Chapter 8

AGRICULTURE

8.0 Introduction

Household agricultural activities are a major source of livelihood in Malawi; especially in rural areas where 81 percent of the active population aged of 15 years are classified as subsistence farmers or Mlimi (refer to chapter 5).

In this chapter, agricultural activities like cultivation of maize, cultivation of other rain fed crops, cultivation of tobacco, tree crops and ownership of livestock as well as agricultural households who received agricultural input, households that received advices from agricultural extension workers and burley production among farming club members and non-members are examined against various household background characteristics like sex of household head, household per capita expenditure quintiles, rural and urban setup, region and districts.

The reference periods for the cropping season covered during the survey period are cropping seasons of 2002/2003 and 2003/2004.

8.1 Maize production

Agricultural households are those that during the survey reported to have at least one member engaged in farming in the cropping season preceding the survey.

Table 8.1 shows that almost all households that had cultivated in the cropping season grew maize i.e. 97 percent; Of these the proportion that grew local maize and hybrid maize are the same at 55 percent. Surprisingly growing of maize is cutting across all the background characteristics. There are no significant differences across the different background characteristics i.e. between rural and urban, neither across the expenditures quintiles, or sex of household head indicating that it is a major staple, grown by any farming household. However, the proportion growing local/hybrid maize varies with expenditure quintiles.

Table 8.1 Proportion of agricultural households who cultivated maize according to background characteristics, Malawi 2005

| | Proportion of households who grew | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Background characteristics | Maize | Local maize | Composite maize | Hybrid maize | | | | | |
| Malawi | 97.0 | 54.5 | 5.3 | 54.5 | | | | | |
| Place of residence | | | | | | | | | |
| Urban | 98.9 | 37.7 | 1.6 | 65.4 | | | | | |
| Rural | 96.8 | 55.6 | 5.5 | 53.7 | | | | | |
| Sex of household head | <u> </u> | | | | | | | | |
| Male | 97.0 | 51.6 | 5.6 | 56.5 | | | | | |
| Female | 96.8 | 63.6 | 4.1 | 47.9 | | | | | |
| Household per capita | expenditure quir | ntile | | | | | | | |
| 1 st | 95.2 | 55.4 | 6.6 | 47.4 | | | | | |
| 2 nd | 96.7 | 57.4 | 4.9 | 52.1 | | | | | |
| 3 rd | 98.1 | 54.3 | 5.5 | 56.2 | | | | | |
| 4 th | 97.3 | 55.5 | 5.8 | 55.6 | | | | | |
| 5 th | 96.9 | 45.5 | 4.8 | 60.3 | | | | | |
| Northern Region | 93.6 | 36.4 | 3.6 | 63.4 | | | | | |
| Chitipa | 100.0 | 64.8 | 0.0 | 64.4 | | | | | |
| Karonga | 96.8 | 13.8 | 2.3 | 83.9 | | | | | |
| Nkhata Bay | 65.6 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 61.0 | | | | | |
| Rumphi | 97.6 | 44.3 | 0.9 | 53.3 | | | | | |
| Mzimba | 99.1 | 44.2 | 6.9 | 60.0 | | | | | |
| Mzuzu City | 98.8 | 37.1 | 2.4 | 66.9 | | | | | |
| Central Region | 97.1 | 54.9 | 5.4 | 51.6 | | | | | |
| Kasungu | 95.9 | 44.4 | 15.6 | 52.6 | | | | | |
| Nkhotakota | 76.6 | 15.1 | 0.0 | 61.5 | | | | | |
| Ntchisi | 99.6 | 44.6 | 3.0 | 58.4 | | | | | |
| Dowa | 99.3 | 52.0 | 14.6 | 44.3 | | | | | |
| Salima | 99.6 | 55.6 | 0.9 | 70.5 | | | | | |
| Lilongwe rural | 98.5 | 48.6 | 2.2 | 55.1 | | | | | |
| Lilongwe City | 100.0 | 33.3 | 0.9 | 71.3 | | | | | |
| Mchinji | 98.2 | 51.1 | 4.5 | 51.1 | | | | | |
| Dedza | 96.8 | 75.0 | 5.3 | 37.3 | | | | | |
| Ntcheu | 99.8 | 87.3 | 1.7 | 46.3 | | | | | |
| Southern Region | 97.9 | 59.9 | 5.7 | 54.0 | | | | | |
| Mangochi | 100.0 | 62.1 | 6.4 | 59.4 | | | | | |
| Machinga | 98.0 | 48.4 | 0.2 | 65.9 | | | | | |
| Zomba rural | 99.2 | 78.0 | 2.5 | 44.1 | | | | | |
| Zomba Municipality | 99.2 | 65.9 | 0.0 | 41.1 | | | | | |
| Chiradzulu | 100.0 | 78.0 | 7.2 | 39.0 | | | | | |
| Blantyre rural | 100.0 | 55.7 | 1.5 | 71.9 | | | | | |
| Blantyre City | 97.8 | 14.9 | 2.2 | 81.3 | | | | | |
| Mwanza | 100.0 | 82.1 | 0.0 | 37.9 | | | | | |
| Thyolo | 99.8 | 30.3 | 25.0 | 49.8 | | | | | |
| Mulanje | 98.8 | 54.6 | 4.7 | 64.2 | | | | | |
| Phalombe | 97.0 | 78.4 | 5.2 | 35.5 | | | | | |
| Chikwawa | 92.0 | 55.4 | 4.7 | 52.7 | | | | | |
| Nsanje | 86.1 | 30.9 | 7.2 | 52.9 | | | | | |
| Balaka | 99.6 | 74.9 | 0.9 | 58.9 | | | | | |

