

Agriculture statistics of Greece

I. General

Since 1961 the National Statistical Service of Greece has been carrying out the annual survey on agriculture. The survey has covered, on a census basis, all municipalities and communes of the country except of the area of Agion Oros (Karies Chalkidiki) for which no data are collected.

The survey targets the mapping, analysis and the neat following of data concerning the Greek agriculture, livestock, inner waters and inshore fishing by fishing vessels up to 19 HP and some forestry products.

The legal frame is being defined by the Decree Law 3627/56, Law 2392/96 (concerning the access of the General Secretary of National Statistical Service of Greece to administrative sources and archives and the regulation of issues regarding census surveys and statistical works) and common ministerial decisions.

II. Objective goals

This survey aims at the collection of data of the areas under several crops, the number of trees, animals and the agricultural machinery for the agricultural and livestock production, as well as the number of fishermen and vessels used in inner waters, inshore fishing and catch production.

Specifically the survey intends to provide statistical information concerning the following sectors:

- a. Areas and harvested production by:
 - o Crops on arable land
 - o Vegetable land
 - o Vineyards
 - o Tree crops and mixed cultivation into compact plantation
 - o Fallow land and garden areas (nurseries, seedlings, and commercial flower gardens), thereof irrigated land, as well as the production of olive oil.
- b. Number of animals and livestock production.
- c. Agricultural machinery in use
- d. Inner waters and inshore fishery.

III. Method of survey conduct

The area included within the administrative boundaries of each communal/municipal department has constituted the survey unit. For the data collection local agents are employed, namely, the secretaries of the communal /municipal departments or their representatives, assigned as Statistical Correspondents.

The survey has been taken in two phases as follows:

- a) During the period of June to December, the Statistical Correspondents, assisted by other local agents, complete, for each communal /municipal department, a uniform questionnaire referring to the areas under the several crops, the irrigated areas, the number of fruit trees, agricultural production, livestock production, forestry production, the number of agricultural machinery in operation and the inner waters and inshore fishing by professional fishing vessels up to 19 HP.

b) During August and December, the above Statistical Correspondents complete, on the basis of the data inserted in the uniform questionnaire, extracts A and B, which refer to the areas and production of principal agricultural and livestock products, respectively.

IV. Presentation of the survey results

The first part of the publication "Agriculture statistics of Greece", refers to agriculture, i.e. to the area under several crops, the number of fruit trees, the agricultural machinery in use, the primary agricultural production and the production of certain agricultural by-products.

The second part concerns livestock. The third part refers to data on forest production and the fourth part includes data on inner waters fishing and on inshore fishing by boats or motor propelled vessels of 19 HP or less.

Finally, the fifth part refers to the annual average weighted producer prices by the sale of agricultural products.

Except of the last one, the other parts include two series of tables.

Table I includes data for the country total only, by groups of level, semi-mountainous and mountainous municipalities and communes, for the three latest years. Thus a comparison of the above magnitudes over the years is possible.

Table II includes data for the current year only classified by geographic region and department.