

MARTINIQUE - Agricultural Census 2000 - Explanatory Notes

Martinique is part of the French territory, and it is only for statistical purposes that it is recorded in the Data Bank at country level in the North and Central American Region. Consequently, results related to France bear only upon the territory of France in Europe (France Métropolitaine).

Historical outline

The 2000 Agricultural Census is the third conducted in Martinique; the first was carried out in 1980/81 and the second in 1988/89.

Organization

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

Enumeration period

The census was carried out between October 2000 and January 2001.

Definition

- **Exploitation Agricole:** (Agricultural holding) is 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 (SAU), or
 - 20 acres (1 acre = 0.40469 ha) of specialized crops, or
 - A sufficient agricultural production, estimated either in productive area (e.g. 10 acres of bananas of export varieties, 10 acres of sugarcane etc.) or in number of animals (e.g. 10 cows, 10 bee-hives etc.).
- **Le Siège de l'exploitation:** (Holding's headquarters) is the place where the holding is located, consisting of holding's main buildings or, in defect, of 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 having an agricultural activity on the holding.
- **Les Salariés Permanents:** (Permanent employees) perform regular work on the holding throughout the year, no matter what length.
- **UTA, Unité du travail annuel:** (Unit of annual work) is equivalent to the annual work of a person employed full time during a year.

Coverage

The census covered the entire country.

Frame

In a first stage, the 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.

Method

Complete enumeration of holdings was conducted through direct interview of heads of household.

Data source

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