

Average Land Property Owned

The **average landholding** per Indian farmer is now approximately **0.7–1.1 hectares** (about 1.7–2.7 acres), with most recent estimates suggesting around 0.74 hectares as of 2022, reflecting a one-third decrease over the past decade

Share of Middle/Poor Farmers

Small and marginal farmers (owning less than 2 hectares) now constitute about **85–86%** of all Indian farmers. Despite their numbers, these farmers collectively control less than half the total agricultural land, and often struggle for financial sustainability due to tiny holdings and rising costs

Agriculture's Role in the Indian Economy

Agriculture and allied sectors account for roughly **20–30%** of India's Gross Value Added (GVA). The sector's output value is estimated at **\$580–650 billion** currently, and growth rates have averaged 3.5–5% per annum since 2015. Agriculture remains vital for rural livelihoods and food security, though its share in the overall economy has gradually declined in favor of industry and services

The current average operational landholding per Indian farmer is approximately **1.08 hectares**, based on the latest available Agriculture Census and recent government statistics

Approximately **86%** of Indian farmers fall into the marginal and small categories, defined as those with landholdings less than 2 hectares