

GADELOUPE - Agricultural Census 2000 - Explanatory Notes

Guadeloupe is part of the French Territory and it is only for statistical purposes that it is recorded as a separate entity in the North and Central American Region. Consequently, results related to France bear only to the territory of France in Europe (France Metropolitaine).

Historical outline

The 2000 Agricultural Census is the third conducted in Guadeloupe after the ones in 1980/81 and 1988/89.

Organization

The census was organized by the Statistical Service of the French Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries through the Departmental Services of Agriculture and Forestry, the Regional Services of Agriculture and Forestry, and the Central Service of Statistical Surveys and Studies.

Enumeration period

The enumeration period was October 2000 to January 2001.

Reference date/period

Livestock numbers refer to all animals present on the holding on the day of enumeration. Land use refers to the period during 1 November 1999 to 31 October 2000.

Definition

- **Exploitation Agricole** (Agricultural holding): An economic unit of agricultural production under single management, reaching minimum limits in terms of size or agricultural production, such as:
 - 1 ha of agricultural area in use, or
 - 20 acres (1 acre = 0.40469 ha) of specialized crops, or
 - threshold level of agricultural production, estimated either in terms of productive area (e.g. 10 acres of bananas of export varieties, 10 acres of sugarcane etc.) or in terms of number of animals (e.g. 10 cows, 10 bee-hives etc.).
- **Le Siège de l'exploitation** (Holding's headquarters): The place where the holding is located, consisting of holding's main buildings or, its largest parcel.
- **Les Actifs Agricoles** (Agricultural workers): Consist of family workers and of paid permanent and temporary/seasonal workers.
- **Les Actifs Familiaux** (Family workers): Include the holding's head of household and household members engaged in agricultural activity on the holding.

Coverage

The census covered the entire country.

Frame

In a first stage, a list of holdings to be interviewed was built by the Statistical Service of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, based on already existing files. In a second stage, the list was validated in collaboration with the mayors of each municipality (commune) at the Municipal Commission office.

Method

Complete enumeration of all holdings was conducted through direct interviews.

Data source

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