

# GUATEMALA - Agricultural Census 2003 - Explanatory Notes

## Historical outline

The first National Census of Agriculture (I Censo Nacional Agropecuario [CENAGRO]) was conducted in Guatemala in 1950. The second and third CENAGRO were carried out in 1964 and 1979. CENAGRO 2003 was the fourth agriculture census in the country.

## Organization

The National Statistical Institute (INE) of Guatemala was the responsible office for development of the Integrated Project for National Censuses, which included, in addition to the 4th National Census of Agriculture (IV CENAGRO), presented here also the 9th Population Census and the 6th Housing Census. Other government agencies and institutions collaborated at national and local level with INE in the organization and conducting of the Census of Agriculture; the principal partner being the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food (MAGA). Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) provided technical assistance.

## Enumeration period

The Enumeration was conducted during 4 – 31 May 2003.

## Reference date/period

- **The day of the interview** (one day between 4 and 31 of May 2003): for items like general characteristics of holding, fragmentation, legal status, tenure, land use, number of large and medium livestock, poultry, rabbits, bee-hives, machinery and equipment present on the holding.
- **The day before the interview**: for number of pregnant cows, sheep and goats and for milk and egg production.
- **The agricultural year** (1 May to 30 April) 2002/03: for area harvested and production of temporary crops; area planted, harvested and production of permanent and semi-permanent crops; use of fertilizers; cattle births and deaths; honey and wax production; technical and financial assistance to holders; machinery and equipment used on the holding; employment on the holding during the agricultural year.

## Definition

**Finca Censal**: All land owned or rented totally or partially by the holder and kept for agricultural production. It may consist of one or more parcels, if located in the same municipality and managed by one or more individuals or juridical persons sharing the same production means.

## Coverage

The IV CENAGRO covered the entire country, excluding some areas, like in the Municipality of Andrés Sajcabajá, Department of Quiché, where insecurity problems arose. 90.2 percent of all agricultural holdings and 89.9 percent of holders were covered.

## Frame

On the occasion of the complete census, the existing lists of agricultural holdings are refreshed and kept updated. This was a basic exercise to build a sampling frame for inter-censal agricultural surveys.

## Method

Prior to start of main census operations, a Pilot Census was conducted during 27 to 29 January 2003 in six municipalities, in order to test the quality of census preparations. Then, complete enumeration of agricultural holdings was carried out through a direct interview.

## Data source

VI Censo Nacional Agropecuario, Características Generales de las Fincas Censales y de Productoras y Productores Agropecuarios, Resultados Definitivos, Tomo I Enero 2004. Guatemala.

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