8.2 Other food crops

Table 8.2 also shows the distribution of other food crops. It is shown that besides maize 44 percent of the farming households grow other food crops. Of these pulses are the major one grown by 50 percent of the households, followed by groundnuts grown by 37 percent of the households, Cassava grown by 22 percent of the households and other grains 20 percent.

The difference is shown between rural and urban households whereby rural households grow more of the other crops 51 percent.

In terms of the sex of household head, most of the crops are dominated by male-headed households except pulses that are mostly grown by female-headed households (51 percent), and other grains like millet and sorghum, where 18 percent of female-headed households grew compared to compared to 15 percent.

Table 8.2 Proportion of agricultural households who cultivated other –rain fed crops according to background characteristics, Malawi 2005

| background characteristics, Malawi 2005 | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|------------|------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--|--|--|
| Background | Other rain fed | | | | | | Other | | | |
| characteristics | crops | Groundnuts | Rice | Pulses | Cotton | Cassava | grains | | | |
| Malawi | 43.7 | 37.3 | 7.8 | 50.0 | 2.9 | 22.6 | 15.9 | | | |
| Place of residence | | 00 | | | | | 1010 | | | |
| Urban | 25.3 | 19.2 | 1.8 | 31.3 | 0.2 | 9.4 | 2.6 | | | |
| Rural | 45.0 | 38.6 | 8.2 | 51.3 | 3.1 | 23.5 | 16.8 | | | |
| Sex of household head | 10.0 | 00.0 | 0.2 | 01.0 | 0.1 | 20.0 | 10.0 | | | |
| Male | 46.3 | 38.0 | 8.1 | 49.7 | 3.4 | 23.4 | 15.1 | | | |
| Female | 35.3 | 35.1 | 7.0 | 51.1 | 1.3 | 20.0 | 18.4 | | | |
| Household per capita expenditure quintile | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 st | 34.9 | 29.0 | 7.7 | 46.7 | 2.0 | 23.5 | 24.5 | | | |
| 2 nd | 43.2 | 37.7 | 9.3 | 49.0 | 1.7 | 25.3 | 22.2 | | | |
| 3 rd | 50.1 | 43.3 | 8.5 | 50.8 | 2.7 | 23.0 | 15.2 | | | |
| 4th | 50.6 | 45.8 | 7.9 | 46.0 | 3.8 | 23.1 | 15.3 | | | |
| 5th | 42.4 | 41.1 | 7.2 | 42.1 | 1.4 | 20.6 | 12.1 | | | |
| Northern Region | 56.1 | 38.0 | 7.0 | 34.9 | 1.5 | 44.6 | 10.1 | | | |
| Chitipa | 59.0 | 57.7 | 5.4 | 68.5 | 0.0 | 18.9 | 21.6 | | | |
| Karonga | 87.6 | 32.1 | 33.5 | 14.7 | 10.1 | 78.4 | 9.6 | | | |
| Nkhata Bay | 8.1 | 8.6 | 4.5 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 90.1 | 0.0 | | | |
| Rumphi | 66.8 | 36.4 | 2.7 | 21.8 | 0.0 | 48.2 | 0.9 | | | |
| Mzimba | 57.4 | 44.3 | 0.7 | 46.9 | 0.2 | 23.9 | 13.0 | | | |
| Mzuzu City | 19.1 | 27.6 | 0.8 | 12.5 | 0.0 | 3.1 | 0.8 | | | |
| Central Region | 52.8 | 52.4 | 4.7 | 43.0 | 2.3 | 11.5 | 6.6 | | | |
| Kasungu | 71.3 | 55.3 | 4.8 | 41.0 | 0.0 | 12.3 | 2.0 | | | |
| Nkhotakota | 27.3 | 15.0 | 40.5 | 13.2 | 0.5 | 80.0 | 5.0 | | | |
| Ntchisi | 61.8 | 65.7 | 0.0 | 70.8 | 0.4 | 15.9 | 0.4 | | | |
| Dowa | 78.3 | 69.7 | 0.0 | 47.1 | 1.6 | 10.1 | 0.9 | | | |
| Salima | 7.3 | 38.5 | 4.7 | 3.4 | 26.9 | 2.6 | 0.0 | | | |
| Lilongwe rural | 43.4 | 50.0 | 0.4 | 29.1 | 0.0 | 2.4 | 0.3 | | | |
| Lilongwe City | 9.0 | 12.6 | 1.8 | 26.1 | 0.0 | 2.7 | 2.7 | | | |
| Mchinji | 70.9 | 74.9 | 5.3 | 37.4 | 0.0 | 7.0 | 0.0 | | | |
| Dedza | 51.8 | 51.2 | 6.5 | 79.7 | 2.1 | 12.4 | 18.9 | | | |
| Ntcheu | 57.0 | 47.4 | 3.1 | 61.6 | 2.1 | 6.9 | 29.8 | | | |
| Southern Region | 31.8 | 24.0 | 10.8 | 60.9 | 3.9 | 25.0 | 25.7 | | | |
| Mangochi | 19.0 | 28.3 | 4.3 | 29.0 | 1.3 | 11.2 | 14.9 | | | |
| Machinga | 36.0 | 38.6 | 42.1 | 67.7 | 0.0 | 26.6 | 48.3 | | | |
| Zomba rural | 36.9 | 23.1 | 8.1 | 64.2 | 2.6 | 22.1 | 24.2 | | | |
| Zomba Municipality | 11.6 | 23.2 | 4.3 | 53.6 | 0.7 | 19.6 | 8.7 | | | |
| Chiradzulu | 15.5 | 17.2 | 0.8 | 94.1 | 0.0 | 51.3 | 42.4 | | | |
| Blantyre rural | 16.7 | 26.4 | 1.8 | 64.8 | 0.0 | 15.2 | 17.9 | | | |
| Blantyre City | 62.1 | 5.5 | 1.4 | 47.6 | 0.0 | 15.9 | 0.0 | | | |
| Mwanza | 72.1 | 27.9 | 0.4 | 92.1 | 1.3 | 12.5 | 18.3 | | | |
| Thyolo | 12.3 | 8.4 | 0.2 | 69.9 | 0.2 | 53.7 | 4.1 | | | |
| Mulanje | 39.4 | 16.3 | 16.8 | 83.0 | 0.0 | 63.6 | 42.2 | | | |
| Phalombe | 39.0 | 34.2 | 19.9 | 57.1 | 0.0 | 3.0 | 30.7 | | | |
| Chikwawa | 21.8 | 12.0 | 10.3 | 61.9 | 18.4 | 11.3 | 22.1 | | | |
| Nsanje | 46.8 | 31.1 | 9.4 | 27.7 | 5.5 | 15.3 | 38.3 | | | |
| Balaka | 62.1 | 34.0 | 9.8 | 40.9 | 21.7 | 8.1 | 17.4 | | | |

