

Palestine - Agricultural Census, 2010

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TITLE

Agricultural Census, 2010

COUNTRY

Name	Country code
Palestine	PSE

STUDY TYPE

Agricultural Census [ag/census]

SERIES INFORMATION

The Agricultural Census (AC) 2010 was the first AC to be conducted in Palestine.

ABSTRACT

Modern and accurate statistics are essential to establish national policies at all levels. Accordingly, the PCBS has striven since its establishment to collect and disseminate official statistics which meet international standards and concepts and are in accordance with Palestinian national requirements. In this regard, PCBS has conducted population, social and economic surveys, plus two censuses on population, housing and establishments in 1997 and 2007, in addition to developing various administrative records. In order to provide comprehensive statistics in all domains, PCBS launched the first census on agriculture in 2010 in the Palestinian Territory in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture and the Union of Agricultural Work Committees. The PCBS mandate is to develop and maintain the Palestinian National Statistics System based on professional principles and responsive to the needs of users, and capable of providing accurate, neutral, comprehensive and high quality official statistics which meet international standards in all areas. This should improve the capacity building of Palestinian national establishments in economic, social and environmental development and enhance the establishment of better developmental policies. The provision of statistical data will assist in planning at every level, in addition to developing and unifying standards and concepts of economic, social, population and geographic domains.

From the initial planning phase of the agriculture census, PCBS has sought full coordination and consultation with stakeholders to identify needs in agriculture-related statistics necessary for the development of this sector, and also to mobilize all partners to participate in the implementation of this first-ever census. Activities included bilateral consultation meetings, seminars, and workshops with public and private sectors and civil society institutions to ensure that the output of the agriculture census reflects national priorities and is comparable internationally.

Objectives:

1. To meet the growing demand for up-to-date and reliable statistical indicators by users concerning the agricultural sector in the Palestinian Territory. Such statistics are necessary for the planning and monitoring of agriculture-related programs by governmental and private institutions.
2. To provide relevant statistics to ensure the optimal use of land and contribute to food security and self reliance in the Palestinian Territory.
3. To monitor the changes affecting agricultural land in the Palestinian Territory as a result of continuous Israeli aggression, confiscation of land, isolation of the population, and the building of the annexation wall.
4. To conduct an agricultural census every ten years according to the General Statistics Law No. 4 of 2000.

KIND OF DATA

Census/enumeration data [cen]

UNIT OF ANALYSIS

Households

Scope

NOTES

The scope of the study includes:

- Agricultural Holdings
- Agricultural Holders
- Land Use
- Crops
- Field crops
- Vegetable crops
- Horticultural crops
- Livestock
- Cows
- Sheep
- Goats
- Camels
- Poultry Farming
- Domestic Poultry
- Bees
- Other Animals (Equines)
- Agricultural Labor Force
- Agricultural Machinery and Equipment
- Agricultural Applications

TOPICS

Topic	Vocabulary
Agriculture & Rural Development	FAO
Land (policy, resource management)	FAO
Forests & Forestry	FAO
Livestock	FAO
Labor	FAO

Coverage

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

National coverage

UNIVERSE

The statistical unit was the agricultural holding, defined as an economic unit of agricultural production under single management' comprising all livestock kept and all land² used entirely or partially for agricultural production purposes, regardless of legal form, and above a certain threshold (see section 7 below). Common grazing lands and other land not assigned to an agricultural holding were not included in the AC. The AC covered both holdings in the household sector and holdings in the non-household sector.

Producers and sponsors

PRIMARY INVESTIGATORS

Name	Affiliation
Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics	Palestinian National Authority

PRODUCERS

Name	Role
Ministry of Agriculture	Plannig and implimentation

FUNDING AGENCY/SPONSOR

Name	Abbreviation	Role
Palestinian Authority	PNA	Financial assistance
The Islamic Development Bank	IDB	Financial assistance
The World Bank	WB	Financial assistance
The European Union	EU	Financial assistance

Sampling

SAMPLING PROCEDURE

Census frame:

The frame of the Agricultural Census 2010 includes a complete record of holdings by households and collaborative institutions. The frame was prepared by listing all holders through visiting every household, using maps to reach all addresses.

Data Collection

DATES OF DATA COLLECTION

Start	End	Cycle
2010-10-02	2010-11-14	West Bank
2011-01-10	2011-02-20	Gaza Strip

DATA COLLECTION MODE

Face-to-face [f2f]

Data Processing

DATA EDITING

Data processing:

Special data processing programmes were developed and tested to capture the census data. Data entry was done at the premises of the PCBS. Data editing, coding, entry, checking and cleaning were finalized in June 2011 in the West Bank and in August 2011 in the Gaza Strip. The technical team followed up on the data processing, testing its accuracy and quality and comparing it with other data resources; the team also prepared the tables and the report on the final results of the census. The data entry programme was prepared using Oracle and Access. Data analysis was undertaken using SPSS. The impact of errors on data quality was minimized, because of the high level of competency and training of the fieldwork team. A quality control system was established for all stages of the census, from the preparatory stage to the data collection, processing and dissemination stages, to ensure the control of fieldwork activities and the overall accuracy of census data. Census supervisors and team leaders in each governorate conducted a re-interviewing of households through random visits to households in the enumeration areas and by filling out parts of the listing and enumeration questionnaires

Data Appraisal

DATA APPRAISAL

The preliminary results were disseminated through the local mass media and the official website of the PCBS in April 2011.

The final results were disseminated in December 2011 and are available in the form of printed reports, CD-ROMs and on the website of the PCBS.

Access policy

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