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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces that the **2016 Farm Structure Survey** is going to be conducted in November and December, all over Greece.

The survey is conducted concomitantly in all EU Member States every three years, pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1166/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

The purpose of the survey is to collect statistical data on the agricultural and livestock holdings of Greece and to monitor the evolution of their structure.

More specifically, the Farm Structure Survey aims at collecting data on:

- ◆ the number of agricultural and livestock holdings at the level of Greece total, at the level of the region (NUTS 2) and the regional unit,
- ◆ the characteristics of the holdings in terms of their legal personality, type of tenure and their structure (type of crops, species of animals and birds bred, agricultural production methods, etc.)
- ◆ farm management practices applied in the holdings, which relate to specific environmental impacts (soil erosion, air pollutants emission, water resources management),
- ◆ employment of the rural population employed in the holdings.

The survey results meet national and Community needs and international obligations of Greece.

More specifically, the Farm Structure Survey:

- ◇ contributes significantly to the development of the agricultural sector in Greece, since it is the source of information and of evidenced-based decision making for the private sector of the economy and especially for rural households and agricultural enterprises;
- ◇ collects data which are necessary for drawing rural, economic and social policy at national, regional and local level, as well as for defining the EU Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and for monitoring the measures intended for rural development;
- ◇ constitutes the main source of information for the effective funding and the successful implementation of state programmes for economic and social development and regional planning, as well as for the implementation of academic and other research programmes concerning the primary sector in Greece and of any other sector that it is closely related to it;
- ◇ contributes to the dissemination of statistical information both to citizens and the government, since the statistical data deriving from the survey concern all of us, directly or indirectly;

- ◇ is the source of information for the compilation and update of the statistical Register of agricultural and livestock holdings of the Hellenic Statistical Authority, which is the basic tool for the successful conduct of many other statistical works in the primary sector.

The survey is a sample survey, the sample amounting to, approximately, 90,000 agricultural and livestock holdings. The survey questionnaires are filled in by certified statistical interviewers of ELSTAT who pay a visit to the farm holders.

If a farm holder is absent during the interviewer's visit, he is informed on the date of the next visit with a relevant written notice. It is very important that all the surveyed holders respond to this short interview with the statistical interviewer.

The reliability of the results and, therefore, their relevance and usefulness for society will depend on the response of the surveyed population.

It is stressed that the **collected information shall be treated as absolutely confidential**, in accordance with the Law 3832/2010 (articles 2, 7 and 10), as in force.

The survey results will be made available, concomitantly, to all users in March 2018.

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