

Agricultural Census 2010 in Hungary

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The agricultural censuses (AC) and farm structure surveys are the main data sources for designing, implementing and monitoring Common Agricultural Policy in the European Union. They have an important role in the system of agricultural statistics, giving an overall picture of the structure of agriculture in a given country, allowing wide range analysis of it and providing one of the most used means for setting up the sampling frames for agricultural statistical surveys. AC has a long history in Hungary. The latest one was held in 2010. This presentation describes the legal background, the main differences compared to earlier censuses and some special topics as well. The use of administrative data sources is presented both during preparation and processing phase and problems and solutions in accordance with their use. The steps taken in order to assure data quality are also shown. The presentation contains information on data processing with special interest to work done to be able to disseminate preliminary data 6 month after the reference day. The conversion of information on location of the holding into geo-coordinates is presented in more detail.

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