

MARTINIQUE - Agricultural Census 1989 - Explanatory Notes

Information: Martinique is part of the French Territory, and it is only for practical 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 Metropolitaine).

Historical outline: The 1988-89 Agricultural Census is the second taken in Martinique; the first was carried out in 1980-81.

Organization: The census was organized by the Central Service of Statistical Surveys and Studies (SCEES) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, in collaboration with the local Statistical Offices of the above-mentioned Ministry.

Enumeration period: The census was carried out in 1988-89.

Definitions:

- "Superficie agricole utilisée" includes arable land, land under permanent crops, and land under permanent meadows and pastures.
- "Superficie agricole utile" includes "superficie agricole utilisée" plus land occupied by buildings, roads, and ditches as well as unproductive land.
- "Superficie totale" includes "superficie agricole utile", wood or forest land, aquaculture basins, and all other land not suitable for agriculture.
- Agricultural holding is an economic unit of agricultural production satisfying at the same time the following four conditions:
 - an agricultural output;
 - at least 0.5 Ha of "superficie agricole utile" or 0.1 Ha of "superficie agricole utilisée", or overstepping a certain number of livestock (depending on the type of animal), or a certain level of agricultural output;
 - an autonomous management;
 - accurately located in a municipality and identified by the most important building or the most important parcel.

Coverage: The census covered the entire country.

Frame: In the first half of 1988, a list of agricultural holdings, based on the list prepared for the previous census, was established in each municipality and used as frame.

Methods: Complete enumeration of holdings was conducted through direct interview.

Data source: Recensement Agricole 1988-89, Résultats Départementaux.

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