8.3 Dry season (Dimba) cultivation

Table 8.3 shows that 36 percent of the farming households cultivated Dimba crops. Of those who cultivated a dimba, 27 percent irrigated their dimba using any method of irrigation. It can be shown that the level of modern irrigation methods is quite minimal, or non existent amongst most households. However, almost all the Dimba cultivating households are using traditional methods of irrigation.

Modern method of irrigation in this analysis includes the use of treadle pumps, hand pumps, sprinklers or hosepipes, While traditional irrigation includes the use of water canes, diverting the stream, etc).

In terms of per capita expenditure, the table reveals that the proportion of persons who cultivated Dimba crops is highest in the third quintile 44 percent and lower in lowest expenditure quintile (34 percent).

A further examination at district level shows that Nsanje district has the largest proportion of households who cultivated dry season crops (60 percent) whilst Lilongwe city has the lowest proportion of households with Dimba cultivation (6 percent). Despite having the highest proportion of households with dimba cultivation, Nsanje district has the lowest proportion of households using irrigation methods while Lilongwe rural has the highest.

Table 8.3 Proportion of agricultural households who cultivated a dimba garden and proportion who used any irrigation method according to background characteristics, Malawi 2005

| used any irrigatio | on method according to background characteristics, Malawi 2005 Methods of irrigation | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---|---------------|----------------|------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Proportional Proportional of Proportional | | | | | | | | |
| | of households | Proportional | households who | households who | | | | | |
| | who | of households | used modern | used traditional | | | | | |
| Background | cultivated | who irrigated | methods of | methods of | | | | | |
| characteristics | dimba | dimba | irrigation | irrigation | | | | | |
| Malawi | 36.0 | 27.2 | 0.0 | 27.2 | | | | | |
| Place of residence | | | | | | | | | |
| Urban | 25.3 | 16.9 | 0.0 | 16.9 | | | | | |
| Rural | 36.7 | 27.9 | 0.1 | 27.9 | | | | | |
| Sex of household head | | | <u> </u> | | | | | | |
| Male | 38.7 | 29.6 | 0.1 | 29.6 | | | | | |
| Female | 27.4 | 19.4 | 0.0 | 19.4 | | | | | |
| Household per capita ex | | | 0.0 | 10.1 | | | | | |
| 1 st | 33.5 | 23.6 | 0.0 | 23.6 | | | | | |
| 2 nd | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 rd | 39.2 | 29.5 34.4 | 0.1 | 29.4 | | | | | |
| 4 th | 43.5 | | 0.1 | 34.3 | | | | | |
| 5 th | 40.8 | 33.9 | 0.0 | 33.9 | | | | | |
| | 36.2 | 30.9 | 0.1 | 30.7 | | | | | |
| Northern Region | 36.4 | 24.9 | 0.0 | 24.9 | | | | | |
| Chitipa | 32.9 | 27.9 | 0.0 | 27.9 | | | | | |
| Karonga | 28.0 | 7.3 | 0.0 | 7.3 | | | | | |
| Nkhata Bay | 16.2 | 6.3 | 0.0 | 6.3 | | | | | |
| Rumphi | 20.5 | 11.4 | 0.0 | 11.4 | | | | | |
| Mzimba | 53.8 | 41.6 | 0.0 | 41.6 | | | | | |
| Mzuzu City | 23.3 | 21.8 | 0.0 | 21.8 | | | | | |
| Central Region | 44.7 | 41.1 | 0.1 | 41.0 | | | | | |
| Kasungu | 38.8 | 36.6 | 0.7 | 36.0 | | | | | |
| Nkhotakota | 16.8 | 11.8 | 0.0 | 11.8 | | | | | |
| Ntchisi | 46.8 | 46.4 | 0.0 | 46.4 | | | | | |
| Dowa | 37.2 | 36.5 | 0.0 | 36.5 | | | | | |
| Salima | 34.6 | 4.3 | 0.4 | 3.8 | | | | | |
| Lilongwe rural | 54.0 | 53.3 | 0.0 | 53.3 | | | | | |
| Lilongwe City | 6.3 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 4.5 | | | | | |
| Mchinji | 54.6 | 53.7 | 0.0 | 53.7 | | | | | |
| Dedza | 53.0 | 49.5 | 0.0 | 49.5 | | | | | |
| Ntcheu | 37.5 | 34.0 | 0.2 | 33.8 | | | | | |
| Southern Region | 28.4 | 16.0 | 0.0 | 16.0 | | | | | |
| Mangochi | 32.2 | 14.6 | 0.0 | 14.6 | | | | | |
| Machinga | 26.0 | 24.7 | 0.0 | 24.7 | | | | | |
| Zomba rural | 22.6 | 19.8 | 0.0 | 19.8 | | | | | |
| Zomba Municipality | 10.1 | 8.7 | 0.0 | 8.7 | | | | | |
| Chiradzulu | 31.5 | 29.4 | 0.0 | 29.4 | | | | | |
| Blantyre rural | 15.5 | 11.8 | 0.0 | 11.8 | | | | | |
| Blantyre City | 57.9 | 25.5 | 0.0 | 25.5 | | | | | |
| Mwanza | 25.0 | 22.9 | 0.0 | 22.9 | | | | | |
| Thyolo | 29.9 | 25.3 | 0.0 | 25.3 | | | | | |
| - | | | | | | | | | |
| Mulanje | 23.5 | 9.8 6.5 | 0.0 | 9.8 6.5 | | | | | |
| Phalombe | 25.5 | 6.5 | 0.0 | 6.5 | | | | | |
| Chikwawa | 36.8 | 6.2 | 0.0 | 6.2 | | | | | |
| Nsanje | 59.6 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 2.1 | | | | | |
| Balaka | 17.0 | 14.9 | 0.0 | 14.9 | | | | | |

8.4 Starter pack distribution 2001-2004

This section presents the findings pertaining to the distribution of the starter pack to farming households. The starter pack programme stated in the survey covers the period between 2001 -2004. It can be shown that overall 35 percent of the households benefited from the programme in 2001, 42 percent in 2002, 46 percent in 2003 and 42 percent befitted in 2004.

In terms of per capita expenditure, it can be seen that starter pack was not only distributed to the poorest households, as even households in the richest quintile have been benefiting from the programme.

A further examination at district level shows that Mwanza district had the highest proportion of beneficiaries in 2003 (62 percent) and 2004 (67 percent). Lilongwe city had the lowest both in 2003, at (12 percent) and (8 percent) in 2004.

Table 8.4 Proportion of agricultural households who received starter pack (TIP) over the years 2001-2004 according to background characteristics, Malawi 2005

