

# ANNUAL SURVEY ON LIVESTOCK BREEDING

## 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

### Objective and scope of the survey

The main objective of the survey is the provision of data on the number and balance of livestock by types and categories, as well as of data on the number of beehives, production of milk, wool, eggs and honey production in companies, branches thereof and in farm cooperatives.

### Reporting units

Reporting units are legal units or branches thereof and cooperative farms having livestock, and using state-owned, socially-owned, private, cooperative and mixed ownership funds. Reporting units are also units incorporated in holdings of agricultural schools, Ministry of the Interior and military institutions, as well as in institutes and other legal entities holding livestock.

### Survey coverage

All companies, branches thereof and farm cooperatives dealing with livestock production being located on the territory of the Republic of Serbia are included in the survey.

### Method and time of data collection

The reporting method has been used for the purpose of collecting data according to the territorial principle.

The survey is conducted annually.

Data on the number of livestock by types and categories are presented as of 1<sup>st</sup> December. Those referring to the production of primary livestock products refer to the 12 months preceding the critical moment of the survey.

### Obligation to protect personal data

Personal data are protected according to the Law on Official Statistics. Estimations are published on the levels of the Republic of Serbia, Central Serbia and Vojvodina.

### List and definitions of main concepts - indicators

**Dairy cows** are cows which milk is principally intended for human consumption or processing. These include draught and cull (taken out of production) dairy cows, whether or not fattened between their last lactation and their slaughter.

**Total milk production** is total milked milk intended for human consumption, processing or livestock feeding.

**Livestock balance** presents herd/flock turnover, in which changes in the number of livestock is registered.

**Purchased or sold livestock** refer to livestock purchased or sold outside the holding as a whole. The sale includes livestock sold to slaughter houses (owned or someone else's).

Only **livestock slaughtered** on the holding is shown. Livestock slaughtered in own slaughterhouses are excluded from this survey. Livestock sold for slaughter is shown under *Sold* in balance tables.

### Level of data representativeness

The data are presented on the level of the Republic of Serbia, Central Serbia and AP Vojvodina, while data for the territory of AP Kosovo and Metohia are not available.

## Harmonization with international recommendations and standards

The survey is partially harmonized with the Regulation EC No. 1165/2008, which regulates livestock-related surveys.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE SURVEY

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### Bodies in charge of survey management

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

Two copies of the questionnaire are to be filled out by the reporting unit, of which one is to be mailed to the relevant statistical body on which territory it is located (to the regional office of the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia). There, data are entered and corrections made according to previously forwarded criteria for logical and computing control.

Final control of materials, output tables and publishing are done in the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia.

### Obligation to provide data

Reporting units are due to send data to the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia in line with the Law on Official Statistics.

### Timetable of the main phases of the survey

Data are to be sent to regional offices of the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia on 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Data are to be sent to the Office in Belgrade no later than 25<sup>th</sup> January.

The first results are to be published no later than 21<sup>st</sup> February.

Final results are to be published on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

## SURVEY TOOLS

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### Questionnaire (*annexed*)

### How to fill in the questionnaire

Instructions are given in the questionnaire.

### List of nomenclatures and classifications used in the survey

The survey is carried out according to the Nomenclature of Products and Services in Agriculture, Hunting and Fishing and the current Classification of Activities.

### List of publications the methodology and survey results

Preliminary results are published in the "Statistical Release PO-12". Final results are published in the "Statistical Yearbook of the Republic of Serbia" and bulleting "Agriculture" for the relevant year. Data are also available on the website of the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia.

The methodology is published in the SORS edition "*Methodological Papers*", volume 358.

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