



PRESS RELEASE

2015 VINEYARD SURVEY

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the provisional results of the Vineyard Survey for the year 2015, on the basis of data deriving from the Vineyard Register, maintained by the Ministry of Rural Development and Food.

From 1982 until 2013, the Vineyard Survey used to be conducted by ELSTAT on an annual basis pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) 357/79. According to the new Regulation in force (EU) No 1337/2011, repealing Regulation (EEC) No 357/79, the survey is conducted every five years, with 2015 the first reference year. Furthermore, in accordance with the new regulation, data are not collected through sample surveys but they derive from the Vineyard Register which, in Greece, is maintained by the Ministry of Rural Development and Food.

The results of 2015 Vineyard Survey are not comparable with those of previous surveys on account of: 1) the different method used for conducting the survey, namely with the use of administrative source data instead of sample surveys and 2) the different coverage, as in the current survey, according to the Regulation, vines with table grapes are not included. For this reason, users should be cautious when using and comparing the 2015 survey results with the corresponding results of previous years.

The results presented in the press release refer to the number of holdings and areas under vines with wine grapes and raisins at the level of Greece total and of the Region (NUTS II).

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I. Number of Holdings and Area

The total number of holdings under vines amounted to 188,873. The number of holdings with vines in production amounted to 188,195, while the number of holdings with vines not yet in production amounted to 2,698.

Total area under vines amounted to 1,030,821 stremmas¹: 1,011,549 stremmas are covered by vines in production and 19,272 stremmas by vines not yet in production (Table 1).

Table 1: Number of Holdings and Area under Vines in Production and Not yet in Production

	Number of Holdings ²	Area (in stremmas)
In production	188,195	1,011,549
Not yet in production	2,698	19,272
Total Vines	188,873	1,030,821

¹ 1 stremma = 0.1 ha

² Regarding the number of holdings, the individual categories do not sum up to the total, as the same holding can be recorded under various categories.

Out of the total area under vines, 633,262 stremmas are cultivated with wine grapes and 397,559 stremmas with raisins. The number of holdings growing vines with wine grapes amounted to 162,330 and with raisins to 46,304 (Table 2).

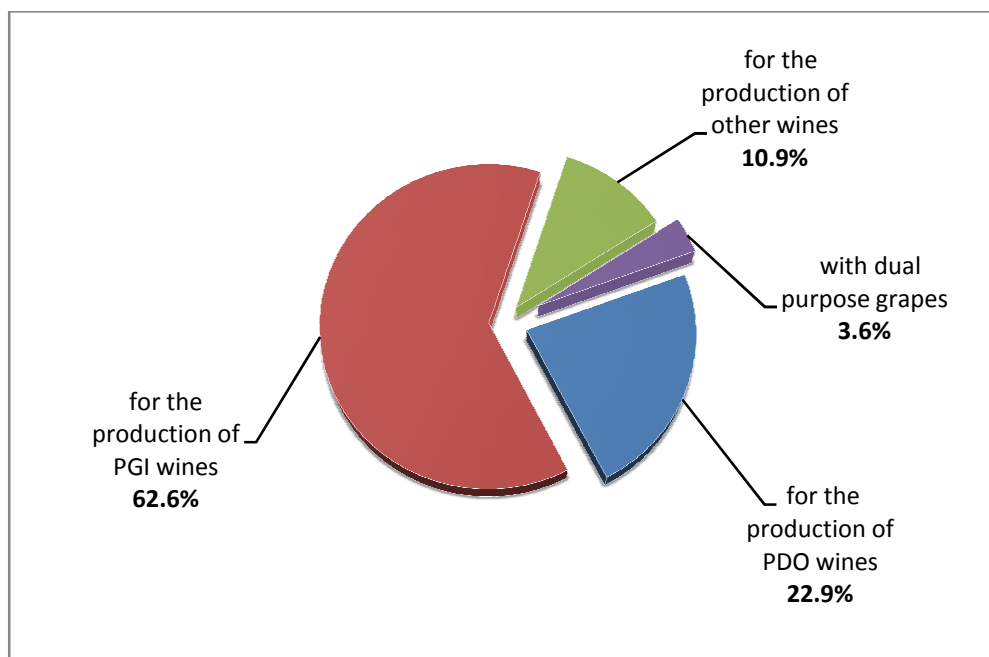
Vines with wine grapes are broken down in the following categories:

