

INDICES OF THE PHYSICAL VOLUME OF THE 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 provide data for the regular measurement of changes in the physical volume of the total agricultural production and changes in the physical volume of agricultural groupings, i.e. sub-groupings of agricultural products.

To calculate the index one uses data from regular surveys, which are conducted in the scope of the agriculture statistics on produced quantities of plant and livestock products, as well as those on average producers' prices on the level of the Republic of Serbia.

The list of products used for the calculation of the index of agricultural production physical volume contains 56 major agricultural products significant to the economy. Moving three-year averages of prices of agricultural producers' prices are used for weighting factors for the level of the Republic of Serbia. The base for the calculation of base indices is 2005. Gross and net indices have been calculated for the overall agriculture. When calculating the gross index, the agricultural production of the 56 products has been taken into account. In order to avoid double counting, animal feeding (50% of maize, barley, oat, fodder crops and hay) has been excluded from the net index.

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

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.

The calculation of preliminary indices for the current year is to be done up to 20th December, and of final indices with results for the previous year up to 20^h May.

Data are published in the "Statistical Yearbook of the Republic of Serbia", "Municipalities in Serbia", the bulleting "Agriculture" and on the website of the Office (www.stat.gov.rs).