

**USER ORIENTED QUALITY REPORT  
ANNUAL AGRICULTURE SURVEY**

**Annual Agricultural Statistical Survey** The Hellenic Statistical Authority in cooperation with the central and regional offices of the Ministry of Rural Development and Food, the local authorities, the local government bodies, as well as with the experienced inhabitants of the rural settlements has been conducting since 1961 the Annual Statistical Survey on Agriculture and Livestock.

**Purpose of the survey** The purpose of the survey is to collect statistical data on the cultivated areas under several crops and on the production of agricultural and livestock products, as well as the agricultural machinery used. The data are necessary for drawing the agricultural policy of the country but also for covering other national and international needs and obligations.

**Legal Framework** The legal frame for the conduct of the annual statistical agricultural survey is the Royal Decree No 111/15-2-1962 and the Joint Ministerial Decisions No 8710/C2-1246/5-8-2010 and 2198/C2-248/24-2-2012 signed by the Minister of National Economy and the Deputy Minister of Interior, Public Administrations and Decentralization, as well as the relevant decision of the President of ELSTAT issued every year, pertaining to the Approval, open tender and assignment of the conduct of the Annual Agricultural Statistical Survey and approval of the competent bodies for the survey conduct and their remuneration.

**Reference Period** Year 2015

**Definitions** 1 stremma = 0.1 ha  
Other cereals: oats, rye, sorghum, meslin, millet, canary seed  
Other edible pulses: broad beans, horse beans, peas, etc.  
Other industrial plants: sesame, sorghum, soybeans, pumpkin seed, etc.  
Other vegetables: Broccoli, spinach, leek, onion, celery, garlic, peas, radish, peas, beans, beets, endive, chicory, chard, carrots, okra, zucchini, cucumbers, pumpkins, eggplants, peppers, artichokes, asparagus, strawberries, dill, parsley, rocket and mushrooms.  
Other citrus trees: cherry trees, quince trees, sloe trees, plum trees, kiwi trees and pomegranate trees.  
Other nut trees: hazelnut trees and chestnut trees.  
Other trees: carob trees, avocados, mastic trees, loquat trees, banana trees and other trees (palm trees, willow trees etc.).

**Methodology and Coverage** The statistical unit of this survey is the land area within the administrative boundaries of each communal/municipal department of the country according to "Kallikratis Plan". The survey covers, on a census basis, all the above-mentioned administrative departments except the area of Agion Oros, for which no data are collected. In the framework of quality improvement of the relative results, it is pointed out that from the reference year 2014 onwards, the private

partners and statistical correspondents (people responsible for the collection of the relative data) were replaced by graduates holding a degree (certificate, Msc, Phd) in geotechnical sciences. Data collection is conducted via electronic questionnaires (in excel format) using a wide range of sources, namely administrative (decentralized services of the Ministry of Agriculture e.g. OPEKEPE, Directorates of the first and second degree of Self – Governance e.g. Municipalities and Regional Administration Units, as well as farmers possessing large farms and agronomists. For this purpose a relative communication with all of the above actors was in place well before the actual conducting of the Annual Agricultural Survey, via circulars and memoranda of mutual understanding. Lastly, in the framework of data quality control preparation, proactive channels of communication with all the relative sources that could be used as verification sources during the comparability checks were established.

**Publication of data** The survey results are available on a yearly basis since 1961.

**References** More information on the results of the survey is available on the ELSTAT website [www.statistics.gr](http://www.statistics.gr), under the link <http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SPG06/>