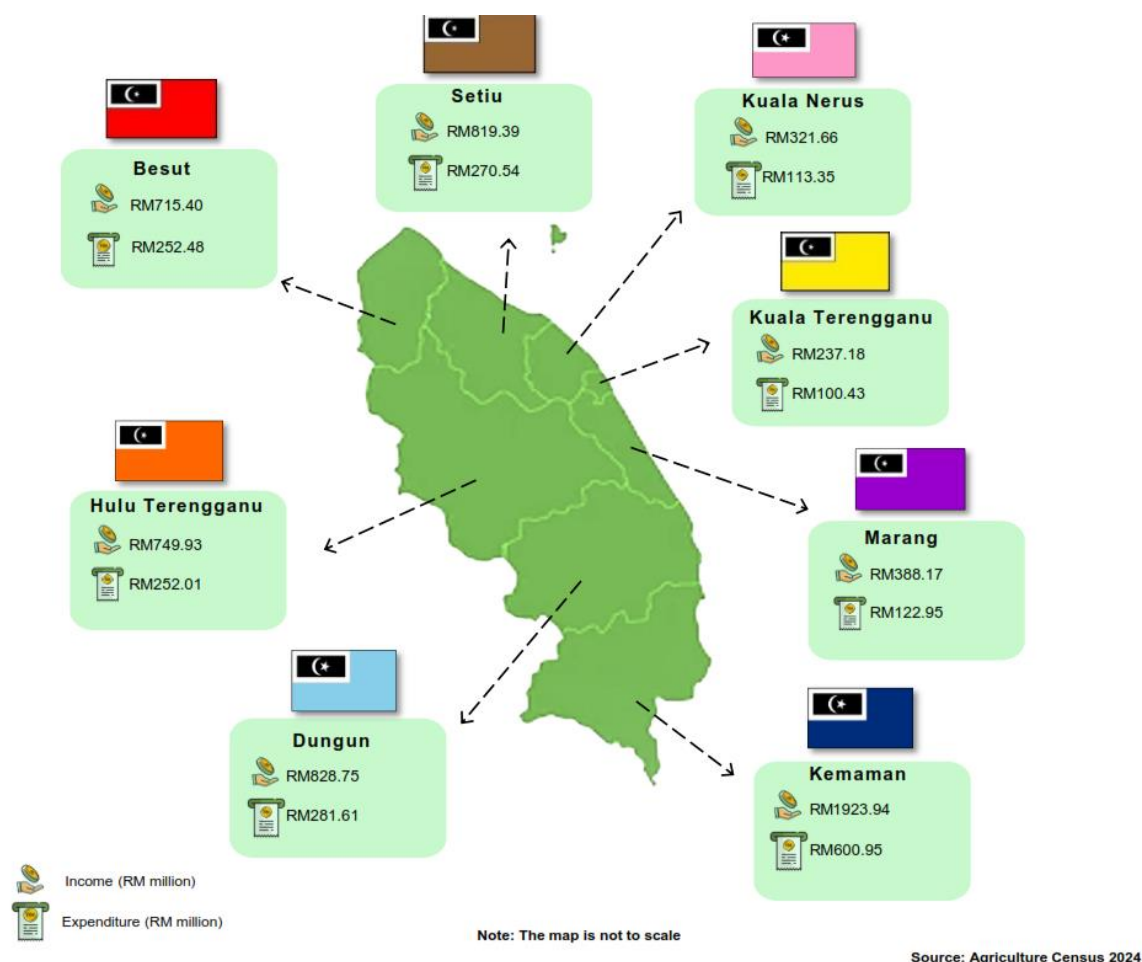


EXHIBIT 4: EMPLOYMENT AND ANNUAL MEAN SALARIES & WAGES, TERENGGANU BY DISTRICT, 2023

