

## GERMANY - Agricultural Survey 1995 - Primary Results

### Historical outline:

The first Agricultural Census in Germany was taken place in 1949. Since then, the Census was conducted periodically once in approximately every ten years; i.e. in 1960, 1971, 1979, and 1991. In the intervening years, agricultural reports were carried out as an exhaustive survey in every fourth years and as a sample survey in the other years. Data presented here are from the 1995 sample survey.

### Organization:

The survey was conducted by Federal Statistical Office, which was responsible for the methodological, technical and organisational preparation of the survey. The Ministry for Food, Agriculture and Forestry and the Regional Statistical Offices were also involved in some part of the work. The enumerators and other authorities responsible for carrying out the field work of the survey should participate in training which were carried out in each region.

### Enumeration period:

Survey on livestock was carried out on 3 December 1994, while data on land use and labour force were collected in May and April 1995 respectively.

### Reference date:

Data on livestock refer to its enumeration day: 3 December 1994. Figures regarding land use and labour refer to the 12 months preceding the survey.

### Definition:

Holdings are technical and economic units which have a single management and the output of which are agricultural and forestry products. Agricultural holdings are holdings whose utilised agricultural area corresponds to at least one tenth of their wooded area.

The survey units are agricultural holdings:

with a utilised agricultural area of at least one hectare.

with natural production units which correspond to the average annual value of the market production of one hectare of utilised agricultural area.

with a wooded area of at least one hectare.

### Coverage:

The survey covered agricultural holdings of the entire country.

### Frame:

The register of holdings, which was continuously checked and updated, was used as frame for the survey. The register of holdings was compiled and managed in the Regional Statistical Offices.

### Methods:

The 1995 Survey employed 18 per cent of sampling rate. The sampling method applied for drawing sample was a combination of systematic and random sample. Agricultural Report 1993 was used as the sample frame. Stratification is on a regional basis, by *Länder*. There were 20 strata which its stratification characteristics and thresholds were determined by methodological criteria and experience. Data collection was carried out either through interview or by post.

### Data source:

European Commission. Farm Structure: Methodology of Community Survey. Theme 5. Series E. 1996; Farm Structure: 1995 Survey. Main Results. 1999.

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