- **vines with wine grapes intended for the production of protected designation of origin wines (PDO)**, including 29,927 holdings and 145,187 stremmas (22.9% of the total area under vines with wine grapes),
- **vines with wine grapes intended for the production of protected geographical indication wines (PGI)**, with 104,995 holdings and 396,712 stremmas (62.6% of the total area under vines with wine grapes),
- **vines with wine grapes intended to produce other wines**, counting 33,222 holdings and 68,884 stremmas (10.9% of the total area under vines with wine grapes) and
- **vines with dual purpose grapes** (wine grapes and table grapes or wine grapes and raisins), encompassing 11,517 holdings and 22,479 stremmas (3.5% of the total area under vines with wine grapes) (Table 2, Chart 1).

Table 2: Number of Holdings and Area under Vines by Type of Production

	Number of Holdings	Area (in stremmas)
Total Vines (A + B)	188,873	1,030,821
Total vines with wine grapes (A)	162,330	633,262
For the production of PDO wines	29,927	145,187
For the production of PGI wines	104,995	396,712
For the production of other wines	33,222	68,884
With dual purpose grapes	11,517	22,479
Total raisins³ (B)	46,304	397,559

Chart 1: Percentage Distribution of Area under Vines with Wine Grapes by category



³ The number of holdings and the area under raisins may be overestimated, the main raisins variety (Soultanina) is a three purpose variety and is difficult to separate its use as table grapes or raisins variety.

II. Geographical distribution of area under vines by NUTS II regions

As regards the distribution of areas under vines by Region, in 2015 Peloponnisos accounted for the majority of areas with 255,537 stremmas, followed by Kriti with 225,548 stremmas and Dytiki Ellada with 164,446 stremmas (Table 3, Chart 2).

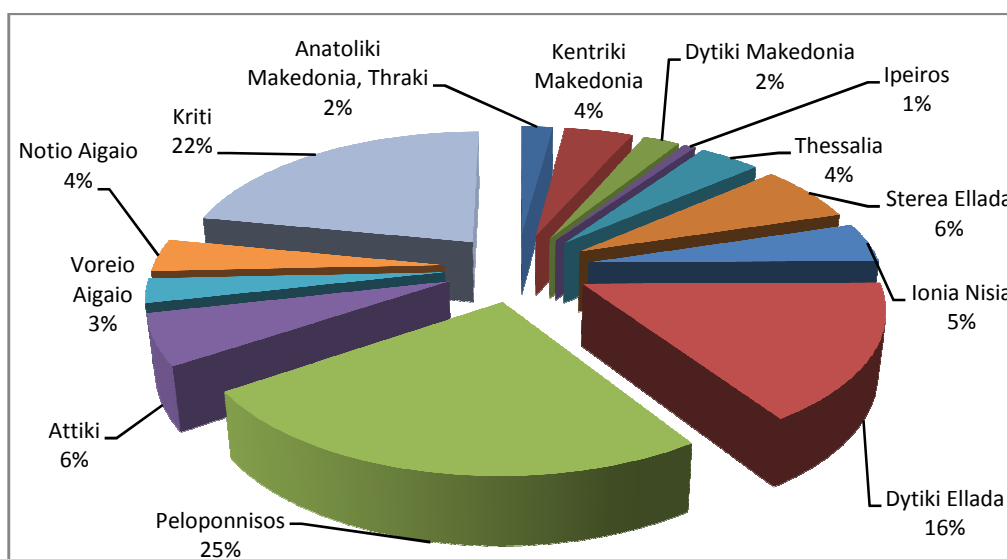
Most of the areas under vines with wine grapes are recorded in Peloponnisos, 101,317 stremmas, and then follow Dytiki Ellada with 86 617 stremmas and Kriti with 77,503 stremmas. As regards vines with wine grapes for the production of PDO and PGI wines, most of the areas under vines for the production of PDO wines are recorded in Peloponnisos, 36,031 stremmas, and most of the areas under vines for the production of PGI wines are observed in Sterea Ellada with 62,023 stremmas (Table 3).

