
POLAND - Agricultural Census 1990 - Explanatory Notes

Historical outline: The first general census in Poland was conducted in 1921: information on population, housing and labour force was gathered in that occasion and, in addition, data on various aspects of Polish agriculture like farm structure, land use, livestock, machinery, use of fertilizers and certified seeds were also collected. From 1928 to 1988, excluding the Second World War period, data on agriculture were collected on a year-to-year basis. On 3 November 1989 a decree of the Council of Ministers stated that agricultural censuses were to be conducted every five years, starting from 1993; between two censuses sample surveys on land use, area sown and livestock numbers were to be conducted annually, in June. Due to the restructuring of economy in the 1990's, which affected also the agriculture sector, no complete censuses of agriculture were conducted until 1996. During the period 1988 to 1996, agricultural censuses were replaced by sample surveys. Data here presented refer to the sample survey conducted in 1990. The results of the agricultural census conducted in 1996 will be published as part of the 2000 World Census of Agriculture round, covering the period 1996 - 2005.

Organization: Statistical surveys on agriculture are conducted by almost all substantial departments of the Polish Central Statistical Office (GUS). Agriculture and Environmental Protection Division plays the leading role in conducting surveys on agricultural production and elaborates major integrated data on agriculture.

Enumeration period: The sample survey was conducted in June 1990.

Coverage: The survey covered the entire country.

Frame: A complete farm register was expected to be created in 1995-96 within the broader framework of establishing an integrated system of surveying rural areas, agriculture and food economy.

Methods: A 5 percent sample survey was conducted. Data were collected from the sampled units by enumerators through direct interview.

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