

Historical outline

A census of agriculture was conducted in the former United Kingdom of Libya in 1960. Subsequently, in the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya three agricultural censuses were conducted, the first in 1974, the second in 1987 and the third, to which data here refer, in 2001.

Organization

The 2001 Census of Agriculture was planned, organized and conducted by the Department of Statistics and Census as central authority. At local level municipalities were also involved in census operations.

Reference date/period

Data refer to the agricultural year 1 October 1999 to 30 September 2000.

Definition

- **Agricultural holding:** A techno-economic unit of agricultural production wholly or partly used for crop production or livestock keeping or tree crops growing, or a mixture of land, livestock and tree crops, operated as an independent economic unit.
- **Owned (private) land:** The land owned by an individual or a family according to documents.
- **Public (Government) land:** is the land owned by the Government or by Islamic Waqf, or public companies or enterprises.
- **Occupied land:** is the land which the holder occupies and cultivates "de facto", taking the entire produce, without any registration or official documentation or rental contract or consent of the legal owner which could be the Government or a private. However, in some cases the permission is given for land owned by Government.

Coverage

The census covered the whole country.

Frame

A list of agricultural holders and holdings was obtained from the 1995 Population Census, whose questionnaire included some questions aimed to identify households involved in agricultural activities.

Method

Complete enumeration of all holdings was carried out. Data were collected through direct interview.

Data source

Agricultural Census 2001 Final Results. Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

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