| | Proportion of households who received starter pack | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--|------|------|------|--|--|--|
| Background characteristics | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | | | |
| Malawi | 35.4 | 41.7 | 46.3 | 41.7 | | | |
| Place of residence | | | | | | | |
| Urban | 9.4 | 14.3 | 16.3 | 14.3 | | | |
| Rural | 37.2 | 43.6 | 48.3 | 43.6 | | | |
| Sex of household head | - | | | | | | |
| Male | 33.6 | 40.1 | 44.7 | 40.1 | | | |
| Female | 41.2 | 47.0 | 51.4 | 47.0 | | | |
| Household per capita expenditu | | | | | | | |
| 1st | 35.9 | 44.8 | 58.2 | 44.8 | | | |
| 2nd | 37.1 | 47.1 | 53.8 | 47.1 | | | |
| 3rd | 35.7 | 43.2 | 51.6 | 43.2 | | | |
| 4th | 34.4 | 40.6 | 49.1 | 40.6 | | | |
| 5th | 23.9 | 28.9 | 36.7 | 28.9 | | | |
| Northern Region | 30.0 | 36.8 | 39.4 | 36.8 | | | |
| Chitipa | 23.9 | 29.7 | 50.5 | 29.7 | | | |
| Karonga | 56.9 | 63.3 | 61.0 | 63.3 | | | |
| Nkhata Bay | 20.3 | 22.1 | 25.7 | 22.1 | | | |
| Rumphi | 18.6 | 29.1 | 37.7 | 29.1 | | | |
| Mzimba | 30.3 | 38.0 | 33.3 | 38.0 | | | |
| Mzuzu City | 9.3 | 11.3 | 13.6 | 11.3 | | | |
| Central Region | 32.2 | 38.7 | 41.6 | 38.7 | | | |
| Kasungu | 31.8 | 41.7 | 40.4 | 41.7 | | | |
| Nkhotakota | 35.5 | 34.5 | 35.5 | 34.5 | | | |
| Ntchisi | 40.8 | 45.9 | 49.8 | 45.9 | | | |
| Dowa | 32.7 | 41.9 | 48.0 | 41.9 | | | |
| Salima | 48.7 | 59.4 | 50.4 | 59.4 | | | |
| Lilongwe rural | 22.4 | 28.5 | 34.8 | 28.5 | | | |
| Lilongwe City | 2.7 | 8.1 | 11.7 | 8.1 | | | |
| Mchinji | 41.0 | 42.7 | 41.9 | 42.7 | | | |
| Dedza | 26.0 | 30.8 | 39.8 | 30.8 | | | |
| Ntcheu | 44.7 | 52.2 | 50.3 | 52.2 | | | |
| Southern Region | 39.9 | 46.0 | 52.5 | 46.0 | | | |
| Mangochi | 46.1 | 48.3 | 53.9 | 48.3 | | | |
| Machinga | 37.6 | 47.2 | 55.9 | 47.2 | | | |
| Zomba rural | 38.4 | 45.7 | 48.1 | 45.7 | | | |
| Zomba Municipality | 12.3 | 21.0 | 23.2 | 21.0 | | | |
| Chiradzulu | 53.8 | 38.2 | 42.4 | 38.2 | | | |
| Blantyre rural | 32.4 | 37.3 | 37.3 | 37.3 | | | |
| Blantyre City | 11.7 | 17.9 | 17.9 | 17.9 | | | |
| Mwanza | 68.8 | 66.7 | 62.1 | 66.7 | | | |
| Thyolo | 4.6 | 10.8 | 55.2 | 10.8 | | | |
| Mulanje | 34.0 | 47.8 | 45.9 | 47.8 | | | |
| Phalombe | 32.9 | 42.4 | 44.2 | 42.4 | | | |
| Chikwawa | 46.7 | 59.5 | 58.0 | 59.5 | | | |
| Nsanje | 57.0 | 63.8 | 67.7 | 63.8 | | | |
| Balaka | 46.0 | 54.5 | 63.8 | 54.5 | | | |

8.5 Agricultural extension

The survey collected information on the level of extension advice given to farmers, and their level of satisfaction with the advice. Thirteen percent of agricultural households got advice from agricultural advisor on how to use starter pack. It can also be seen that almost all the farming households that received advice found the advice useful (93 percent).

