

KYRGYZSTAN - Agricultural Census 2002 - Explanatory Notes

Historical outline

The Agricultural Census 2002, to which the results presented here refer, is the first census of agriculture sector of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Organization

The National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic in collaboration with the Regional State Authorities and the Municipality of Bishkek City was the responsible office for the preparation, conduct, data processing, aggregation and publication of the results of the Agricultural Census in pursuance of decree of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic. Technical support for organization and implementation was provided by the Governments of Switzerland, Germany and Turkey, and by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Financial support, in order to cover costs for training and preparation of census documentation, was provided by the Government of the Swiss Confederation. Nearly 6 200 people were involved in census operations

Enumeration period

The census was conducted in two stages: The first stage was conducted from 1 – 15 June 2002 in the Southern part of the country, and from 1 – 15 August 2002 in the Northern part. The second stage was conducted between 1 – 15 November 2003.

Reference date/period

Data on land use, area sown, berries, fruits and vineyards were collected during the first phase of the census, i.e. during 1 – 15 June 2002. Data on crops harvested refer to the calendar year 2002. Data on livestock, livestock buildings, agricultural machinery and employment were collected during the second stage of the census i.e. during the period 1 – 15 November 2003.

Definition

- **Main Farm:** A farm with agriculture as main type of activity.
- **Subsidiary farm:** A farm with agriculture as secondary type of activity
- **Aiyl Okmotu:** An authorized organ to distribute either lands to lessees from the Land Fund, or lands belonging to the Aiyl Okmotu to be utilized for agricultural purposes for a certain period and for payment.
- **Head of Peasant Farm:** Could be any capable citizen aged 16 years and over.

Coverage

The census covered the whole country, i.e. the Administrative Regions of Batken, Jalal-Abad and Osh in the South, and of Ysyk-Kul, Naryn, Talas, Chui and Bishkek City in the Northern part of the country.

Frame

During the preparatory works for the Census, in order to ensure a full coverage, the lists of Main Farms, of Personal Subsidiary Holdings, of Collective Gardens, of Collective Kitchen-Gardens and the lists of dwellings with subsidiary holdings in towns and urban-type settlements were checked and adjusted. These lists are maintained by various administrative organs, like the Common State Register of Statistical Units or the Aiyl Okmotus.

Method

The census was conducted through direct interview of holders of peasant farms and of owners of personal subsidiary plots by specially trained enumerators. Census operations were carried out in the 4 500 Enumeration Areas of the 452 Enumeration Departments. Objective measurement of sown area of crops and area under fruit-trees and berries was carried out, together with a recount of livestock, machinery, infrastructures, and population employed in agriculture.

Data source

Results of the First Agricultural Census of the Kyrgyz Republic of 2002, the first phase: publications I, II & book III; the second stage: publication I and book II, Bishkek 2003 & 2004. National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic.

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