

## SUMMARY QUALITY REPORT FOR USERS

### AGRICULTURAL CENSUS, YEAR 2009

- General** The Agricultural Census (AC) 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 Agricultural Census is being carried out since 1961 every 10 years.
- Scope** The AC aims collecting statistical data on the number of agriculture and livestock holdings at national, regional and local level, on the characteristics of the holdings regarding 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 the 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 of the AC is set out in National and Community Legislation. The survey was held concomitantly in all European Union Member States in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) 1166/2008. The 2009 AC was conducted pursuant to Presidential Decree No 135 (Government Gazette No 182A/23-9-2009) on the basis of the Joint Ministerial Decision No 8416/Γ2-1158/27-7-09 of the Ministers of Economic Affairs and Finance and the competent Minister of Internal Affairs, public Administration and Decentralization and the Minister of Rural Development and Food, as this was amended by the Joint Ministerial Decision No 2111/Γ2-421/16-3-10.
- Reference period** The reference period for the 2009 AC data as regards crops, labour force and other characteristics was the cultivation period from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2008 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009. The reference date for the survey data as regards livestock was 1<sup>st</sup> November 2009.
- Methodology – Coverage** This survey was an exhaustive census survey, so every agricultural, livestock or mixed holding of the Statistical Farm Register was surveyed.
- Data Publication** Agricultural Census data are available for the following years: 1961, 1971, 1981, 1991, 2000 and 2009. Furthermore, data for years 2000 and 2009 are available in electronic form, whereas 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](http://www.statistics.gr)) at: Statistical Themes>Agriculture and Statistical Themes>Livestock.