In terms of per capita expenditure, it can be seen that advice by extension to farmers is not based on the economic status of the household, as the proportion of households in the lowest quintile that received advice was (14 percent) while that in the highest quintile was (15 percent).

In terms of district, the distribution of advice to farmers was highest in Chitipa district (45 percent) and the lowest in the Mulanje district less than (1 percent).

Table 8.5 Proportion of agricultural households who got advice and who found its quality useful according to background characteristics, Malawi 2005

| <u> </u> | Proportion of households | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | who got advice | who found quality of | | | | | |
| Background characteristics | from extension | advice useful | | | | | |
| Malawi | 13.1 | 93.4 | | | | | |
| Place of residence | | | | | | | |
| Urban | 5.1 | 69.7 | | | | | |
| Rural | 13.7 | 94.0 | | | | | |
| Sex of household head | | | | | | | |
| Male | 14.7 | 94.1 | | | | | |
| Female | 8.3 | 89.3 | | | | | |
| Household per capita expenditure | quintile | | | | | | |
| 1 st | 13.8 | 91.6 | | | | | |
| 2 nd | 15.1 | 95.1 | | | | | |
| 3 rd | 16.1 | 93.3 | | | | | |
| 4 th | 16.3 | 91.8 | | | | | |
| 5 th | 14.6 | 91.5 | | | | | |
| Northern Region | 24.5 | 93.2 | | | | | |
| Chitipa | 45.5 | 95.0 | | | | | |
| Karonga | 38.5 | 95.2 | | | | | |
| Nkhata Bay | 6.8 | 26.7 | | | | | |
| Rumphi | 29.1 | 100.0 | | | | | |
| Mzimba | 16.6 | 95.0 | | | | | |
| Mzuzu City | 9.0 | 61.5 | | | | | |
| Central Region | 12.0 | 95.2 | | | | | |
| Kasungu | 11.8 | 98.1 | | | | | |
| Nkhotakota | 5.5 | 91.7 | | | | | |
| Ntchisi | 21.5 | 86.0 | | | | | |
| Dowa | 9.0 | 95.0 | | | | | |
| Salima | 3.4 | 100.0 | | | | | |
| Lilongwe rural | 14.8 | 96.6 | | | | | |
| Lilongwe City | 5.8 | 86.7 | | | | | |
| Mchinji | 14.5 | 100.0 | | | | | |
| Dedza | 11.3 | 96.3 | | | | | |
| Ntcheu | 10.1 | 91.7 | | | | | |
| Southern Region | 10.4 | 91.8 | | | | | |
| Mangochi | 11.7 | 92.6 | | | | | |
| Machinga | 11.1 | 98.0 | | | | | |
| Zomba rural | 16.3 | 98.0 | | | | | |
| Zomba Municipality | 1.4 | 50.0 | | | | | |
| Chiradzulu | 8.0 | 100.0 | | | | | |
| Blantyre rural | 3.9 | 69.2 | | | | | |
| Blantyre City | 2.7 | 33.3 | | | | | |
| Mwanza | 12.1 | 89.7 | | | | | |
| Thyolo | 4.6 | 89.5 | | | | | |
| Mulanje | 0.7 | 100.0 | | | | | |
| Phalombe | 12.6 | 96.6 | | | | | |
| Chikwawa | 13.5 | 100.0 | | | | | |
| Nsanje | 21.7 | 62.7 | | | | | |
| Balaka | 8.5 | 95.0 | | | | | |

