**Historical outline**

The 2001 Farm Structure Census (FSC) is considered the first survey of this type undertaken in the Slovak Republic. It is planned to be carried out every ten years with annual surveys in the intervening period.

**Organization**

The 2001 Farm Structure Census was carried out for the first time according to the EU methodology, as a participation of the Slovak Republic into the Pan-European Agricultural Statistics Project, managed by the EU Statistical Office. The Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic and the Ministry of Agriculture participated into the realization of the survey in collaboration with the Agricultural and Food Industry Chamber (SAFIC) and with the participation of many other specialized institutions and municipal administrations, and in partnership with the French Institut Supérieur de Microélectronique Appliquée (ISMEA) and the Italian Ministry of Agriculture and Forest Policy. Two Coordination Managing Commissions were established: one headed by the Vice-President of the National Statistical Office and the other by the State Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture. During the FSC, 9,126 enumerators, one for each census district, collected information through personal interview. The census districts were set in such a way that an enumerator visited approximately 100 households.

**Enumeration period**

The census was carried out during November and December 2001.

**Reference date/period**


**Definition**

**Agricultural holdings** were categorized as **above** or **below** the following threshold:

- Having a land area of utilized agricultural land of at least 0.5 ha;
- Having a land area of intensive crops (orchards, vegetables or flowers) of at least 0.15 ha;
- Having a land area under vineyard of at least 0.05 ha or 0.03 ha of root/tuber crops in compact plantation.
- Having at least 1 head of cattle or 2 head of pigs or 4 head of sheep or goats, or 50 head of poultry.
- Having at least 100 head of fur-bearing animals or 100 hares or 5 beehives.

**Coverage**

The FSC was carried out in all municipalities of Slovak Republic and in selected municipal localities in which there was an assumption of agricultural main production.

**Frame**

A farm register of legal and natural persons with main agricultural activity, and a farm register of legal and natural persons with secondary agricultural activity (of which only the agricultural activity was surveyed) were used as census frame. For the preparation of the register of reporting units the following registers were used:

- Farm register kept by the Slovak Rep. Statistical Office since 1974;
- Register of organizations kept by the Slovak Rep. Statistical Office;
- Description of census districts elaborated for population census 2001;
- External lists provided by SAFIC, Union of Orchard Holders and other institutions.

**Method**

A pilot sample survey was carried out between 12 and 30 November 2000 to finalize the questionnaire. Short and detailed questionnaires were used, depending upon the size of the holding. The Census was carried out as a complete enumeration of holdings above the threshold. The holdings below the threshold were enumerated on sample basis.

**Data source**


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