

MEXICO - Agricultural Census 1991 - Explanatory Notes

Historical outline: Agricultural censuses were conducted in the United States of Mexico in 1930, 1935, 1940, 1950, 1970, 1981 and 1991. Data presented here are from the 1991 census.

Organization: The census was planned, organized and conducted by the National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Informatics (INEGI), within the Agriculture and Forests Statistical Information System. The field structure consisted of census coordinators at state, zone and municipality level, and of enumerators, validation officers and their supervisors, at enumeration area level.

Enumeration period: The census was conducted between 1 and 31 October 1991.

Reference date: The agricultural year 1 October 1990 to 30 September 1991 was the reference period for agricultural and forest production, credit and insurance, non-agricultural or non-forest activities. 30 September 1991 was the reference day for livestock and agricultural machinery numbers, for farm buildings and other activities on the holding. Last week of September 1991 was the reference period for employment.

Definitions:

- "Rural production units" were defined those households practising an agricultural activity in rural areas.
- "Ejido" was defined as all land, woods and water sources, conceded to a nucleus of rural population by virtue of the Agrarian Law of January 1915.

Coverage: The census covered the entire country. In addition to agricultural holdings defined above as Rural Production Units and Ejidos, the census covered 1,765,401 additional agriculturally active households, reporting a negligible area.

Frame: Before the enumeration started, an accurate cartography work was performed.

Methods: Complete enumeration of all holdings was carried out. In localities with less than 15,000 inhabitants, a list of holders eligible for enumeration was made as a first step of enumeration work. In localities with more than 15,000 inhabitants, lists of holders divided by groups of census units were already available before the enumeration, so that the interviews could immediately start.

Data source: Instituto Nacional de Estadística, Geografía e Informática - Estados Unidos Mexicanos, VII Censo Agrícola-Ganadero and VII Censo Ejidal, Resultados Definitivos.

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