



Factsheet - Survey/Statistic

Farm Structure Survey

Description

The Farm Structure Survey covers all farms. It is coordinated with the implementation of agricultural policy measures. The data generated by this implementation cover almost all farms included in the survey - a small part (approximately 2%) are recorded in an additional survey. Furthermore this survey is used to update the Business and Enterprise Register.

Available since: 1997

Scope

Farms (establishments), which together produce at least 99% of total agricultural production. The following definition applies:

Definition of farm (minimum standards per farm):

1 hectare of utilised agricultural area or 30 ares of special crops or 10 ares of protected crops or 8 sows or 80 fattening pigs or a pig shed to house 80 fattening pigs or 300 poultry units.

Most important variables:

- Jobs Gender, family of farm management, work-time percentage
- Cultivated areas Types of crop
- Livestock numbers Types of livestock, summer grazing

Methodology

Survey conducted with coordination of administrative data in the context of the Direct Payments Ordinance (SR 910.13).

Degree of regionalisation: Communes (2006 only at national level)

Periodicity: Annually from 1997

Reference day: 1 January

Quality of statistical information:

As part of the coordinated survey, statistical coverage is almost 100% The farms that are not covered, mostly with specialised production such as horticultural crops, tree nurseries, snails, furs etc., are not directly surveyed by the FSO. The farms are not affected by agricultural policy measures.

Legal bases

- Federal Statistics Act of 9 October 1992 with Ordinances
 - Federal Act on Agriculture of 29 April 1998 (Agriculture Act, AgricA)
 - Federal Data Protection Act (FADP)
 - Ordinance of 7 December 1998 on Agriculture Terminology and the Recognition of Types of Farm (Agriculture Terminology Ordinance, AgricTermO)
 - Ordinance of 7 December 1998 on the collection and processing of agricultural data (Agricultural Data Ordinance)
 - Ordinance of 7 December 1998 on the Evaluation of Sustainability in Agriculture
 - Statistical multi-annual programme
 - Bilateral negotiations between the European Union and Switzerland in the field of statistics (see list of acts and derogations)
 - various EU Ordinances and Decisions (571/88, 96/170/EC, 2467/96, 98/377/EC, 2000/115/EC)
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Organisation

Federal Statistical Office (FSO) in cooperation with the Federal Office for Agriculture (FOFA) and the cantonal agricultural offices

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