

ANNUAL REPORT ON PRODUCTION OF CONSUMABLE FISH AND FRY

LEGAL BASIS

This is the Survey, conducted on the basis of Regulation on implementation of particular statistical surveys ("Official Gazette of RS", No. 110/2009) and in accordance with Law on Official Statistics („Official Gazette of RS“, No 104/2009) and Development Strategy of Official Statistics of the Republic of Serbia in the period 2009-2012 („Official Gazette of RS“, No. 7/2009).

METHOTODOLOGICAL BASIS

Objective and scope of the survey

The main objective of the survey is collecting data and monitoring the trends of main indicators referring to production of consumable fish and fry. Moreover, collected are the data on the number of employees on fishing holdings, vessels and equipment, area of fish ponds and production of fish for food and fry in carp and trout ponds, including the production costs. High quality of the data and wide coverage enable further improvement of this activity.

Reporting units

Annual survey on production of consumable fish and fry encompasses all legal entities, their parts, unincorporated enterprises, agricultural holdings, local government authorities and other institutions dealing with production of consumable fish and fry, according to territorial principle.

Survey coverage

The coverage is complete for the territory of the Republic of Serbia.

Method and time for data collection

Data are collected annually, by the reporting method. The reporting unit is obliged to deliver the filled in questionnaire (data relate to the previous year) to the regional offices of the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia, not later than January 31st of the current year. The regional offices forward the controlled questionnaires to the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia not later than March 1st of the current year.

Obligation to protect individual data

The results of the survey are published as aggregates for the level of the Republic of Serbia. Individual data are protected according to the Law.

List and definitions of main items – indicators

Employees on fishing holdings – number of persons employed in direct (primary) production, according to duration of realized working hours.

Motor boats - boats equipped with engines, exclusively or mainly used in the process of fish farming, regardless of the engine size and power.

Fish pond presents the constructed closed water space designed for fish farming and production, equipped with particular technical devices that let water in and out of the fish pond.

Area of the exploited fish pond (used for fish production) during the reporting year presents the total used productive water area. It is almost always smaller than total productive area or sometimes equal, since, during a year, not all fish production facilities are used.

Production of fry in carp and trout ponds refers to fry production of major sorts of fish that is farmed for production of consumable fish.

Fry placed out into fish ponds presents the quantity of fry placed out in the appropriate facilities of the fish ponds so as to produce consumable fish.

Production of consumable fish in fish ponds presents the quantities of fish produced for market purposes.

Catches from fish ponds – quantities of fish caught from fish ponds, for sale and reproduction.

Quantity of consumed food, fertilizers, electricity and value of the performed services present total costs of a fishing holding.

Level of data representativeness

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

Harmonization with international recommendations and standards

The methodology relative to this survey is adapted to *Council regulation (EC) No. 788/96*, which is, as far as it is possible, based on FAO concepts, standards, definitions and methodology from this section.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SURVEY MANAGEMENT

Bodies in charge of the survey management

The Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia is the responsible producer of the presented data. Besides printing the questionnaire PO-62, the Office also performs data input and corrections according to the defined criteria of logical and computer control.

Regional offices of the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia send three copies of the Questionnaire to the reporting units on the territory they cover: the first copy remains in the reporting unit, the second one in the regional office, while the third is forwarded to the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia in Belgrade.

Obligation to provide data

Reporting units are obliged to deliver the data to the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia, in accordance with the Law on Official Statistics.

Timetable of the main phases of the survey

The deadline within which reporting units are due to send data to the regional offices of the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia is January 31st of the current year, for the previous year. Regional offices are to submit the controlled questionnaires to SORS not later than March 1st and processing results are to be produced not later than March 15th.

SURVEY TOOLS

Questionnaire (*attached document PO-62*)

Instructions for filling the questionnaire

Instructions for filling the questionnaire are attached to the Questionnaire, below the tables.

List of nomenclatures and classifications used in the survey

The Survey is conducted in compliance with the Nomenclature of Products and Services in Agriculture, Hunting, Forestry and Fishing, as well as with the existing CA.

List of publications in which the survey results and the relevant methodology can be found

Data are published in the Statistical Yearbook of the Republic of Serbia and in the statistical bulletin "Agriculture", for the relevant year.

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