Table 3: Area under Vines with Wine Grapes and Raisins by Region

Region (NUTS II)	Total (A+B)	Wine Grapes (A)			Raisins (B)
		Total	Of which		
			For PDO wines	For PGI wines	
GREECE, TOTAL	1,030,821	633,262	145,187	396,712	397,559
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	21,133	21,133		13,886	
Kentriki Makedonia	45,839	45,839	8,080	27,057	
Dytiki Makedonia	24,388	24,388	4,656	16,093	
Ipeiros	7,814	7,814	1,377	4,438	
Thessalia	41,215	41,215	3,819	26,075	
Sterea Ellada	68,023	68,023		62,023	
Ionia Nisia	47,540	30,075	3,291	21,462	17,465
Dytiki Ellada	164,446	86,617	19,022	54,321	77,829
Peloponnisos	255,537	101,317	36,031	53,780	154,220
Attiki	60,700	60,700		59,820	
Voreio Aigaio	29,065	29,065	18,651	7,584	
Notio Aigaio	39,574	39,574	23,895	7,755	
Kriti	225,548	77,503	26,366	42,418	148,045

Two regions account for the majority of areas under raisins (76% of the total area under raisins), namely, Peloponnisos with 154,220 stremmas and Kriti with 148,045 stremmas (Table 3).

Chart 2: Percentage Distribution of Total Area under Vines by Region (NUTS II)



III. Distribution of area by size class of the holding

As regards the breakdown of holdings by size classes, on the basis of the total area under vines of the holding, the largest number of holdings (53.5% of the total number of holdings) is recorded for the size class "1 - 4.9 stremmas" with 101,124 holdings (Table 4, Chart 3).

Similarly, the size class "10 - 29.9 stremmas" accounts for the majority of areas under vines (36.9% of the total area), recording 380,287 stremmas (Table 4, Chart 4).

Table 4: Number of Holdings and Area under Vines by Size Class of the Holding

Size class	Number of Holdings	(%)	Area (in stremmas)	(%)
< 1 stremma	33,189	17.6	17,753	1.7
1 - 4,9 stremmas	101,124	53.5	215,954	20.9
5 - 9,9 stremmas	26,477	14.0	181,742	17.6
10 – 29,9 stremmas	23,260	12.3	380,287	36.9
30 – 49,9 stremmas	3,600	1.9	134,587	13.1
50 – 99,9 stremmas	1,078	0.6	68,040	6.6
>100 stremmas	145	0.1	32,458	3.1
Total	188,873	100.0	1,030,821	100.0

Chart 3

Number of Holdings under Vines by Size Class of the Holding

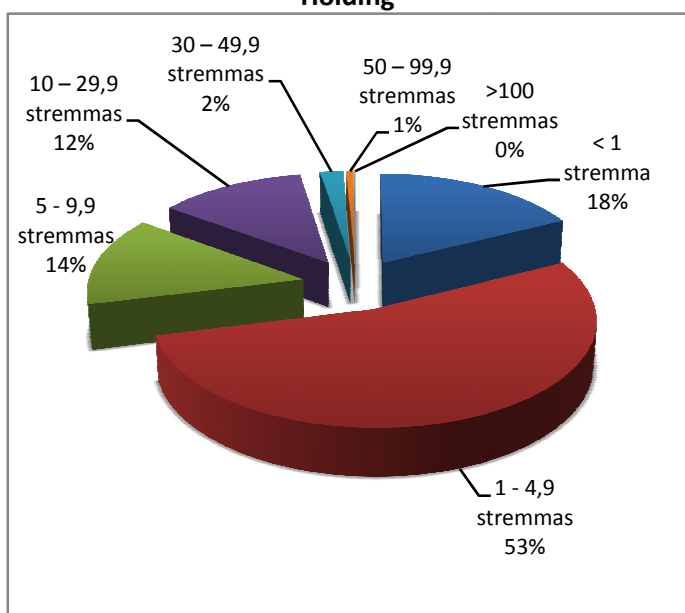
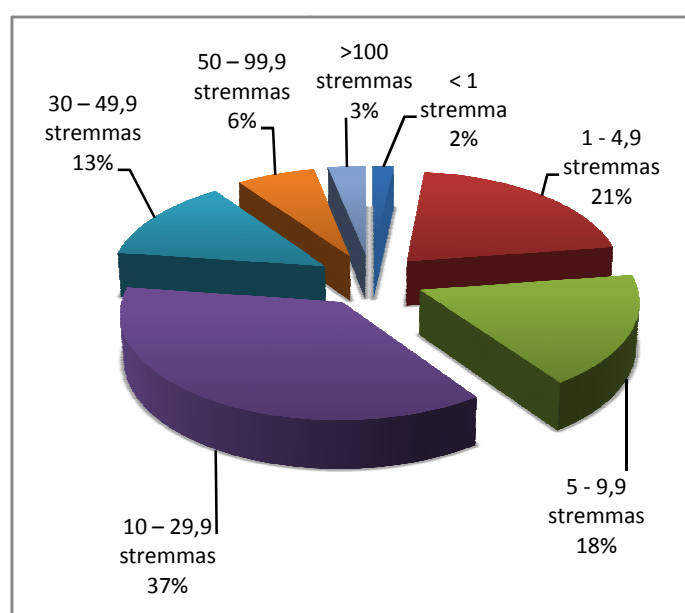