8.6 Tobacco production

The questionnaire also gathered information on tobacco production in terms of type of tobacco grown, production and production techniques. It can be shown, that since the liberalization of burley tobacco to smallholders, many farming households have adopted tobacco production. Almost 20 percent of the faming households in Malawi grow tobacco. Of those engaged in tobacco production, almost 93 percent grow burley tobacco whilst the remaining 7 percent grow other types of tobacco. Among the tobacco growing households 25 percent are members of tobacco growing clubs.

In terms of sex of household head, male-headed households have the largest proportion growing tobacco 23 percent compared to 10 percent for the female-headed households. This could also be explained due to the labour intensive nature of tobacco production.

In terms of districts, Kasungu has the largest proportion of households growing tobacco 64 percent followed by Mchinji 60 percent and Dowa 51 percent. There is no tobacco growing reported by households in Thyolo and Mwanza

Table 8.6 Proportion of agricultural households who cultivated tobacco according to background characteristics, Malawi 2005

| | Characteristics, W | lalawi 2005 | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| | | | Proportion of |
| | Proportion of | Proportion of tobacco | tobacco growing |
| | agricultural | growing households | households who |
| | households who | who were members | were burley tobacco |
| Background characteristics | cultivated tobacco | of club in last 5years | growers |
| Malawi | 20.2 | 25.2 | 92.7 |
| Place of residence | | | |
| Urban | 8.1 | 41.5 | 92.3 |
| Rural | 21.0 | 24.8 | 92.7 |
| Sex of household head | | | |
| Male | 23.3 | 25.2 | 92.9 |
| Female | 10.2 | 25.1 | 91.0 |
| Household per capita expend | liture quintile | | |
| 1 st | 11.1 | 31.2 | 90.6 |
| 2 nd | 18.8 | 27.4 | 93.2 |
| 3 rd | 22.9 | 28.4 | 93.5 |
| 4 th | 24.2 | 28.6 | 92.0 |
| 5 th | 22.9 | 25.9 | 90.8 |
| Northern region | 23.1 | 45.1 | 88.3 |
| Chitipa | 17.6 | 51.3 | 97.3 |
| Karonga | 3.2 | 71.4 | 83.3 |
| Nkhata Bay | 4.1 | 77.8 | 100.0 |
| Rumphi | 43.2 | 41.5 | 95.0 |
| Mzimba | 32.0 | 43.1 | 82.5 |
| Mzuzu City | 4.1 | 50.0 | 100.0 |
| Central Region | 31.7 | 19.1 | 92.7 |
| Kasungu | 64.0 | 27.7 | 97.5 |
| Nkhotakota | 1.4 | 33.3 | 100.0 |
| Ntchisi | 39.9 | 11.8 | 82.9 |
| Dowa | 51.6 | 9.1 | 87.7 |
| Salima | 4.3 | 50.0 | 100.0 |
| Lilongwe rural | 34.6 | 18.7 | 92.2 |
| Lilongwe City | 17.5 | 37.8 | 91.2 |
| Mchinji | 59.9 | 9.6 | 98.3 |
| Dedza | 5.9 | 25.0 | 60.0 |
| Ntcheu | 10.5 | 46.0 | 100.0 |
| Southern Region | 9.3 | 27.1 | 97.1 |
| Mangochi | 17.8 | 17.1 | 97.7 |
| Machinga | 22.1 | 21.8 | 100.0 |
| Zomba rural | 15.9 | 33.7 | 96.2 |
| Zomba Municipality | 0.7 | 100.0 | |
| Chiradzulu | 13.4 | 65.6 | 100.0 |
| Blantyre rural | 0.6 | 100.0 | - |
| Blantyre City | 0.9 | 100.0 | |
| Mwanza | 0.0 | - | - |
| Thyolo | 0.0 | - | - |
| Mulanje | 4.7 | 45.0 | 94.7 |
| Phalombe | 20.3 | 12.8 | 91.4 |
| Chikwawa | 0.0 | 12.0 | - |
| Nsanje | 1.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 |
| Balaka | 0.9 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

8.7 Livestock production

The results in table 8.7 show the proportion of households that own livestock and the average stock of animals reared by the households. A majority of households own chicken (89 percent), followed by goats (35 percent), and pigs (10 percent). Cattle are owned by 8 percent of households in the country whiles Sheep rearing is the lowest estimated to be reared by 1 percent of households.

