

SUMMARY QUALITY REPORT FOR USERS FARM STRUCTURE SURVEY, YEAR 2007

- General** The Farm Structure Survey (FSS) is a wide range, periodic statistical procedure aiming at collecting objective and quantitative information in order to determine the basic characteristics of the structure of agricultural holdings in Greece. The FSS had been carried out in 1966/67, 1977/78 and since 1983 it was conducted every 2 years, except for the census years 1991, 2000. From 2010 onwards, it will be conducted every 3 years.
- Scope** The FSS aims at collecting statistical data on the number of agriculture and livestock holdings at national, regional and local level, on the characteristics of those holdings as regards their legal form, type of tenure, structure (type of crops, livestock and poultry, farming techniques, etc), as well as on the utilized methods of agricultural production. The data are necessary for drawing National and Community policy in the Agricultural Sector. Furthermore, these data fulfil national and international needs and obligations, as well.
- Legal framework** The legal framework for the FSS is set out in National and Community Legislation. The survey was conducted concomitantly in all European Union Member States in accordance with Council Regulation (EEC) 571/88 as this was amended by Regulations (EC) 2467/96, (EC) 143/2002(CE), (EC) 2139/2004 and (EC) 204/2006. The 2007 FSS was conducted pursuant to the Joint Ministerial Decision 9509/Γ2-1580/30-08-2007 of the Ministers of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Finance and the competent Ministers of the Ministries of Internal Affairs and Rural Development and Food.
- Reference period** The reference period of the 2007 FSS data as regards crops, labour force and other characteristics was the cultivation period from 1st October 2006 to 30th September 2007. The reference date of the survey data as regards livestock was 1st November 2007.
- Methodology – Coverage** The sampling method for this survey was the one-stage stratified random sampling with sampling unit the agricultural, livestock or mixed holding. The final sample size corresponds to more than 10% of the total of agricultural and livestock holdings of Greece. The stratification was based on the Department (NUTS3), the Type (techno-economic orientation of production) and the Economic Size of the holding (6 classes according to Standard Gross Margin -SGM).
- Data Publication** FSS data are available for the following years: 1983, 1985, 1987, 1993, 1995, 1997, 2003, 2005 and 2007. Furthermore, census data are available for the years 1991 and 2000. Data, for 2005-2007 are available in electronic form, while for the rest of the years the data are available in hardcopy.
- Reference** More information concerning the results of relevant surveys and the implemented methodology can be found on the webpage of ELSTAT (www.statistics.gr) at: Statistical Themes>Agriculture and Statistical Themes>Livestock.