

JORDAN - Agricultural Census 1997 - Explanatory Notes

Historical outline

The 1997 Agricultural Census was the fifth conducted in Jordan. The first census was carried out in 1953, the second in 1965, the third in 1975, and the fourth in 1983.

Organization

The census was organized by the Department of Statistics, in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and in cooperation with other public and private institutions like the Ministry of Interior, the Public Security and the Radio -Television.

Enumeration period

The enumeration period was from 17 May to 10 August 1997.

Reference date/period

Data refer to the agricultural year preceding the enumeration.

Definition

- **Holding:** A techno-economic unit of agricultural production under single management, consisting of one or more parcels, regardless of their location. For census purposes, an agricultural holding is enumerated if reporting an area of at least one dunum (1000 square meters). Holdings without land are also considered for census purposes, if reporting at least one of the following:
 - Ten sheep;
 - Ten goats;
 - One head of cattle;
 - Three camels;
 - Five beehives.

Coverage

The 1997 Agricultural Census covered all agricultural holdings (see definition above) in the country.

Frame

A complete list of all households from the 1994 Population Census, whether or not engaged in agriculture, was used as frame. Those households engaged in agriculture were then identified during the interviews.

Method

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

Data source

General Results of the Agricultural Census 1997, February 1999. The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Department of Statistics, Jordan.

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