Historical outline
The Czech Republic participated in the World Census of Agriculture (WCA) in 1970, 1980 and 1990 as part of the federal state formed by the Czech and the Slovak Republics. Data presented here refer to the agricultural census conducted in the Czech Republic in 2000.

Organization
The census was organized and conducted by the Czech Statistical Office (CSO), an independent state organization and, in a subsidiary role, in collaboration with the Chamber of Agricultural Unions, the Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic and the Research Institute for Agricultural Economics. About 6 800 enumerators, directed by 92 supervisors, carried out the field work.

Enumeration period
The census day was 30 September 2000. Bulk of enumeration took place during the period October to December 2000.

Reference date/period
Data mainly refer to the day of enumeration or to the calendar year. For the item "working hours of labour" the reference period was October 1999 to September 2000.

Definition
- ***Agricultural Holding*** is an economic unit of agricultural production under single management comprising all livestock kept and all land used wholly or partly for agricultural production in spite of legal form or size. Holding's land may consist of one or more parcels located in one or more separate areas.
- ***Minimum size of holding***: Holdings were enumerated if they crossed the following thresholds: Basic: one hectare or more of farming agricultural land, Additional: 0.15 ha of vineyards, horticulture plantations (intensive crops); 0.05 ha of greenhouses or hot-beds; 1head of cattle or 2 pigs or 4 sheep or goats or 50 poultry or 100 fur-bearing animals; Aquaculture installations. Parts of holdings located in different administrative areas were surveyed independently as single units.

Coverage
All holdings in the 14 Administrative Regions and 76 Districts of the Czech Republic, matching with the threshold criteria, were covered by the census.

Frame
The census frame was prepared using the following sources:
- The farm register;
- The business register;
- The cadastral Office register;
- The register of applicants for agricultural subsides;
- The lists of inhabitants kept in the municipal offices;
- Terrain location.

Method
The census was conducted by complete enumeration. Each enumerator covered an enumeration area of about 240 hectares. Data for small holdings were collected through personal interview, while a few thousands of major holdings were surveyed by mail. Objective measurements of areas were used: data on areas collected were checked in comparison with data in real estate register.

Data source
Agrocensus 2000, 1st Part: Czech Republic Basic Characteristics; 2nd Part: Characteristics by Territorial Division; 3rd Part: Analytical Evaluation. Czech Statistical Office.

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