Annual Agricultural Survey

I. General

The Annual Agricultural Survey conducted by the Primary Sector Statistics Division of ELSTAT, covers all Municipal Units / municipalities of Greece, except for the area of Mount Athos (Chalkidiki Karyes), for which relevant data are not collected.

The survey aims at mapping, analyzing and systematically monitoring of data relating to Greek Agriculture, Livestock, Inland and Coastal Fisheries with fishing vessels of horsepower up to 19 hp.

The legal framework of the Annual Agricultural Survey is determined by No.111 / 15.2.1962 Royal Decree and No.10674 / B2-504 / 8.1.29 Joint Ministerial Decision of the Minister of Economic Affairs and the Undeminister of Interior, Public Administration and Decentralization and the annually relevant Joint Ministerial Decision on "Approval, proclamation, assignment of conducting the Annual Agricultural Statistics Survey, approval for using statistical correspondents and determination of their fees."

II. Objectives

The purpose of the survey is data collection on areas of various crop species, number of trees, animals and agricultural machinery, agricultural and livestock production, as well as the number of fishermen, the fishing vessels of up to 19hp horsepower, and the quantity of inland and coastal fish catches.

In particular, the survey aims to collect statistical data and information in the fields of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries refer to:

a. Land and harvested production:

- arable crops
- cultivation of vegetables,
- vineyards,
- tree cultivations and co-cultivation within normal plantations,
- fallow land and horticulture (nurseries, seedbeds, commercial flower gardens),
- olive oil production, etc.

b. The number of animals and livestock production.

c. The agricultural machinery used for various agricultural and livestock operations.

d. Inland and coastal fisheries data and motorpropelled professional fishing vessels with engine power drive up to 19 horsepower (HP).

III. Survey Methodology (summary)

The statistical unit is the land area, which is included within the administrative boundaries of each Municipal Unity / Municipality. The collection of data and initial data quality controls, is performed by private partners who are holders of academic degrees (diploma, Msc., Phd.) with agronomic or geotechnical specialty from Greek or foreign University Institutes or other suitable replacements (also graduates geotechnical sciences faculty) who have been designated as private partners.

The survey is conducted from February to May of the year following the survey's reference year and every Statistical Correspondent, aided by other local institutions (Statistical Prefecture Services) for each Municipal Unity in which he/she has been designated as a private partner, fills in a single (electronic) questionnaire, which refers to areas of various crops - distinguishing between irrigated - the number of fruit trees, agricultural production, livestock, animal production, the number of agricultural machinery, inland and inshore fishing with professional motor propelled fishing vessels of horsepower up to 19 hp.

IV. Dissemination of survey results

The Annual Agricultural Survey is conducted and produces statistics from 1961 onwards on an annual basis.

The results of the survey are available from 2010 to 2017 at national level in the form of published press releases (pdf files) and at Regional level in the form of detailed data in table format (excel) at:
http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SPG06/-