

Historical outline

The 2001 Census of Agriculture is the second ever conducted in the country. The previous National Agricultural Census was carried out in 1974.

Organization

The sample survey has been organized by the Ministry of Agriculture, Direction of Statistics, Documentation and Information Technology (Ministère de l'Agriculture, Direction des Statistiques, de la Documentation et de l'Informatique). Technical and financial assistance were provided by FAO, the World Bank, the European Union and the Government of the Côte d'Ivoire.

Enumeration period

The 2001 National Agricultural Census (RNA) was conducted during the period 14 January to 16 August 2002.

Definition

- **Agricultural holding:** is a household including at least one agricultural holder. Agricultural holdings are grouped as follows:
 1. *Large holdings of the Modern Sector:* satisfying criteria typical of a modern agriculture.
 2. *Large holdings of the Traditional Sector:* having minimum specified area under a specific crop
 3. *Small holdings of the Traditional Sector:* all those not matching the criteria 1) and 2).
Different methods of enumeration were applied to groups (1) and (2) & (3).
- **Localité:** Could be a town or a village or a settlement.
- **Census District (District de Recensement - DR):** is a "Localité" or part of it, retained in order to include about 1000 inhabitants. DRs were identified during the 1998 Population and Housing Census (RGPH 98) in number of 16023. Those DR including at least one agricultural holding were adopted for the RNA 2001 and called Agricultural Census Districts (District de Recensement Agricole - DRA)
- **Field:** a piece of land in a parcel (block), separated from the rest of the parcel by easily recognizable demarcation lines, like a natural obstacle (hedges, ravines etc), a path or cadastral boundaries. The field can correspond also to the entire parcel (*block*).
- **Parcel:** a field or a portion of the field carrying one culture or an association of cultures (*parcel plot*).
- **Agricultural manager:** the man or woman who, in the household, makes the important decisions concerning the management of the agricultural holding (exploitation agricole). The manager can be or not the head of the household.

Coverage

The census covered all the 19 Administrative Regions of the country, subdivided in turn into 58 Departments (then used as the 58 strata for stratification). Rural and Urban areas were both covered.

Frame

During the 1998 Population and Housing Census (RGPH 98), through appropriate questions inserted in the RGPH Form, households reporting such characteristics to be classified as agricultural were identified and listed. The list was subsequently refreshed during the phase of definition of the Agricultural Census Districts.

Method

Large Farms of the Modern Sector and the Traditional Sector were fully enumerated, while sampling method was applied to the Small Holdings of the Traditional Sector. The sample design applied for the census of traditional farms was a two-stage sample survey, with systematic selection with probabilities proportional to the number of households at first stage and with simple systematic selection at the second stage. Primary sampling unit was Agricultural Census District (DRA) and second stage unit was the household having at least one agricultural holder.

Data source

Recensement National de l'Agriculture (R.N.A.), Ministère d'Etat, Ministère de l'Agriculture, Direction des Statistiques, de la Documentation et de l'Informatique. République de la Côte d'Ivoire.

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