

REUNION - Agricultural Census 2000 - Explanatory Notes

Réunion is part of the French territory, and for statistical purposes it is recorded in the Data Bank at country level in the African Region. Consequently, results related to France bear only upon the territory of France in Europe (France Métropolitaine).

Historical outline

The 2000 Agricultural Census is the third conducted in Réunion after the 1980/81 and 1988/89 ones.

Organization

The census was organized by the Statistical Services of the French Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries through the Departmental Services of Agriculture and Forestry, Regional Services of Agriculture and Forestry, and the Central Service of Statistical Surveys and Studies.

Enumeration period

Data collection began in October 2000 and lasted for four months.

Reference date/period

For land use: from 1 November 1999 to 31 October 2000. For livestock numbers: the reference date was the day of enumeration.

Definition

- **Exploitation Agricole** (Agricultural holding): is an economic unit of agricultural production under single management, reaching minimum limits in terms of size or agricultural production, such as:
 - 1 ha of agricultural area in use (SAU), or
 - 20 acres (1 acre = 0.40469 ha) of specialized crops, or
 - A sufficient agricultural production, estimated either in productive area (e.g. 10 acres of bananas of export varieties, 10 acres of sugarcane etc.) or in number of animals (e.g. 10 cows, 10 bee-hives etc.).
- **Le Siège de l'exploitation** (Holding's headquarters) is the place where the holding is located, consisting of holding's main buildings or, in defect, of its largest parcel.
- **Les Actifs Agricoles** (Agricultural workers) consist of family workers and of paid permanent and temporary/seasonal workers.
- **Les Actifs Familiaux** (Family workers) include the holding's head of household and household members having an agricultural activity on the holding.

Coverage

The census covered the entire country.

Frame

In the first half of 1988, a list of agricultural holdings, based on the list prepared for the previous census, was established in each municipality and used as frame.

Method

Complete enumeration of holdings was conducted through direct interview of heads of household.

Data source

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