## DID YOU KNOW?

• Agricultural area is the sum of areas under

(a) <u>arable land</u>- land under temporary agricultural crops (multiple-cropped areas are counted only once), temporary meadows for mowing or pasture, land under market and kitchen gardens and land temporarily fallow (less than five years),

(b) <u>permanent crops</u>- land cultivated with longterm crops which do not have to be replanted for several years; land under trees and shrubs producing flowers, such as roses and jasmine; and nurseries (except those for forest trees),

(c) <u>permanent meadows and pastures</u>- land used permanently (five years or more) to grow herbaceous forage crops, either cultivated or growing wild (wild prairie or grazing land).

- 44.3% of total land area (3,205,222 thousand hectares) of OIC member countries can be classified as "agricultural" in 2009.
- This means that 29% of global agricultural area belongs to OIC member countries (1,419,891 thousand hectares).
- The agricultural area as a percentage of total land area is lower than the OIC average (44.3%) for developing countries (38.6%), world (37.6%) and developed countries (34.4%).
- For 25 member countries, more than half of their total land areas are specified as "agricultural".
- The agricultural areas of Comoros, Nigeria and Saudi Arabia constitute even more than 80% of their respective lands.
- On the other hand, the share of agricultural land in total land area is below 10% in 10 member countries, namely Bahrain, Libya, Guyana, Kuwait, UAE, Oman, Qatar, Egypt, Brunei and Suriname.

Agricultural Area in 2009 (% of Land Area)	
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Comoros	83.3
Nigeria Saudi Arabia	81.8
Kazakhstan	77.2
Syria	75.7
Djibouti	73.4
Bangladesh	70.3
Somalia	70.2
Uganda Uganda	69.9
Turkmenistan	69.4
Lebanon	67.3
Gambia Côte d'Ivoire	66.5
Tunisia	63.8
Mozambique	62.7
Uzbekistan	62.6
Togo	62.1
Palestine	61.0
Afghanistan	58.1
Guinea-Bissau	58.0
Guinea	58.0
Azerbaijan Sudan	57.6
Kyrgyzstan	55.4
Turkey	50.6
Senegal	49.4
Morocco	49.2
Sierra Leone	47.7
Yemen	44.4
OIC	44.3
Albania Burkina Faso	43.9
Chad	39.2
DEVELOPING	38.6
Mauritania	38.5
WORLD	37.6
Niger	34.6
DEVELOPED	34.4
Pakistan Tajikistan	34.1
Mali	33.9 33.7
Benin	29.8
Iran	29.8
Indonesia	29.6
Maldives	26.7
Malaysia	24.0
Iraq	20.1
Gabon	
Cameroon Algeria	19.8
Jordan	11.4
Bahrain	9.2
Libya	8.8
Guyana	8.5
Kuwait	8.5
UAE	6.8
Oman	5.9
Qatar	5.6
Egypt Brunei	- <sup>3.7</sup> 2.1
Suriname	0.5 Source: FAOStat
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