

ANNUAL SURVEY ON LEGAL ENTITIES ENGAGED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

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 that provide an overview of the state and development of agricultural practices and agricultural economy in agricultural legal units, farm cooperatives and units of other agricultural legal units. The survey is meant to collect data on: the number of agricultural legal units, farm cooperatives and units of other agricultural legal units, on the number of employees, their educational attainment, qualification, balances of wheat and maize, the consumption of agricultural machinery, fuel, lubricants, electricity and plant protection preparations. Data on land use are gathered every five years and those on buildings every ten years.

Reporting units are agricultural legal units, farm cooperatives and units of other agricultural legal units.

Data are gathered by means of regular annual reports for which information is taken from accounting and other records.

Aggregated data for Vojvodina, Central Serbia and the Republic of Serbia are available. Personal data are protected according to the law.

Definitions of main concepts:

Agricultural legal units – this is a commercial and business entity being engaged in agricultural production and services.

Farm cooperatives – these are voluntary associations of persons that, via joint business management in the scope of agricultural production and services, generate commercial interests, i.e. promote their social and economic position. They also make decisions about common issues.

The survey will be harmonized with EU standards after the Census of Agriculture, which is in the course of preparation.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SURVEY MANAGEMENT

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

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

Data are collected by means of questionnaires, which are sent by the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia, via its regional offices, to agricultural legal units, farm cooperatives and units of other agricultural legal units (PO-71). Short explanatory notes as to how to fill in the questionnaire are given in the questionnaire (PO-71).

Data are to be sent to the Office on 20th March, which processing is to be finalized up to 10th April.

Data are published in the "Statistical Yearbook of the Republic of Serbia" and bulleting "Agriculture". They are also available on the website 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“.