



CountrySTAT

Food and Agriculture Data Network

An Integrated System for National Food and Agriculture Statistics

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What is CountrySTAT?

CountrySTAT is a web-based information technology system for food and agriculture statistics at **regional, national** and **sub-national** levels.

CountrySTAT has been developed using **cutting-edge open-source technology** and is part of the FAOSTAT family, and benefitting from the same technology (FENIX platform) implemented for the new FAOSTAT system.

CountrySTAT's **objective** is to improve access to food and agricultural statistics, which can:

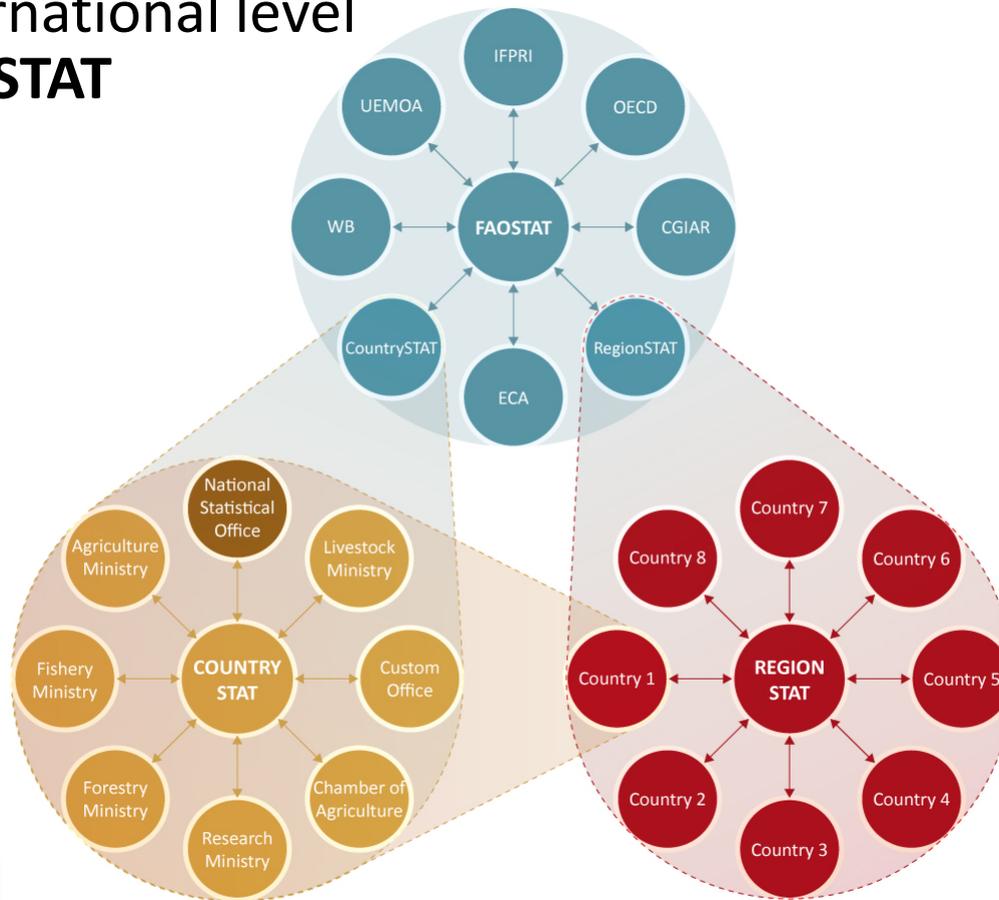
- support data analysis
- facilitate monitoring and evidence-based decision making with the goal of eradicating extreme poverty and hunger.

What does CountrySTAT do?

- CountrySTAT **centralizes, harmonizes, standardizes, integrates** and **validates** data on food and agriculture coming from different sources.
- CountrySTAT network aims to ensure the **ownership and long-term sustainability of the system** by building capacity of a pool of regional and national experts and competent trainers able to provide technical support on a continuous basis through regional and national institutions.

Relationship between CountrySTAT, RegionSTAT and FAOSTAT

International level
FAOSTAT



National level
CountrySTAT

Regional level
RegionSTAT

Benefits of CountrySTAT

- Data **collection, validation, standardization and harmonization**
- Official data ensures **reliability**
- **Standard classification** of data
- Data **comparability**
- **Metadata** for best comprehension of data upload
- Data **accessibility**
- Data from **Agricultural Censuses/Surveys** and **Statistical Yearbooks** available on the Web site

What are the CountrySTAT components?

Statistics

- National statistics
- International standards
- Methodology
- Quality Control

IT

- Data handling using a web-based platform
- Ready-to-use visualization and analysis
- Efficient data exchange

Communications

- Awareness at national and international levels
- Encourage user participation
- Improved access to information

Country Coordination

- Provide technical support and guidance to countries
- Assist in the organization of relevant national meetings, workshops, and training sessions
 - Monitor and support day-to-day progress of activities and implementation.

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR CountrySTAT

CountrySTAT's dynamic framework and process for strengthening institutional capacity in countries



- Coordinates TWG
- Updates Web site
- Work plan
- Budget
- Telephone conferences

TWG Meetings providing validated data (harmonized and standardized)



Coordinate, liaise and support all activities between FAO HQ and countries

Why do we need CountrySTAT?

Producers

- Easy publishing
- Standards-based
- Training
- Cooperation
- Capacity development

Users

- Cost free
- Quick data access
- Standard formats
- Web-based
- Graphs & Maps
- Data feeds

Politicians

- Evidence based decision-making
 - Informed policy-making

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Southern African Development Community (SADC)



Monitoring African Food and Agricultural Policies (MAFAP)



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How to access CountrySTAT:

www.countrystat.org

CountrySTAT in Action:

Demonstration On Line

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