In terms of stock; the average stock herd of animals by these households is 9 chickens, 6 goats, 5 cattle and 17 pigs.

The difference by quintiles shows that households in the richest quintile rear more chicken, 91 percent of households compared to 85 percent on the lowest quintile. The average stock in the richest households is 22 compared to 7 in the lowest quintile. In addition the table shows that 11 percent in the highest quintile rear cattle, compared to 7 percent ion the lowest quintile.

The district variation only shows that almost all districts have a high proportion of households rearing chicken, whilst for cattle the highest proportion of households rearing are in Karonga (35 percent), and Chitipa (29 percent), and the lowest is observed in Mangochi (1 percent).

Table 8.7 Proportion of agricultural households who raised livestock in the last 12 months according to background characteristics, Malawi 2005

| | Ca | ittle | Goa | ate | She | nen - | Pig | ie . | Chic | cken | Other live | e stock |
|----------------------|----------|------------|----------|--------|---------|--------|----------|------------|---------|---------|------------|---------|
| | - Ca | | 300 | A.G | OH | JOP | 1-16 | , <u> </u> | Critic | J.C.I.I | Outer live | JOUN |
| | | _, | | | | | | | | | | |
| Background | Propor | Mean | Proporti | Mean | Proport | Mean | Proporti | Mean | Proport | Mean | Dana anti- | Mean |
| characteristics | tion | number | on | number | ion | number | on | number | ion | number | Proportion | number |
| Malawi | 8.0 | 5.0 | 34.9 | 6.0 | 1.2 | 4.4 | 10.5 | 17.4 | 88.7 | 9.3 | 5.3 | 8.2 |
| Place of residence | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Urban | 4.1 | 2.9 | 24.2 | 4.2 | 0.0 | | 3.7 | 2.3 | 78.5 | 37.2 | 9.1 | 9.3 |
| Rural | 8.1 | 5.1 | 35.2 | 6.0 | 1.3 | 4.4 | 10.7 | 17.6 | 89.1 | 8.4 | 5.2 | 8.1 |
| Sex of household he | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Male | 8.8 | 5.0 | 35.0 | 6.5 | 1.3 | 4.3 | 11.6 | 19.6 | 89.3 | 10.0 | 5.9 | 8.2 |
| Female | 5.0 | 5.0 | 34.5 | 3.9 | 0.8 | 4.8 | 6.5 | 3.3 | 86.7 | 6.6 | 3.1 | 8.2 |
| Household per capita | a expend | iture quin | tile | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 st | 6.9 | 5.3 | 32.0 | 10.6 | 1.1 | 3.8 | 9.0 | 1.0 | 85.3 | 7.3 | 4.8 | 7.3 |
| 2 nd | 8.8 | 3.6 | 37.1 | 4.3 | 1.0 | 5.4 | 13.5 | 2.7 | 89.5 | 7.9 | 6.5 | 6.8 |
| 3 rd | 7.2 | 4.3 | 37.8 | 4.3 | 1.1 | 3.4 | 11.0 | 3.1 | 91.4 | 8.5 | 5.0 | 8.2 |
| 4 th | 8.4 | 5.7 | 36.9 | 4.5 | 1.3 | 3.8 | 10.7 | 4.1 | 88.9 | 10.0 | 4.8 | 8.3 |
| 5 th | 11.2 | 6.0 | 38.3 | 5.1 | 0.8 | 4.6 | 9.2 | 4.9 | 91.2 | 22.4 | 6.4 | 9.7 |
| Northern Region | 18.9 | 5.0 | 22.2 | 4.8 | 1.3 | 4.9 | 14.0 | 2.8 | 93.9 | 8.7 | 5.2 | 7.4 |
| Chitipa | 28.9 | 5.5 | 36.0 | 4.3 | 1.0 | 2.5 | 9.6 | 1.8 | 95.9 | 9.8 | 12.2 | 4.3 |
| Karonga | 35.3 | 5.5 | 14.7 | 3.1 | 0.0 | | 27.2 | 1.7 | 92.9 | 8.5 | 2.7 | 17.3 |
| Nkhata Bay | 2.7 | 13.3 | 12.8 | 5.0 | 1.1 | 10.5 | 0.0 | | 97.9 | 8.2 | 0.5 | 6.0 |
| Rumphi | 4.5 | 4.0 | 23.0 | 4.9 | 1.7 | 7.3 | 11.2 | 2.7 | 98.3 | 11.3 | 6.7 | 5.7 |
