

MONTHLY SURVEY ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS TURNOVER AT GREEN MARKETS

LEGISLATION

- Official statistics law (Official gazette RS, no 104/2009)
- Program of official statistics, 2011-2015 (Official gazette RS, no 23/2011).

METHODOLOGICAL BACKGROUNDS

Objective and scope of statistical survey

The objective of the survey is to provide the data on the total volume and structure of the sales of agricultural products at organized markets (so-called village markets or green markets) carried out by family agricultural holdings. For this purpose, the following data are collected:

1. the quantities of agricultural products sold in the reporting month;
2. the average prices of agricultural products sold in the reporting month.

The obtained results are used for the purposes:

1. the study of trends of agricultural products' prices at markets, economic status of agriculture and market organization;
2. the estimations and analysis of consumers prices of seasonal agricultural products;
3. to present the volume and structure of goods' turnout in agriculture;
4. to determine the market surplus of agricultural products.

Reporting units

Reporting units are enterprises, organizations and communities rendering the services of letting sales places at markets, and other related services.

Observation unit for this survey is any organized market place.

Coverage

The survey covers all major enterprises and other organizations that render services of letting sales place at markets.

Since 1999, certain data for the AP Kosovo and Metohija have not been available and they have not been included in the coverage for the Republic of Serbia (total).

The address book of reporting units for this survey is created according to

- the statistical business register,
- other administrative sources (The Serbian business registers agency, the Ministry of economy and regional development, etc.).

Method, timing and data sources

The survey is implemented by the method of reporting by mail. In accordance with the available documents, each reporting unit fills the form *TRG-13*, entering the sold quantities and the average value per measurement unit of the sold agricultural products. Reporting units forward the data for all their business units on the territory of the Republic of Serbia, i.e. the autonomous province, where the head office is seated.

Data sources are the documents on paid market services (when payment is effected by product quantity); the documents on paid veterinary fees for control of dairy products, eggs, poultry, slaughtered livestock; the data on number and type of sales places; the data on the size of used sales place; the market documents on products' inflow to and outflow from warehouses and the estimations by market fee collectors.

Reporting units forward the filled forms to the SORS or the Statistics department of AP Vojvodina. The deadline for submitting this form is the 10th day in a month for the previous month.

Individual data protection

The obligation of individual data protection is envisaged by Article 3, the provisions of protection of data providers and Articles 44, 45, 46, 47, 48 and 49, the provisions of confidentiality, the Official statistics law (Official gazette RS, no 104/2009).

Definitions

Green market is specially organized and equipped place where the retail trade of agricultural produce, foodstuffs and other products is carried out directly between producers and consumers, in a usual way and as provided by legal regulations.

Sales of agricultural products at green markets anticipate the sales of products by agricultural holdings – producers directly to end-users at organized market places (so-called village markets or green markets).

Representative data

The obtained data are representative for the territorial units: the Republic of Serbia, the regions, districts and municipalities.

SURVEY ORGANIZATION

Authority

The SORS – Division of domestic trade statistics, the Statistical department of AP Vojvodina, the Informatics and statistics institute of Belgrade and the SORS regional offices are envisaged to participate in the preparation and implementation of the subject survey.

The SORS – Division of domestic trade, catering trade and tourism statistics – creates the methodology and the instruments for the survey, defines the guidelines for the survey organization and implementation, prints the forms and guidelines for the survey implementation, forwards the forms to reporting units through the regional offices, conducts the checking of coverage, accuracy and completeness of data in the report, carries out the logic and computing control of the report, processes data and publishes the survey results.

The SORS regional offices and the Informatics and statistics institute of Belgrade are obliged to update the address books, forward the questionnaires' forms to reporting units, render support to reporting units in making reports, collect reports, check coverage of reporting units, check coverage of reporting units, data accuracy in reports and conduct data entry.

Responsiveness

The obligation of responding to the survey is stipulated by Article 26, and the penalty provisions for the cases of refusing to respond to the questions or providing incomplete and false data are envisaged by Article 52, the Official statistics law (Official gazette RS, no 104/2009).

Timetable

- Reporting units are obliged to submit filled forms (*TRG-13*) to the respective statistical authority before the 5th day in a month for the previous month.
- Within 40 days after the referent month expired, the regional statistical offices and the Statistical office of Belgrade shall submit the logic- and computer tested material to the SORS, Division of trade, catering and tourism statistics.
- The first results shall be produced within 45 days after the referent month expired.

SURVEY INSTRUMENTS

Questionnaire and instructions for completing questionnaire

For the survey implementation used is the form – Monthly report on turnover of agricultural products at green markets (*TRG-13*).

The form and the instructions for completing are available at the SORS website, www.stat.gov.rs.

List of publications

- *PM13* Statistical release – RS: Agricultural products turnover at green markets;
- Statistical yearbook of the Republic of Serbia;
- SORS website.

(For publications visit SORS website at www.stat.gov.rs)

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