

USER ORIENTED QUALITY REPORT

LIVESTOCK SURVEYS

Generally The Hellenic Statistical Authority conducts special surveys on cattle, pigs, sheep and goats for the collection of detailed data on livestock production. These surveys are being carried out since 1982 without interruption.

Purpose The purpose of the surveys is to collect detailed statistical data on livestock production. These data are necessary for the development of the agricultural policy of the country, as well as the Common Agricultural Policy of the EU. In addition, the data also cover other national and international needs and obligations.

Legal basis The surveys are governed by National and European Legislation (Regulation (EC) No 1165/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning statistics on livestock and meat).

Reference Period The reference period is the 1st November.

Methodology Sample surveys with the agricultural holding as the survey unit. The sampling method applied is the one-step stratified sampling. The holdings included in the survey are stratified as follows:

- By Region - NUTS 2
- By size class of the holding. In each geographic area, the holdings are stratified according to their size, which is determined by the number of animals in the updated register of agricultural holdings as follows:
L = 11 size classes for cattle, L = 12 size classes for pigs and L = 10 size classes for sheep and goats.

The holdings belonging to the 10th, 11th and 12th size class are surveyed exhaustively.

As regards the accuracy of the survey results, it should be noted that there are some minor sampling errors (less than 1% for Greece total) concerning the estimates of the number of animals. However, some coverage errors may also exist, concerning the number of holdings, which cannot be accurately measured by using only data from the sample.

Data publication The surveys results are available since 1998, annually, in electronic format.

References More information about the surveys results and the methodology followed can be found on the website of Hellenic Statistical Authority (www.statistics.gr) at the link "Statistical Themes"> Livestock>.