

STATISTICAL METHODOLOGY

The category of **all types of agricultural business units** pertains to all agricultural enterprises, private farms, individual entrepreneurs, private households and other individually operated land estates, and non-profit citizens' associations.

The category of **agricultural enterprises** includes:

Large and medium-sized enterprises – agricultural cooperatives, partnerships, joint-stock companies, unitary enterprises under the jurisdiction of the federal or municipal governments, and local units of non-agricultural organizations.

Small agricultural enterprises - agricultural cooperatives, partnerships, joint-stock companies (eligibility criteria for this subcategory of enterprises are given in the Federal Law "On Governmental Support for Small Businesses in the Russian Federation" No.88-FZ dated June 14, 1995.)

Institutional farms of non-agricultural organizations.

Private farm is a corporation held by family members or relatives, which are co-owners of the private farm property and personally involved in business and other day-to-day activities of the operation (production, processing, storage, transportation and marketing of agricultural products).

Individual entrepreneur is a non-incorporated physical entity, which is registered and conducting business activities as provided by law. During the census enumeration period in a number of regions where existed the local statutory limitations for maximum land area of private households, land owners and persons renting land from others with land plots that exceeded these regulatory norms were counted for as belonging to the category of individual entrepreneurs, whether or not they had been registered as such.

The category of **individual farming units, households and non-profit associations of all types** includes rural and urban private households and other individually operated land estates, and non-profit horticultural, kitchen-gardening, livestock growing and dacha associations.

Private household farming is a form of non-profit agricultural production and processing of commodities undertaken by an individual or a family to satisfy the family needs in food products using a land holding or an owned land estate. Such land estates may include home gardens and field plots (Article 2.4 of the Federal Law "On Private Households", No.112-FZ, dated July 7, 2003).

Other individually operated land estates that were enumerated during the census period include:

- Individuals having land plots of 0.04 hectares or more for house-building purposes, that were engaged in agricultural production;
- Individuals with land plots (used for horticulture and kitchen gardening, dachas, etc.) outside of non-profit associations;
- Individuals having livestock and no land.

Aggregated totals for the subcategory of **rural and urban private households** were obtained based on the National Classification of Municipal Districts. Tabulated data on rural households include special notes related to **inter-settlement territories**.

Horticultural, kitchen-garden and dacha non-profit association (a horticultural, kitchen-garden and dacha non-profit partnership, organization or a consumer co-operative) is a non-profit organization legally constituted by individuals on a voluntary basis with the purpose to support its members engaged in social and economic activities related to fruits and berries growing, kitchen-

gardening or dacha farming (Article 1 of the Federal Law "On Horticultural, Kitchen-Garden and Dacha Non-Profit Associations", No. 66-FZ, dated April 15, 1998).

Livestock-growing association is a non-profit organization legally constituted by individuals with the purpose of grazing, hay-cutting (for the period of livestock keeping) or raising livestock.

During the 2006 agricultural census, data on horticultural, kitchen-garden and dacha associations, and private households and other individually operated land estates located in the urban areas were collected **using a sample survey procedure**.

Full-time workers are staff members, employed on a contract basis by signing an employment agreement for an unlimited term, that is, when no expiration date of the employment term is specified.

Workers hired on a permanent basis are persons employed by an agricultural enterprise on a contract basis for an unlimited term or on a verbal agreement.

Part-time and/or seasonal workers are persons employed by an enterprise (business unit) on the basis of a fixed-term agreement for no more than two months, or a fixed-term seasonal work agreement for no more than six months, or any other type of civil employment agreement, or on a verbal agreement.

Agricultural land is land operated on a regular basis to produce agricultural commodities. It includes plowed land, land in hay, pastures, land in perennial plants and idle land.

- Plowed land is land regularly operated and planted in order to grow crops, including fields used for sown grass growing and fallow soils. It also includes land in greenhouse and hothouse crops.
- Land in hay is land from which hay is cut on a regular basis.
- Pasture is land permanently used for pasture or grazing, including land plots that can be used for grazing, but not for hay-cutting or as idle land.

Land in perennial plants is agricultural land used to grow horticulture crops, fruit and nut trees (excluding these in woodland) and selected hay and forage crops for harvest (fruits, berries, industrial and medicinal crops).

Land in perennial plants includes land plots in fruit trees and berries that had been previously used as plowed land, but were not planted to crops or used as summer fallow for more than one year.

The category of **hectares actually used out of the total agricultural land area** includes land in crops planted for harvest in 2005-2006.

Crop land is the part of plowed land used for agricultural crop growing.

Livestock inventory includes all age groups within each category of livestock and poultry as of July 1, 2006, and for the remote and difficult access areas where the census was taken at a later date, the data pertain to September 1, 2006.