

Historical outline

The second census in independent Lithuania (the first one took place in 1930), to which the data reported here relates, was carried out in 2003.

Organization

The census of agriculture was organized under the Law on Statistics of the Republic of Lithuania, which empowers Statistics Lithuania to carry out all censuses in the country. A Resolution of the Government on Census of Agriculture 2003 charged Statistics Lithuania to establish a Commission on the Census of Agriculture from the representatives of the Ministries and Institutions. The Commission worked on methodological and procedural aspects relating to the Census. The Ministry of Agriculture was actively involved in development of the Census Questionnaire. An order was issued by the Director General of Statistics on the Rules of Filling in the Questionnaire of the Census of Agriculture 2003 and the List of Farms Accountancy. The Questionnaire was in harmony with the guidelines of the UN Statistical Commission and of Eurostat. The enumerators were guided by 116 heads of census units with 1 200 census supervisors checking the questionnaires.

Enumeration period

The Census of Agriculture was conducted during 2 – 30 June 2003.

Reference date/period

For livestock and poultry stocks as on 1 June 2003.

Definition

- **Farm (agricultural holding):** The census questionnaires were filled in by all farms producing agricultural products, provided:
 - their land property was one hectare of agricultural land or more (excluding leased out land); or
 - the income gained from the sale of agricultural products amounted to no less than 40 minimum standards of living (MSL).
- **Utilized Agricultural Land:** land plots of cultivated pastures, meadows and natural grazing, perennials. Kitchen-gardens and green houses.
- **Unutilized Agricultural land:** land used as agricultural land before, though recently it has not been cultivated due to economic, social or other reasons.

Coverage

The Census of Agriculture 2003 covered the entire territory of the country.

The subjects covered included land, crops, livestock, housing, agricultural equipment, the number of family members working in agricultural sector, the number of hired employees, their working hours, the farm group by income level and fishery.

Method

All farmers and land users, who grow agricultural products, were enumerated. Land users using less than one hectare of farming land and cultivating agricultural plants or raising animals and poultry were taken into a special list. Enumerators faced quite a challenge visiting on average eight land users per day and 163 per entire period.

Data source

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