

ALGERIA - Agricultural Census 2001 - Explanatory Notes

Historical outline

The first census of agriculture in Algeria was conducted in 1973. The second census, with complete enumerations, to which data reported here refer, was conducted in 2001.

Organization

At central level, the census work was organized into three different structures:

- A National Level Committee, headed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, including all Ministries and Offices involved in the census.
- A Technical Committee, under the direction of the Office for the Agricultural Statistics and Information Systems (DSASI), consisting of officers from the Central Administration, from the "Bureau National des Etudes de Développement Rural", and from the "Direction Générale des Forêts".
- An Operational Committee, in charge for the organization of field operations.

At local level, the organizational apparatus consisted of a Willaya Committee, a Communal Committee and a Communal Cell, all in charge for field operations. About 8 000 persons were involved, namely, 100 supervisors, 500 controllers and 7 400 enumerators, of which 3 500 selected among unemployed engineers and technicians. Nearly 1 700 vehicles from DGF and from peripheral offices were used.

Enumeration period

The enumeration took place during the period January 2001 and May 2003.

Reference date/period

The reference period was the agricultural year 2000/01.

Definition

The agricultural holding is defined as an economic unit of agricultural production under single management, comprising all livestock kept and all land used wholly or partly for agricultural production purposes, without regard to title and legal form. It could be managed by civil persons, corporations, collectives, cooperatives or government agencies.

Coverage

The census covered all agricultural holdings of the whole country.

Frame

The frame was created during the pre-census operations: in this phase, a complete list of all holdings was prepared. Cartographic support, consisting on material used for the General Census of Population and Dwellings, was provided by the National Statistical Office (ONS).

Method

The census was conducted in six phases through complete enumeration of all agricultural holdings.

Data source

Recensement General de l'Agriculture 2001, Rapport General des résultats définitifs, Juin 2003. Ministère de l'Agriculture et du Développement Rural, Direction des Statistiques Agricoles et des Systèmes d'Information, République Algérienne Démocratique et Populaire.

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