

## EGYPT - Agricultural Census 1990 - Explanatory Notes

### **Historical outline:**

Egypt participated in the World Census of Agriculture by undertaking a complete enumeration census in the years: 1929, 1939, 1950, 1961, 1982 and 1990.

### **Organization:**

The census was organized by the General Department of Agricultural Census, the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation. The field work was carried out by about 12 000 enumerators and 2 500 supervisors.

### **Reference date:**

Data refer to the agricultural year 1989/90, except the inventory items (livestock, etc.) which refer to 23 December 1990.

### **Definition:**

The agricultural holding, as the enumeration unit, includes agricultural assets, with or without land. Holdings must have at least 12 Sahn (87.5 square meters) used wholly or partly for agricultural production. All land operated by a holder within the boundaries of the same district is considered as a holding. Holdings without land are considered as holdings if they have a minimum of one head of cattle, buffaloes or camels; or five heads of sheep or goats, or a combination of them; or hundred poultry; or ten beehives; or one fishery cage; or one agricultural machine used in agriculture. Units possessing only pigs or draught animals are not considered as agricultural holdings.

### **Coverage:**

The census covered all sectors of agriculture in the entire country.

### **Frame:**

The frame was prepared during the first phase of the census, which took place at the beginning of the agricultural year. The country was divided into: 26 governorates, 186 districts and 4 644 villages and cities.

### **Methods:**

The census was carried out on a complete enumeration bases in two phases. In the first phase, a list of all agricultural holdings was prepared. The main purpose of this phase was to provide an updated list of all buildings, households and agricultural holdings. Sketch maps of villages and cities were also prepared in this phase. The second phase was the census proper and consisted of the interview of all holders using a detailed questionnaire.

### **Data source:**

Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation. Final Report on the Sixth Agricultural Census 1990.

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