



Farm Census - additional survey

Description

The agricultural business census (LBZ) consists of a sample survey that is usually carried out every 3 years in autumn. The purpose of the survey is to provide additional information that is not asked in the annual structural survey. In 2003 and 2005, the size of the sample only allowed evaluations at the national level; since 2010, the data can now also be evaluated at the cantonal level. In 2023 the sample comprises approximately 14 000 of the 48 000 farms in total.

Available for the years: **2003, 2005, 2010, 2013, 2016, 2020, 2023 data available from 2025**

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

- Information about the farm manager, farm holder and the farm
- Open field irrigation
- Persons working on the farm
- On-farm diversification
- Services provided on the farm by contractors
- Land cover in winter 2022 / 2023 and tillage
- Mechanisation on the farm
- Farm facilities

Methodology

Random sample survey.

Degree of regionalisation: Canton

Periodicity: Every 3 years, 2010, 2013, 2016, 2020, 2023, next survey: 2026

Reference period: Calendar year

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

Review policy

- Routine policy: No
- Methodological revision (or fundamental revision): No
- Unplanned revision: No

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 (2018/1091, 2021/2269, 2020/405)

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