

# BRAZIL - Agricultural Census 1996 - Explanatory Notes

## Historical outline

Nine agricultural Censuses have been conducted in 1920, 1940, 1950, 1960, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985 and 1996.

## Organization

The Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE) is responsible for planning and conducting the Agricultural Censuses, as well as for analysis and dissemination of data. Data are collected through 7 Regional Departments, 27 Divisions (one for each Province) and 526 Agencies responsible for all operations, from collection to dissemination of data, including the selection and training of Supervisors and Enumerators. Supervision is also provided by the Department of Agricultural and Livestock Statistics (DEAGRO). The staff involved consisted of 3 000 IBGE employees, 10 000 supervisors and 50 000 enumerators.

## Enumeration period

Data were collected during the period of about 80 days (August to half October 1996).

## Reference date/period

Data on production refer to the period 1 August 1995 to 31 July 1996. Data on ownership, area and employment refer to 31 December 1995. Data on livestock, permanent workers and forestry refer to 31 July 1996.

## Definition

The definition of holding matches with the one suggested in the FAO Programme for the World Census of Agriculture (WCA) 2000.

## Coverage

The census covered the entire country. Rural and Urban areas were both included. Forest holdings were excluded. Holdings consisting of family gardens only were also excluded.

## Frame

The Municipalities were divided into Enumeration Areas (EAs) defined using an adequate cartography. Each EA included an average of 200 households (or 75 agricultural holdings) in rural areas, and 300 households in urban areas.

## Method

Complete enumeration of all holdings was carried out, using direct interview method. On average, each enumerator made 3 interviews a day, spending about 25 days per EA. In some Regions, due to difficulties to recruit qualified personnel, some enumerators collected data in two or more EAs. Data were collected for 27 Provinces, including the Federal District of Brasilia.

## Data source

Censo Agropecuario 1996, Tomo I. Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estadística.

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