

GREECE - Agricultural Survey 1995 - Primary Results

Historical outline:

Surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings in Greece are carried out either as full or sample surveys. Exhaustive censuses have been conducted regularly in every ten years since 1950 while sample surveys were carried out in 1966/1967 for the first and in 1977/1978 for the second time. Since 1983, following Greece's accession to the European Community, the surveys of agricultural and livestock holdings have been carried out in every two years, the same intervals as the Community surveys. Data presented here are from the 1995 sample survey.

Organization:

The Structure of Agricultural and Livestock Holdings Division, Directorate for the Primary Sector, was responsible for the preparation and technical details of the survey whilst the Methodology Division was responsible for the methodological matters. The compilation of documents with personal data was the responsibility of the Informatic Division.

Enumeration period:

Survey was carried out during the period 30 September 1995 to 30 November 1996.

Reference date:

Data on livestock refer to 30 September 1995. Figures regarding land use and labour force refer to the period 1 October 1994 to 30 September 1995.

Definition:

Agricultural holdings are economic units that are subject to uniform management and produce agricultural products.

The survey units are agricultural holdings:

1. with a utilised agricultural area of at least one stremma (0.1 hectare). Utilised agricultural area includes arable land, kitchen gardens, permanent pasture and permanent crops.
2. with a utilised agricultural area of less than one stremma (0.1 hectare) provided that on 30 September of the survey year, the holding has at least one cow or two heads of other livestock, or at least 5 heads of small livestock (sheep, goats or pigs), or more than 50 heads of poultry, or more than 20 beehives.

Coverage:

The survey covered agricultural holdings whose managers were permanently resident on the holding, even if temporarily absent.

Frame:

The register of holdings, which was continuously checked and updated, was used as frame for the survey.

Methods:

Multistage stratified random sampling of area was applied with a ten per cent sample; 3 strata from urban character and 3 strata from less-favoured areas and others. General Agricultural and Livestock Census 1991 was used as sampling base. Data were collected through personal interview.

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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