

Historical outline

The 2002 General Census of Agriculture is the third census undertaken in New Caledonia; the first one was conducted in 1983/84 and the second in 1991.

Organization

The "Institut de la Statistique et des Etudes Economiques (ISEE)", in collaboration with the "Direction des Affaires Vétérinaires, Alimentaires et Rurales (DAVAR)" of New Caledonia, were entrusted with the technical organization of the General Census of Agriculture 2002.

Enumeration period

The census was conducted from 1 July 2002 to 28 January 2003.

Definition

- **Agricultural holding:** is an economic unit of agricultural production satisfying at the same time the following three conditions:
 - To produce at least one crop or to utilize agricultural land;
 - To reach a minimum size in terms of area, livestock numbers or agricultural production;
 - To be managed by an agricultural holder who takes the day-to-day decisions..
- **Superficie Agricole Utilisée (SAU):** includes arable land, land under permanent crops and land under permanent meadows and pastures.

Coverage

- Geographically, the census covered the entire country.
- To identify the holdings reaching the minimum size to be covered by the census, the method of calculation used by the Agriculture Register was followed: (i.e. 100 points for one hectare under pasture-land, 100 pts for a milk cow, 100 pts for a sow; 20 pts for 100 square meters under vegetables, 20 pts for a bee-hive; 2 pts for a laying-hen, etc.). All agricultural holdings exceeding 350 points were enumerated.

Frame/Method

Holdings were enumerated through direct interview.

Data source

Recensement Général Agricole (RGA) 2002. "Institut de la Statistique et des Etudes Economiques (ISEE), "Direction des Affaires Vétérinaires, Alimentaires et Rurales (DAVAR) Nouvelle-Calédonie.

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