

Annual Agricultural Survey

I. General

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) is conducting the Annual Agricultural Statistical Survey (AGR) since 1961 with the aim of collecting the basic characteristics of agriculture and livestock. The survey is conducted at Community level on a census basis. The survey aims at mapping, analyzing and systematically monitoring of data relating to Greek Agriculture, Livestock, Inland and Coastal Fisheries with fishing vessels of horsepower up to 19 hp.

The legal framework 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 annually, on the approval, procurement, assignment and cost allocation for conducting the Annual Agricultural Statistical Survey and approval for using private bodies for the conduct of the survey and their remuneration.

II. Objectives

The purpose of the survey is data collection on areas of various crop species, number of trees, animals and agricultural machinery, agricultural and livestock production, as well as the number of fishermen, the fishing vessels of up to 19hp horsepower, and the quantity of inland and coastal fish catches. In particular, the survey aims to collect statistical data and information in the fields of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries refer to:

a. Land and harvested production:

- arable crops
- cultivation of vegetables,
- vineyards,
- tree cultivations and co-cultivation within normal plantations,
- fallow land and horticulture (nurseries, seedbeds, commercial flower gardens),
- olive oil production, etc.

b. The number of animals and livestock production.

c. The agricultural machinery used for various agricultural and livestock operations.

d. Inland and coastal fisheries data and motorpropelled professional fishing vessels with engine power drive up to 19 horsepower (HP).

III. Survey Methodology (summary)

The statistical unit is the land area, which is included within the administrative boundaries of each Municipal Unity / Municipality. The collection of data and initial data quality controls is performed by private partners who are holders of academic degrees (diploma, Msc., Phd.) with agronomic or geotechnical specialty from Greek or foreign University Institutes or other suitable replacements who have been designated as private partners.

The survey is conducted from February to May of the year following the survey's reference year and every Statistical Correspondent, aided by other local institutions (Statistical Prefecture Services) for each Municipal Unity in which he/she has been designated as a private partner, fills in a single (electronic) questionnaire, which refers to areas of various crops - distinguishing between irrigated - the number of fruit trees, agricultural production, livestock, animal production, the number of agricultural machinery, inland and inshore fishing with professional motor propelled fishing vessels of horsepower up to 19 hp.

IV. Dissemination of survey results

The results of the survey are available from 2010 to 2021 at national level in the form of published press releases (pdf files) and at Regional level in the form of detailed data in table format (excel) at: <http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SPG06/->