Chart4

Area under Vines by Size Class of the Holding



IV. Wine grape varieties for Greece Total and by region

The wine grape varieties covering the largest area for Greece Total are Savatiano, with 103,555 stremmas corresponding to 18,138 holdings, and Roditis, with 90,000 stremmas corresponding to 28,436 holdings. The area covered by these two varieties amounts to 30.6% of the total area under wine grapes (Table 5).

Table 5: Wine Grape Varieties. Number of Holdings and Area

Variety	Number of Holdings	Area (in stremmas)
Savatiano	18,138	103,555
Roditis	28,436	90,000
Agiorgitiko	4,179	33,654
Liatiko	14,672	26,200
Moschato amvourgou	8,641	23,255
Xinomavro	6,698	21,516
Cabernet sauvignon	5,603	19,554
Assyrtiko	2,656	19,106
Mavroudi	8,937	16,702
Moschato aspro	4,068	16,326
Merlot	3,211	14,640
Kotsifali	8,326	13,458
Romeiko	6,712	11,416
Fokiano	4,522	11,126
Moschofilero	2,105	11,057
Syrah	2,425	10,969
Razaki	5,626	9,995
Μανδηλαρία	4,383	9,495
Moschato alexandrias	2,528	8,340
Sauvignon blanc	863	7,678
Chardonnay	1,273	7,066
Fileri	3,260	6,757
Athiri	1,135	5,945
Vilana	3,734	5,887
Malagousia	726	5,341
Asproudes	3,302	5,306
Mavrodafni	2,292	5,101
Skiadopoulo	2,352	5,074
Other wine grape varieties	47,850	108,748
Wine grape varieties, Total	162,330	633,262

As regards the distribution of the cultivated wine grapes varieties by region, the next thematic map (Map 1) illustrate the areas with the most important wine grape variety by region and their percentage contribution to the total area under wine grapes of the region.

Map 1: Main Wine Grape Variety by Region.



EXPLANATORY NOTES

General Information	<p>The Hellenic Statistical Authority conducts the Vineyards Survey in order to collect information on the number of holdings and areas under vines at level of the region (NUTS II).</p> <p>The Vineyard Survey used to be conducted by ELSTAT from 1982 until 2013 on an annual basis, pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) 357/79. Moreover, the Basic Vineyard Survey was carried out every ten years. According to the new Regulation in force (EU) No 1337/2011, repealing Regulation (EEC) No 357/79, the survey is conducted every five years, with 2015 the first reference year. Also, in accordance with the new regulation, data are not collected through sample surveys but they are exported from the Vineyard Register maintained in Greece by the Ministry of Rural Development and Food.</p>
Purpose	<p>The purpose of the survey is to collect detailed statistical data on the number of holdings and the agricultural area under vines. These data are necessary for drawing the agricultural policy of the country, as well as the Common Agricultural Policy of the EU. In addition, the data also cover other national and international needs and obligations.</p>
Legal basis	<p>The survey is governed by National and European Legislation (Regulation (EU) 1337/2011 of the Council concerning European statistics on permanent crops).</p>
Reference Period	<p>The reference period is year 2015.</p>
Methodology Coverage	<p>Data are exported from the Vineyard Register maintained by the Ministry of Rural Development and Food.</p>
Data publication	<p>The survey results are available in electronic format.</p>
References	<p>More information about the survey results and the methodology can be found on the website of Hellenic Statistical Authority: http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SPG63</p>