

SURVEY ON NUMBER OF PIGS

LEGISLATION

This survey is carried out pursuant to the Regulation on the Plan of official statistics (referent year) and the Official statistics law (Official gazette RS, no 104/2009).

METHODOLOGICAL BACKGROUNDS

Objective of statistical survey

The main objective of the survey is to ensure data on number of pigs, by categories, in biannual periods. These data are used for the calculation of gross domestic production of meat.

Reporting units

Reporting units are agricultural holdings selected for the sample.

Survey coverage

The sample covers about 1.6% agricultural holdings in the territory of the Republic of Serbia that are engaged in pigs raising.

Method and timing

In this survey data compilation is carried out by the method of interview.

The survey is conducted on annual basis.

The survey is implemented in the period from 24 May to 7 June.

The data on the number of pigs, by categories, relate to the state as of 23 May.

Individual data protection – confidentiality

Individual data protection is ensured according to the Official statistics law. The estimates are produced for the level of regions (NSTJ 2), observing the territorial distribution in accordance with the Regulation on the national nomenclature of statistical territorial units (Official gazette RS, no 109/09 and 46/10).

Definitions and main features – indicators

Piglets under 20 kg – the number of piglets weighting under 20 kg, regardless their feeding, i.e. whether they are suckling or not.

Pigs 20 – 49 kg – number of young heads, male and female, weighting 20 – 49 kg, grown for fattening or breeding, or the purpose has not been defined yet.

Fattening pigs 50 kg and over – the number of heads, both females and males, weighing 50 kg and over, grown for slaughter (including boars and sows taken out of production), classified into the following weight categories: 50-79 kg, 80-109 kg, 110 kg and over.

Pigs for breeding, 50 kg and over – the number of heads, weighing 50 kg and over, grown for breeding or that are in farrows.

Young male heads – young male animals selected for breeding, which have not yet been used for breeding.

Young female heads – young female heads, which have not yet farrowed (including also gilts to farrows).

Gilts to farrows – young female heads to farrows for the first time and expected to give first offspring.

Boars – selected adult male heads used for breeding.

Sows – adult female heads that have farrowed at least once.

Representative data

The survey data are representative for the level of the Republic of Serbia and the level of regions (NSTJ 2). The Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia has not at disposal and may not provide available the data for Region Kosovo i Metohija.

Harmonisation with international recommendations and standards

The survey is harmonised with the Regulation (EC) No 1165/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 concerning livestock and meat statistics and repealing Council Directives 93/23/EEC, 93/24/EEC and 93/25/EEC, OJ L 321, 1.12.2008, p. 1–13), which stipulates the provisions of surveys of agricultural animal production.

SURVEY ORGANIZATION

Authority

SORS is the authorised producer of the subject statistics.

The holdings in the sample are interviewed by phone with computerized support (CATI method) and centralized (at the SORS head office in Belgrade).

The operators are obligated to attend training courses and in their work to observe the provisions of the Implementation guidelines and other instructions received.

The interviewing procedure and controlled data entry are envisaged to last 15 days.

The final check up of material, weighting, creation of output tables with respective estimates/assessments and publication processes are all implemented at the SORS head office in Belgrade.

Responsiveness

Reporting units are obligated to supply the requested data to the SORS in accordance with the Official statistics law.

Timetable – main survey stages

The deadline for finalising the interviews is 7 June.

The deadline for the first results release is 30 June.

The deadline for publishing the final results is 15 October.

SURVEY INSTRUMENTS

Questionnaire

Guidelines for filling in questionnaire

Nomenclatures and classifications

This survey is implemented in accordance with the Nomenclature of products and services of agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing. The categories of pigs were defined in accordance with the Regulation (EC) No 1165/2008.

Releases and publications

The final data on number of pigs, by categories, are published at the SORS website.

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