

BRAZIL - Agricultural Census 1985 - Explanatory Notes

Historical outline:

The first census of agriculture in Brazil was conducted in 1920. The second was carried out in 1940, from which the agricultural censuses carried out every ten years until 1970. From 1975 to 1985 the censuses were taken every five years. Data presented here are from the 1985 Agricultural Census, which was the eighth census of agriculture conducted in Brazil.

Organization:

The Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE) was responsible for planning and conducting the census, as well as for analysis and dissemination of the data.

Enumeration period:

Data were collected during the period January to March 1986.

Reference date:

The reference period of the census items is the calendar year 1985, while the reference day is 31 December 1985.

Definition:

Agricultural holding is considered any land, without regard to size, including one or more contiguous parcels, operated under a single management, with the purpose of cultivating land with temporary and/or permanent crops, including horticulture and flowers; breeding or fattening livestock; forestation or reforestation and exploiting forest products. Residential yards and kitchen gardens are excluded. Contiguous lands occupied under different tenancy but run under the same management are considered as one holding.

Coverage:

The census covered the entire country, both rural and urban areas.

Frame:

The frame was constituted by dividing the whole country into census sectors (Enumeration Areas), based on municipal maps used in the previous agricultural census.

Methods:

The census was carried out by complete enumeration of all holdings. Data were collected through direct interview.

Data source:

The Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics. Sinopse Preliminar Do Censo Agropecuário. Censos Econômicos 1985. Volume 4. Numero 6. Rio De Janeiro. 1987.

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