

French Guiana, the largest Department of the French Territory, is recorded in the World Census of Agriculture Database at country level in the South American Region for statistical purposes only. Consequently, results related to France bear only upon the territory of France in Europe (France Metropolitaine).

Historical outline

The 2000 Agricultural Census is the third conducted in French Guiana; the first was carried out in 1980/81 while the second in 1988/89.

Organization

The 2000 Agricultural Census was organized by the Central Service of Statistical Surveys and Studies (SCEES) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries of France. Field work was carried out through the Statistics Services of the French Guiana's Direction of Agriculture and Forestry (DAF).

Enumeration period

The enumeration period lasted from June 2000 to January 2001.

Reference date/period

For livestock numbers: the day of enumeration. For use of land and most other census items: the agricultural year 1999/2000.

Definition

- **Agricultural holding** is an economic unit of agricultural production satisfying the following conditions:
 - Managing at least one hectare of "superficie agricole utilisée", or
 - 2 000 square meters of specialized cultures, or
 - overstepping a certain production activity (e.g. having at least one cow).The holding should be located in a municipality and identified by the most important building or the largest parcel.
- "**Superficie agricole utilisée**" includes arable land, land under permanent crops, land under permanent meadows and pastures, kitchen gardens and land temporarily fallow.

Coverage

The census covered the entire Department (Département-d'Outre-Mer) of French Guiana.

Frame

The list of agricultural holdings to be investigated was prepared by municipality boards and used as the frame.

Method

Complete enumeration of all agricultural holdings was carried out through direct interview.

Data source

Recensement Agricole 2000, Principaux Résultats. Ministère de l'Agriculture et de la Pêche, French Guiana.

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