



Farm Census - additional survey

Description

The Farm Survey (FS) is a random sample survey that usually takes place every 3 years in autumn. The purpose of the survey is to provide additional information that is not asked for in the annual structural survey. In 2003 and 2005 the size of the sample only allowed evaluations to be made at national level; the data collected since 2010 allow evaluations to be made at cantonal level. In 2016 the sample comprised approximately 14,000 of the 53,000 farms in total.

Available for the years: **2003, 2005, 2010, 2013, 2016**

Variables recorded (depending on the year, not all of the following variables are recorded):

- Information about the farm manager, farm holder and the farm
- Persons working on the farm
- Diversification within the farm
- Open field irrigation
- Land cover and tillage in winter
- Stall systems
- Application of farmyard manure
- Machinery/farm facilities

Methodology

Random sample survey.

Degree of regionalisation: Canton

Periodicity: Every 3 years, 2010, 2013, 2016, next survey: 2020

Reference period: Calendar year

Quality of statistical information: Extrapolated values based on random sample Sampling errors mentioned in the official results

Legal bases

- Federal Statistics Act (FStatA) of 9 October 1992
- Ordinance on the Conduct of Federal Statistical Surveys of 30 June 1992
- Federal Act on Agriculture of 29 April 1998
- Federal Act on Data Protection of 19 June 1992
- Ordinance of 7 December 1998 on Agriculture Terminology and the Recognition of Types of Farm
- Ordinance of 7 December 1998 on the collection and processing of agricultural data
- Ordinance of 7 December 1998 on the Evaluation of Sustainability in Agriculture
- 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)

Organisation

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