

## Historical outline

A number of agricultural surveys have been undertaken in Mali since 1960. In 1984, a Census of Agriculture was carried out. The most recent Census of Agriculture, to which data here presented refer, is the "Recensement General de l'Agriculture (RGA)" conducted in 2004/05.

## Organization

The leadership of the RGA project was assigned to the "Cellule de Planification et de Statistique" of the Ministry of Agriculture. The RGA National Technical Committee consisted of members both from the Agricultural and Livestock Statistics Sub-Committee and from the National Committee for Statistical Co-ordination. The "Bureau Central du Recensement Agricole (BCRA)" included personnel from several Offices, like the "Direction Nationale de la Statistique et de l'Informatique", the "Direction Nationale de l'Appui au Monde Rural" and the "Office Malienne du Bétail et de la Viande". Government Offices at regional level were also involved in the RGA exercise. Over 500 Enumerators, 100 Supervisors, 21 Regional Supervisors, 6 at national level and 3 General Supervisors were involved in RGA field-operations. Technical and financial assistance were provided by the FAO of the UN, the World Bank (through the project PASAOP), the European Union, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the "Coopération Française" and from AFRISTAT, The Economic and Statistical Observatory of Sub-Saharan Africa.

## Enumeration period

June, 2004 to March, 2005.

## Reference date/period

Reference period is the Agricultural Season 2004/05. Livestock numbers refer to animals on the holding at the time of enumeration.

## Definition

- **Parcelle** is a piece of land within the holding on which a specific crop or crop mixture is cultivated (crop plot).
- **Bloc** is a piece of land entirely surrounded by other land, water, roads, etc. not forming part of the holding (parcel).

## Coverage

The RGA covered the entire country. Both traditional and modern agricultural holdings were covered.

## Frame

The frame for the sample enumeration of holdings in the Traditional Sector was provided by the General Population and Housing Census 1998. The "Direction Nationale de la Statistique et de l'Informatique (DNSI)" prepared maps reporting the Enumeration Sections (ES). In addition, a list of Villages was also used, in order to localize the ESs. In addition, an updated List of Modern Sector Holdings was available.

## Method

Complete enumeration of modern holdings. Sample of the traditional holdings using a two-stage sampling design: at the first stage, 2 000 Sections (Primary Sampling Units, PSU) were selected with probability proportional to size and number of holdings; at the second stage, five holdings from each Section were simple randomly sampled, for a total of 10 000 holdings (Secondary Sampling Units, SSU).

## Data source

Recensement Général de l'Agriculture (RGA) Campagne Agricole 2004/05, Principaux Résultats Définitifs (Vol. 1), Rapport de Synthèse – Octobre 2007. République du Mali.

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## Website

[http://www.harvestchoice.org/maps-etc/Mali\\_2004-05.pdf](http://www.harvestchoice.org/maps-etc/Mali_2004-05.pdf)