

Historical outline

The 2003 Census of Agriculture was the fifth conducted in the Republic of Cyprus after its independence. The previous ones were undertaken in 1960, 1977, 1985 and 1994.

Organization

The Census was organized by the Statistical Service (Agricultural Statistics Unit of the Ministry of Finance (MoF), in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and other Government Departments, Farmers Associations, Community Authorities, etc.. Data collection was performed by the District Offices of the Statistical Service. The staff for field work comprised 216 enumerators, 35 regional supervisors and 19 data processors.

Enumeration period

The census was conducted during the period from 6 October 2003 to the end of March 2004.

Reference date/period

For crop production, employment, etc.: 1 October 2002 to 30 September 2003

For livestock numbers: 1 October 2003.

Definition

The unit of enumeration was the agricultural, livestock, or agricultural-livestock holding, defined as a techno-economic unit, under single management, producing agricultural-livestock products.

Minimum size of holding

For census purposes, a unit was considered and enumerated as agricultural holding only if it met at least one of the following conditions:

- An agricultural area equal or greater than one decare (*i.e. 0.1 ha or 1000 square meters*) of agricultural land,
- Half a decare in greenhouses,
- One cow or two other large animals (cattle, horses, donkeys),
- Five small animals (sheep, goats, pigs),
- Fifty head of poultry,
- Twenty bee-hives.

Coverage

The census covered all holders of agricultural land and/or livestock in the Government controlled part of Cyprus. The census included nurseries and greenhouses.

Frame

The basic lists of holders residing in the villages was prepared with the help of local authorities, while the lists of holders residing in urban and suburban areas was obtained from the Census of Population (2001) and from other sources.

Method

The census was carried out on a complete enumeration basis. Data were collected through personal interviews with holders. The enumeration in rural areas was done on a door-to-door basis, while in urban areas coverage was based on information obtained from various registers prepared by the Ministry of Agriculture and other administrative sources like the previous Agricultural Census (1994).

Data source

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