

LIBYA - Agricultural Census 1987 - Explanatory Notes

Historical outline: A census of agriculture was conducted in the United Kingdom of Libya in 1960; subsequently, two censuses of agriculture were conducted in the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the first in 1974 and the second, to which data here refer, in 1987.

Organization: The 1987 Census of Agriculture was planned, organized and conducted by the Department of Statistics and Census as central authority. At local level, municipalities were also involved in census operations.

Enumeration period: The field operations continued from late 1987 through 1988 and the first half of 1989.

Reference date: Census items refer to the agricultural year October 1986 to September 1987.

Definition: Holding - is defined as a technoeconomic unit of agricultural production wholly or partly used for crop production or livestock keeping or tree crops growing or a mixture of land, livestock and tree crops, operated as an independent economic unit. Economic units raising race horses only were not included in the census.

Coverage: The census covered the entire country.

Frame: A list of agricultural holders and holdings was obtained from the 1984 Population Census.

Methods: Complete enumeration of all holdings was carried out. Data were collected through direct interview.

Data source: The Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya - The General People's Committee for Economic Planning - Department of Statistics and Census - Agricultural Census 1987, Final Results.

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