

Historical outline

The previous agricultural censuses were organized in 1960, 1977, 1983/84 and in 1996/97.

Organization

The Agricultural Sample Survey 2005 has been organized by the Ministry of Finance and Planning, Bureau of Statistics, Planning Division.

Enumeration period

The Agriculture Sample Survey 2005 was conducted during the period 17 – 31 May 2005.

Reference date/period

Data collected refer the period from 14 April 2004 to 13 April 2005. About the items of information on holder, size of land holding, land tenure, operated land and farm population the reference time was the day of enumeration.

Definition

- Household: a group of persons normally living together and eating in one mess with their dependents, relatives, servants, etc.
- **Agricultural household:** ultimate sampling unit from which agricultural data were collected.
- **Mauza:** the lowest administrative territorial unit having a separate jurisdiction and the revenue records.
- **Enumeration area (EA):** well defined and specified area of enumeration assigned to an enumerator to conduct the survey
- **Holder:** the member of the household who exercises management control over the operation of the agricultural holding
- **Mohalla:** human settlement or a part of residential segment of a city or town having its own identity

Coverage

A fixed number of clusters (10% of the administrative subdivisions mauzas and mohallas) were selected in each zila (district)/city and the selected agricultural households were interviewed in each cluster. The Mauzas were divided in two classes: up to 500 households and more than 500 households. The enumeration areas (EAs) were delineated with about 200 households from the selected Mauzas and 300 households from the selected Mohallas. A total of 13 539 EAs were selected for the enumeration.

Frame

The sampling is a stratified cluster one. It was developed a stratified cluster design with Mohalla and Mauza as cluster of households.

Method

The sample includes two-level stratification:

- Localities dividing the whole country in 3 strata:
 - **Metropolitan area** consisting of municipalities of 6 Metropolitan cities;
 - **Urban area** consisting of municipalities of other Zila towns;
 - **Rural area** consisting of remaining areas of the country.
- Stratification was done within the selected localities.

Data source

Preliminary Report, Agriculture Sample Survey, October 2005. Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics, Planning Division, Ministry of Planning, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

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