

SURVEY ON SOWN AREAS IN AUTUMN SOWING

LEGAL BASIS

The survey is regulated by the Regulation on Carrying out Certain Statistical Surveys ("Official Gazette" No 110/2009) in line with the Law on Official Statistics ("Official Statistics of RS", No 104/2009), as well as according to the Strategy for Official Statistics of the Republic of Serbia over 2009-2012.

METHODOLOGICAL BASIS

The survey aims to collect data on sown areas in autumn sowing period, which are occupied by: cereals, industrial crops, vegetable and fodder crops. Data on the consumption and stocks of mineral fertilizers in agricultural legal units, farm cooperatives and units of other legal units for the calendar year, as well as data on family holding supplies in wheat for seed.

Reporting units for this survey are:

- agricultural legal units, farm cooperatives and other legal units (PO 21a),
- estimation areas (in principle, one estimation area is taken to be one or more cadastre municipalities, etc. for family holdings (PO 21b).

Survey coverage – survey data cover sown areas in autumn sowing period of all agricultural legal entities, farm cooperatives and other legal units. As regard family holdings, data refer to overall areas, as well as to areas outside family holdings (households of non-farmers, gardens in towns, etc.).

Method and period of data collection – data for legal units and farm cooperatives are collected by means of regular annual questionnaires, accounting records being used to fill them in. Data for family holdings are estimated by statistical estimators. For that purpose a network of approximately 1250 statistical estimators, who provide data for about 4000 estimated areas, has been created. This survey serves the purpose of presenting sown areas in autumn sowing as of 31 November.

Data thereof are published as aggregates for the levels of municipalities, districts, Vojvodina, Central Serbia and the Republic of Serbia. Personal data are protected by law.

Definition of the main concept

Sown areas – areas that are worked and sown with crops.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SURVEY MANAGEMENT

The Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia is the producer of the mentioned data.

Data are collected and entered in regional offices, processed, edited and presented in tables in the Division of Agriculture and Forestry.

The Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia sends, via its regional offices, questionnaires to agricultural legal units, farm cooperatives and other legal units (PO-21a), and to statistical estimators (PO-21b) for the purpose of collecting data. Short explanatory notes as to how to fill in the questionnaire are given in the questionnaire (PO-21a), while statistical estimators use short methodological notes of the statistics of plant farming to fill in PO-21b.

Data are to be sent to the Office not later than 10 November as regard preliminary results, which are published on 15 December in the statistical release PO-11. As for final results on 31st December, which processing is to be completed up to 15th January.

Preliminary results on sown areas in autumn sowing period are published in the statistical release PO11, data are published in the publications: „Statistical Yearbook of the Republic of Serbia“, bulletin „Agriculture“, and on the Internet site of the Office (www.stat.gov.rs).

SURVEY TOOLS

Questionnaire – annexed

Methodological notes

The nomenclature complies with the "Classification of Activities" (CA) and the nomenclature „Products and Services in Agriculture, Hunting, Forestry and Fishing“.