

THAILAND - Agricultural Census 1993 - Explanatory Notes

Historical outline:

The first Agricultural Census in Thailand was conducted in 1950, the second in 1963, and the third in 1978. The fourth agricultural census, to which data here presented refer, was postponed to 1993 from its initially planned for 1988 to follow the 1990 Population Census. Two Intercensal Surveys of Agriculture were also carried out in 1983 and 1988.

Organization:

The 1993 Agricultural Census was organized and conducted by the National Statistical Office. The field work was conducted by 25 800 enumerators and 5 000 supervisors recruited for this purpose.

Enumeration period:

Census enumeration was carried out during the period 15 April to 5 May 1993.

Reference date:

Most data refer to the census day of 1 April 1993. Figures regarding crops and employment refer to the period 1 April 1992 to 31 March 1993.

Definition:

A holding is defined as an economic unit of agricultural production under single management, comprising all livestock kept and all land used wholly or partly for agricultural production purposes. Minimum size of holding is defined as:

- the area operated of two rai (1 rai = 0.16 ha) and over; or
- two or more heads of cattle and/or buffaloes; or
- five or more pigs; or
- one hundred or more chicken and/or ducks; or
- income earned from selling crops or animals or animal products during the last 12 months mounting to 6 500 baths and over.

Coverage:

The Agricultural Census covered entire national territory and all types of agricultural holdings.

Methods:

Data were collected using the interview method. A combination of complete and sample enumeration was applied. The questionnaire was divided in two parts: the first part was used for collecting basic data on agricultural structures from all holdings while the second was used for collecting other data from a 25 percent sample of holdings.

Data source:

Office of the Prime Minister. National Statistical Office. 1993 Agricultural Census.

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