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Short information about the first General Agricultural Census of the Republic of Moldova (GAC-2011)



First General Agricultural Census in the Republic of Moldova was conducted in 2011

Main objectives of the census were: obtaining complete data about the structural characteristics of the agricultural producers, strengthening agricultural statistics, creation of the database allowing implementation of a system of sample agricultural surveys during the inter-censal period

GAC-2011 used classical approach with application of the short-long questionnaire concept: with the long questionnaire completely were enumerated 902 thousand agricultural producers

- Within the framework of the sampling network with application of the short questionnaire 13 thousand small agricultural units were enumerated (8% of the total population)

- ***The census has covered 99,5 %*** of the area of agricultural land



Legal framework of the GAC-2011

Methodological guidance

- Recommendations of FAO according to the World Programme of the Census of Agriculture 2010
- Regulation of the European Parliament and European council 1166/2008 on farm structure survey and survey of methods of agricultural production

National Legal acts:

- Law on official Statistics No. 412-XV of 9 December 2004.
- Strategy of economic growth and poverty reduction, adopted by the Law No. 398-XV of 2 December 2004.
- National Program "Satul Moldovenesc" ("Moldovan village") for 2005-2015, adopted by Government Decree No. 242 of 1 March 2005.



Legal framework of the GAC-2011

Most important Government Decrees

- “On conducting General Agricultural Census” No. 309 of 17.03.2007
- “On approval of the Republican Commission on General Agricultural Census” No. 839 of 25.07.2007
- “On approval of the plan of activities for conducting General Agricultural Census” No. 992 of 03.09.2007»
- “On a organization and conducting General Agricultural Census in 2011” No. 371 of 06.05.2010
- Annual Government decrees on approval of the Programme of Statistical Work



Legal framework of the GAC-2011

Normative acts related to financing GAC-2011

- Law on State Budget adopted annual by the Parliament
- Government's decisions and normative acts of the Ministry of Finance, regulating financing of the organization and implementation of the census

Other normative acts

- Decisions of the Republican Commission on General Agricultural census
- Decrees of the Collegial Council and orders of the National Bureau of Statistics
- Decisions of the local public administration's on creation of territorial ,commissions on General agricultural Census an organization of the census in territorial units
- Decisions of territorial commissions on General Agricultural Census



Institutional framework of the GAC-2011

Main institution responsible for organization and implementation of GAC-2011 was
National Bureau of Statistics.



Taking into account nationwide importance of the census and with the aim of coordination of activities at various levels, *Republican commission on General Agricultural Census* was created by a Government decree consisting of:

Head of Commission - Deputy Prime Minister

Deputy Heads - Director General of the national Bureau of Statistics

Minister of Agriculture and Food Industry

Members of commission – representatives of ministries (at deputy minister level), other central public administration agencies (at the level of heads or deputy heads), State Company “Teleradio-Moldova”



Institutional framework of the GAC-2011

Republic commission on General Agricultural Census implemented the following functions:

Consideration: of the draft resolutions, Government orders related to organization and implementation of the census; organizational principles of implementation of the census and its programmes, activities on attracting of financial resources for covering costs related to preparation and implementation of the census;

Coordination and monitoring: of activities on organization and implementation of the General Agricultural Census, processing obtained information; work of territorial commissions on General Agricultural Census

Evaluation: of the results of the pilot census and degree of preparedness to the main census, implementation of activities related to security and maintaining public order during the census, as well as activities on popularization of the census and its results



Institutional framework of the GAC-2011

According to decision of the Republican Commission were created and functioned

At national level- a technical commission, with members at the level of division heads and main specialist of ministries and agencies, for discussing issues of technical nature and preparing documents for consideration of the Republican Commission

At local level –territorial commissions on General Agricultural Census with authority of ensuring quality implementation of all preparatory activities and implementation the census in administrative territories

By decision of the Director General of the national Bureau of statistics, in central apparatus of the Bureau a working group was created (so called “headquarters”) consisting of heads of structural subdivisions engaged in preparation and implementation of the census

Efficient and coordinated work of all created structures ensured successful implementation of the census



Legal and institutional frameworks of the censuses of the 2020 round

It is planned to conduct agricultural census of the 2020 round jointly with the population and housing census in 2024;

Currently a Law on population and housing census is being developed which contains general provisions on the census, but for a census of a definite round a government decree will be Adopted with more concrete details, such as census reference day, data collection period, additional items, duties and responsibilities of agencies engaged in the census etc.

The draft law contains several main items which will be collected during the next population and housing census;

Other items (including agricultural items) will be approved by Government, since for additional items additional financial resources are needed;



Legal and institutional frameworks of the censuses of the 2020 roundгода

As during the previous census, a commission will be created for its support with the following responsibilities:

- Supports NBS in obtaining administrative data from state agencies and private sector organizations, as well as facilitates cooperation with state and private actors and agencies with the aim of proper conduction of the census;
- According to a proposal of NBS approves the program of census data dissemination;
- Approves a Plan of ensuring security of the temporary census staff and materials, including mobile devices, developed by Ministry of Interior and preliminarily agreed with NBS;



- considers submitted applications on approval of collection of information from the population during 6 weeks before the census date and during the census data collection period;
- Considers and facilitates the process of allocation of resources for covering costs of organization and implementation of the census, including identification and attraction of external resources.
- Approves the regulations and composition of territorial commission on population and housing census



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