

Land Tenure Data in Agricultural Censuses

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Outline

- Why land tenure information is important?
- Related concepts
- The changes in the concepts

Scope of Agricultural Census

- **Census:** focus on key data (structural in nature), less periodic
- **Conventional census data items**
 - **land tenure**, land use, crop area harvested, irrigation, livestock numbers, use of labour and use of agricultural inputs
 - some demographic information on holders and households
- **Specialized surveys for in-depth data**
 - fertilizer, machinery, pesticides, credit, farm income etc.

Land tenure? And Why?

- **Relationship of a person/ group of persons/ or institution with land**
 - Legally or customarily defined
 - Rights to control, use or sell: nature and degree
- **Dimensions**
 - Distributive justice: control over assets and incomes
 - Environment quality and sustainability (incentives to invest)
 - Gender issues: sub-holder
 - Land conflicts and civil wars
- **Users want to classify all information by land tenure type.**

The Unit for Agricultural Census

- An **agricultural holding** is an economic unit of agricultural production under **single management** comprising all livestock kept and **all land used wholly or partly used for agricultural production purposes, without regard to title, legal form, or size.**
- Single management may be exercised by an **individual** or a **household, jointly by two or more individuals** or households, by a **clan or tribe**, or by a **juridical person** such as a **corporation, cooperative** or a **government agency. (holder)**
- The holding's land may consist of one or more parcels, located in one or more separate areas or in one or more territorial or administrative divisions, providing the parcels share the same production means utilized by the holding, such as labour, farm buildings, machinery or draught animals.
- **New definition of parcel Pg.157**

Traditional Approaches to land tenure information

- Area approach and/or Holding approach
- Same results

Country examples

- India
 - number/ area of holdings by: owned, leased-in, otherwise operated and combinations thereof.
 - data on terms of leasing/ mortgage also collected
 - difficulties in data collection where leasing is not permitted, resulting in unreliable data.
- Nepal, 2002
 - holdings by land owned, rented and others
 - Rental terms: fixed money, fixed produce, share of produce, exchange of services, mortgage
- Argentina, 2001
 - judicial relation of operator with land: sharecropper, lessee, contracts of less than two years, occupation without title and without formal contract, owner, collective ownership.

Complexities in data collection and changes in WCA 2010

- **Approach to overcome Complexities**
 - Variety of types of tenure across countries and conceptual approaches for studying them
(broad common categories with possibilities of elaboration at country level)
 - Mixture of tenure on a holding
(one parcel, one tenure form)
 - Separation of tenure type and terms of rentals
 - Items both in core and census supplementary module
(0009; 0103; 0104)
 - Unwillingness to divulge

Land tenure classification of WCA

WCA 2010	WCA 1990 and 2000
Legal ownership or legal owner like possession	Land owned or held in owner-like possessions
	Land under tribal or traditional communal forms of tenure
Non-legal ownership or non-legal owner like possession	
Land rented from others (rental terms: a separate data item)	Land rented from others (including rental terms)
Land under other forms of tenure (splitting by countries)	Land operated on squatter basis
	Land under other forms of tenure



Thank You!