

## Historical outline

No General Census was carried out since 1948. The Agricultural Census 2002 was conducted by the National Statistics Institute and the Ministry of Agriculture as part of the National Program of Agricultural Statistics. The census was based on FAO and Eurostat recommendations.

## Organization

The census was conducted by the Central Statistics Office with its President as the General Census Commissioner. Approximately 40 000 enumerators were recruited trained and entitled to operate in the field work.

## Enumeration period

Data collection was done during 26 working days within the two months period: 2 December to 31 January.

## Reference date/period

The reference period for land use and irrigated areas was the agricultural year (October 2001 to September 2002). The data on legal status, livestock, and agricultural constructions referred to 1 December 2002, the reference date for the census. The data on labour force referred to the last 12 months (from November 2001 to December 2002).

## Definition

**The Survey Unit** was defined as: "a technical-economic unit of agricultural production, consisting of one or more plots, even non-contiguous or located in different municipalities, utilised entirely or partially for agriculture production, operated by a holder (head of the household, physical person, company or public body) that carries out the activity under single administration and is assuming the risk of management, alone or together with others, regardless the size of land, the number of animals or the contribution to agricultural production".

## Coverage

The Census was conducted in the whole territory of Romania, including rural and urban areas

## Frame

Each locality was provided by the National Institute of Statistics with the list of survey units located in its area of responsibility, based on the information contained in the Agricultural Registers kept at the level of each commune, town and municipality.

## Method

The census was conducted through complete enumeration. It was based on direct interviews conducted by enumerators for civil persons and by self-registration for the units with legal status, under the direct supervision of the chief enumerator.

## Data source

Recensământul General Agricol. Rezultate Preliminare 2003. Institutul National de Statistica. Bucuresti Romania.

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