

Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) - Census of Agriculture, 2008

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TITLE

Census of Agriculture, 2008

COUNTRY

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Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	VEN

STUDY TYPE

Agricultural Census [ag/census]

SERIES INFORMATION

The first Census of Agriculture (CA) of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela was carried out in 1937. In 1949, 1961 and 1971, the CAs and the censuses of population and housing (CPHs) were carried out jointly. A series of CAs separated from the CPH were conducted in 1985, 1997 and 2008.

ABSTRACT

Within the framework of public policies aimed at building a national statistics system to support the various sectors of the country interested in bread-making, the development and implementation of economic and social activities aimed at meeting the needs of the population, and in accordance with international standards that recommend censuses every ten years, the National Executive has ordered the holding of the 7th National Agricultural Census during the first quarter of 2007. From the methodological documents prepared by the team responsible for conducting the Census, it can be inferred that there are three determining factors for the success of the operation:

1. the timely and sufficient provision of financial resources
2. the establishment of a multi-institutional mechanism that guarantees the participation of the various sectors interested in the country's agricultural problems
3. the design of a logistical structure that allows for an efficient process of obtaining, transmitting, classifying and analyzing the information obtained in the census process.

KIND OF DATA

Census/enumeration data [cen]

UNIT OF ANALYSIS

Households

Scope

NOTES

The scope of the study includes agriculture, infrastructure, labour and livestock.

TOPICS

Topic	Vocabulary
Agriculture & Rural Development	FAO
Land (policy, resource management)	FAO
Labor	FAO
Infrastructure	FAO
Health	FAO
Nutrition	FAO

Water	FAO
Livestock	FAO

Coverage

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

National coverage

UNIVERSE

Three categories of statistical units were distinguished in the CA 2008: (i) agricultural production units (UPAs); (ii) household producers; and (iii) MACs. Accordingly, the UPA was defined as an economic unit of agricultural production with unique management and address, comprising all livestock and all land, fully or partially dedicated to agricultural purpose, regardless of title or legal form. A household producer consists of a person or a group of two or more persons, with or without family ties to one another, who live in the same house, sharing the same services, and maintaining economic dependence through common expenses, especially regarding food. MACs are defined as the basic area units for statistical purposes, determined by the community on the basis of the sense of belonging of its people and the recognition of others. Holdings were classified according to their legal status.

Producers and sponsors

PRIMARY INVESTIGATORS

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Ministry of the Popular Power for Agriculture and Lands (MPPAT)

PRODUCERS

Name	Role
Food and Agriculture Organization	Technical assistance

Sampling

SAMPLING PROCEDURE

(a) Methodological modality for conducting the census

The classical approach was used in the AC.

(b) Frame

The census frame was obtained from the registry of agricultural production units. All areas were canvassed for gathering basic information that allows to determine if the agricultural unit qualifies as an UPA, for the purposes of the census.

(c) Complete and/or sample enumeration methods

The CA 2008 was conducted on a complete enumeration basis.

Data Collection

DATES OF DATA COLLECTION

Start	End
2008-04-14	2008-07-31

DATA COLLECTION MODE

Face-to-face [f2f]

Questionnaires

QUESTIONNAIRES

There was a single comprehensive questionnaire for all holdings:

- Household roster
- Plot roster
- Data on the agricultural production unit (UPA)
- Productive component of agricultural activity
- Agricultural organisation and participation
- Nutritional status and health
- Risks and vulnerabilities
- Characteristics of people
- Infrastructure
- Machinery and agricultural implements
- Labour force
- Irrigation
- Aquaculture
- Livestock

The CA 2008 covered 14 of the 16 core items recommended by FAO for the WCA 2010. Items not covered:

- (i) "Age of the agricultural holder"
- (ii) "Other economic production activities of the holding's enterprise"

Data Processing

DATA EDITING

(a) DATA PROCESSING AND ARCHIVING

The data were captured using DMCs3, from which the information was transmitted to the MPPAT server. The ArcPad 7.0 software was used to develop a cartography programme, deployed in the DMCs. Data transmission was made using the Internet via a modem and a webpage. The census data were analysed for consistency, and then edited and validated. An application was developed in REDATAM + SP with the aim of facilitating online access to the census data and obtaining quick and easy figures.

(b) CENSUS DATA QUALITY

A PES was conducted to assess the census coverage.

Data Appraisal

DATA APPRAISAL

The final results were released in April 2011 through different publications, and are available at the national and subnational level. Census data were disseminated online through REDATAM.

Access policy

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ACCESS CONDITIONS

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