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Farm lands constitute 73 pc

The country has a net cultivated area of 2,01,57,564 acres against 1,00,45,299 farm households according to the agricultural census of 1983-84 released here yesterday, reports BSS.

The census said the farm households constitute 72.7 per cent of the Bangladesh's total households of 1,38,17,646 in the non-municipal areas.

Briefing the press on the occasion of releasing the national report of agricultural census 1983-84 Dr AKM Ghulam Rabbani, Secretary, Statistics Division and Director General, Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics, said the number of households in the urban areas will be about 11,39,000, total operated area in the country is of 2,30,19,885 acres of which 2,26,78,464 acres are under the operational control of the farms.

Of the farm households 70.3 per cent are small farms operating between 0.05 acres to 2.49 acres, 24.7 per cent are medium sized operating between 2.50 acres and 7.49 acres and the rest 5 per cent are

large farms operating above 7.5 acres, the area operated by small, medium and, large farms in 29.45 and 26 per cent respectively of the total farm area, the report said. It was reduced that average operated area per household is 1.67 acres and that of the farm household is 2.26 acres.

Dr. Rabbani said out of country's total land of 36 million acres the amount of private holding is 67 per cent and the rest are
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