

IRAN - Agricultural Census 1993 - Explanatory Notes

Historical outline:

Iran Agricultural Census is periodically conducted as decennial program. The first national census of agriculture was conducted in 1960 (Mehr 1339) on a sample enumeration basis. Data presented here are from General Census of Agriculture conducted in 1993.

Organization:

The census was organized by the Statistical Center of Iran, Planning and Management Organization, in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Jihad-e-Sazandegi, Islamic Republic of Iran. A total of 6859 enumerators, 2186 technical editors, 2186 crowd leaders, 710 technical assistants, and 24 supervisors were employed to carry out the field work.

Enumeration period:

The census was conducted during the period of 17 October to 21 November 1993.

Reference date:

Some census items refer to date of enumeration, while some others refer to previous calendar year (1371 Hejri-Shamsi).

Definition:

Agricultural holding is the statistical unit of the census, defined as an economic unit of agricultural production or activities under single management without regard to title or legal form. Agricultural holdings are those meeting one or more of the following conditions:

- having or operating at least 400 m² of arable land
- having or operating at least 200 m² of land under permanent crops
- raising one or more cattle
- raising two or more sheep or goats
- raising five or more poultry
- raising honey-bees, silk worms, or fish on any scale

Agricultural production without land is also considered as a holding.

Coverage:

The census covered all agricultural sectors in rural and urban areas of entire country, except forestry and pastures.

Frame:

A list of agricultural holdings was prepared at the beginning of the field work.

Methods:

Complete enumeration of all holdings was carried out in 17 352 enumeration areas. There was about 200 holdings in each area. Data were collected through direct interview.

Data source:

Statistical Center of Iran. Detailed Results of General Census of Agriculture 1993.

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