

AUSTRIA - Agricultural Census 1990 - Explanatory Notes

Historical outline: Austria participated in all World Census of Agriculture rounds. Present data refer to the 1990 Census of Agriculture.

Organization: The 1990 Census of Agriculture was conducted under the supervision of the Austrian Central Statistical Office. Local authorities were responsible for the execution of the enquiries and control of the questionnaires.

Enumeration period: Data were collected on 1 June 1990.

Reference date: All data refer to the census day.

Definitions:

1. Holding: An agricultural holding is defined as any independent unit, devoted to agricultural production and/or to animal breeding with economic purposes, managed under a unified administration. Under this definition are included:
 - 1.1. All holdings with a cultivated area of at least 1 Ha, wholly or partly used for agriculture or forestry.
 - 1.2. All establishments with less than 1 Ha of cultivated area, or with no cultivated area at all, provided that they satisfy one of the following criteria:
 - 1.2.1. having at least 0.25 Ha under vineyards;
 - 1.2.2. having at least 0.25 Ha under commercial fruit-bearing plants;
 - 1.2.3. practising horticulture/nursery activity on at least 0.1 Ha under horticultural cultivation or having a greenhouse (made of glass or synthetic material);
 - 1.2.4. having at least one cattle or three pigs or five sheep/goats or fifty poultry;
 - 1.2.5. to be fishery establishments with a market-oriented production;
 - 1.2.6. to be mushroom cultivation establishments with a market-oriented production;
 - 1.2.7. practising apiculture with at least twenty bee-colonies.
2. Holder: Is the person who has the responsibility for the operation of the agricultural holding.
3. Total area of holding: Includes area owned, plus area rented, minus area leased, plus area under rights of usufruct.
4. Employment: Data refer to all persons 15 years of age and over who performed agricultural work on the holding during the census year for at least 12 hours per week.
5. Permanent workers are considered to be those who spent at least half of their working time on the holding.

Coverage: The census covered the entire country.

Frame: A list of agricultural holdings for each commune was used as the frame.

Methods: Complete enumeration of holdings was carried out. Data were collected by the local authorities, who requested all agricultural holdings to fill in the questionnaire. No objective measurement techniques were applied.

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