

ESTONIA - Agricultural Census 2001 - Explanatory Notes

Historical outline

The 2001 agricultural census is the first conducted in the re-independent Estonia. The last agricultural census was conducted in 1939.

Organization

The 2001 Agricultural Census was organized and conducted by the Statistical Office of Estonia. A Census Expert Committee was established with advisory functions.

Enumeration period

The census was carried out during the period 15 – 29 July 2001.

Reference date/period

Preliminary data on area sown of field crops was collected at the beginning of June. Final data on harvested area and crop production, use of fertilizers, agricultural product sales, livestock numbers, animal production, machinery and farm buildings are usually collected in January.

Definition

- **Agricultural holding:** a production unit under single management, both technically and economically, with agriculture as main activity and with the following characteristics:
 - At least one hectare of agricultural or forest land, or at least 0.3 ha of fish ponds, or
 - At least one hectare of agricultural or forest land or less than 0.3 ha of fish ponds or
 - No agricultural or forest land or fish ponds but produces agricultural products mainly (more than one half) for sale.
- **Household plot:** a production unit with less than one hectare of agricultural or forest land, or with no agricultural or forest land but produces agricultural products mainly (more than one half) for home consumption and reporting:
 - 50 or more square meters of kitchen garden or three fruit trees or six berry bushes, or
 - At least 10 rabbits, 10 domestic fowls or other farm animals, or
 - At least three beehives.

Coverage

The census covered the agricultural holdings and the household plots in the entire country.

Frame

Local Government Offices compiled, in co-operation with the census staff and the employees of the Statistical Office, the lists of enumeration units, which was updated in June 2001. A Statistical Farm Register, established in 1993, was already operative in the country.

Method

Enumerators questioned the holders of agricultural holdings and the persons operating household plots, by personal interview. The enumerator filled in the census questionnaire on each unit of enumeration (agricultural holding or household plot), in the same way as in the Population and Housing Census.

Data source

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