| Mzimba | 20.3 | 3.9 | 22.8 | 5.4 | 1.9 | 3.3 | 17.7 | 3.8 | 89.7 | 7.4 | 4.4 | 10.0 |
| Mzuzu City | 6.7 | 2.0 | 11.7 | 6.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 2.0 | 86.7 | 5.8 | 5.0 | 5.3 |
| Central Region | 7.5 | 4.8 | 39.9 | 4.7 | 1.5 | 4.2 | 13.4 | 32.7 | 88.7 | 11.3 | 5.6 | 8.4 |
| Kasungu | 11.8 | 7.0 | 35.8 | 6.5 | 3.1 | 4.4 | 12.7 | 5.3 | 95.8 | 11.1 | 8.5 | 10.1 |
| Nkhotakota | 2.2 | 3.0 | 13.3 | 4.8 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 0.7 | 3.0 | 93.3 | 9.2 | 0.0 | |
| Ntchisi | 10.2 | 4.1 | 54.5 | 4.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 18.7 | 3.6 | 88.8 | 10.5 | 3.2 | 8.2 |
| | 10.2 | 5.7 | 43.6 | 4.3 | | 4.4 | | 3.5 | 87.8 | | | 12.2 |
| Dowa | | | | | 2.6 | | 20.8 | | | 10.5 | 8.3 | |
| Salima | 3.4 | 5.3 | 52.1 | 4.5 | 0.9 | 6.0 | 12.8 | 4.8 | 72.6 | 9.0 | 3.4 | 11.0 |
| Lilongwe rural | 3.8 | 4.3 | 44.2 | 4.0 | 1.4 | 3.8 | 9.9 | 3.4 | 84.4 | 18.2 | 4.2 | 9.1 |
| Lilongwe City | 2.1 | 6.0 | 37.1 | 4.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.2 | 2.6 | 72.2 | 77.4 | 6.2 | 11.8 |
| Mchinji | 5.2 | 4.5 | 38.6 | 3.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 10.1 | 3.3 | 90.5 | 6.3 | 3.8 | 8.3 |
| Dedza | 5.9 | 3.6 | 39.7 | 3.8 | 1.4 | 4.6 | 12.4 | 3.9 | 89.9 | 7.7 | 7.6 | 5.8 |
| Ntcheu | 8.7 | 3.3 | 31.8 | 7.6 | 0.3 | 3.0 | 19.4 | 2.5 | 92.7 | 6.5 | 6.0 | 4.7 |
| Southern Region | 4.1 | 5.4 | 35.2 | 7.6 | 0.9 | 4.3 | 6.4 | 3.5 | 86.7 | 7.7 | 5.1 | 8.3 |
| Mangochi | 1.2 | 6.0 | 33.7 | 5.2 | 1.2 | 8.3 | 0.5 | 2.0 | 80.9 | 8.2 | 3.5 | 11.1 |
| Machinga | 2.0 | 6.8 | 23.4 | 3.7 | 4.6 | 3.8 | 0.0 | | 90.1 | 6.4 | 1.3 | 6.3 |
| Zomba rural | 1.3 | 5.0 | 32.8 | 22.4 | 0.6 | 3.0 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 80.0 | 6.7 | 7.5 | 7.8 |
| Zomba Municipality | 1.8 | 3.0 | 16.4 | 3.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 81.8 | 7.1 | 20.0 | 8.9 |
| Chiradzulu | 2.9 | 3.8 | 52.0 | 3.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.8 | 1.9 | 74.0 | 5.0 | 8.1 | 6.2 |
| Blantyre rural | 2.4 | 3.0 | 40.0 | 4.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.2 | 4.9 | 92.7 | 10.5 | 11.5 | 4.9 |
| Blantyre City | 2.6 | 2.5 | 14.3 | 3.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 71.4 | 3.0 | 0.0 | |
| Mwanza | 5.3 | 5.6 | 29.6 | 3.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 23.8 | 3.1 | 91.5 | 7.6 | 1.1 | 10.5 |
| Thyolo | 3.2 | 2.8 | 24.9 | 3.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 12.4 | 2.4 | 84.8 | 6.4 | 3.2 | 5.5 |
| Mulanje | 1.8 | 5.8 | 25.7 | 3.4 | 0.0 | 5.0 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 89.1 | 7.1 | 5.8 | 9.2 |
| Phalombe | 1.6 | 4.0 | 33.9 | 3.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 13.8 | 1.2 | 93.7 | 6.6 | 6.9 | 7.5 |
| Chikwawa | 15.2 | 5.2 | 42.7 | 5.0 | 0.3 | 5.0 | 10.4 | 4.5 | 89.3 | 9.7 | 5.6 | 12.9 |
| Nsanje | 8.7 | 7.3 | 44.2 | 5.1 | 1.0 | 2.5 | 9.6 | 8.4 | 95.2 | 8.5 | 4.8 | 7.2 |
| Balaka | 1.3 | 11.5 | 52.9 | 22.2 | 2.5 | 3.5 | 1.3 | 5.0 | 84.7 | 9.0 | 5.1 | 8.1 |