

Cyprus - Census of Agriculture 2020

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TITLE
Census of Agriculture 2020

ABBREVIATION OR ACRONYM
CA 2020

TRANSLATED TITLE
Απογραφής Γεωργικών και Κτηνοτροφικών Εκμεταλλεύσεων 2020

COUNTRY

Name	Country code
Cyprus	CYP

STUDY TYPE
Agricultural Census [ag/census]

SERIES INFORMATION
The Census of Agriculture (CA) 2020 was the seventh conducted in the Republic of Cyprus since the country achieved independence. The previous CAs were undertaken in 1960, 1977, 1985, 1994, 2003, and 2010.

ABSTRACT
The Census of Agriculture (CA) is a census of all agricultural holdings that takes place every ten years. It is part of an EU-wide programme of agricultural censuses carried out in 2020 under EU Regulation 2018/1091 on integrated farm statistics and conducted under the World Programme for the Census of Agriculture (<https://www.fao.org/world-census-agriculture/en/>). The results of CA 2020 are essential for analyzing the trends in the structure of agricultural holdings and provide the European Union with the necessary information to design, implement, monitor, evaluate and review the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and other related policies.

KIND OF DATA
Census/enumeration data [cen]

UNIT OF ANALYSIS
Agricultural holdings

Scope

NOTES
The census scope covered agricultural (crop and livestock production) activities.

The questionnaire collected information on:

1. General Characteristics of the Holding
2. Breakdown of Areas of the Holding, by type
3. Livestock
4. Animal Housing, Manure Management, and Nutrient Use
5. Labor Force
6. Rural Development Measures

KEYWORDS

Keyword
Structure of Agriculture
Land use

Animal Housing

Labor in the Agricultural Sector

Coverage

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

The Census of Agriculture (CA) 2020 covered the Republic of Cyprus.

UNIVERSE

The statistical unit was the agricultural holding, defined as a single unit, both technically and economically, that has a single management and that undertakes economic activities in agriculture in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1893/2006 belonging to NACE Rev. 2 groups A.01.1, A.01.2, A.01.3, A.01.4, A.01.5 or to the "maintenance of agricultural land in good agricultural and environmental condition" of group A.01.6 within the economic territory of the Union, either as its primary or secondary activity, as it is stated in the Regulation (EU) No. 2018/1091 of the European Parliament and of the Council on integrated agricultural statistics. Regarding activities of class A.01.49, only the activities "Raising and breeding of semi-domesticated or other live animals" (except for raising of insects) and "Beekeeping and production of honey and beeswax" were included.

In CA 2020 the following thresholds were used:

- 0.2 ha of utilized agricultural area (UAA)
- 0.01 ha of UAA under glass or high accessible cover or cultivated mushrooms
- 0.1 of vineyards
- 1 cow
- 2 bovine animals excluding cows
- 5 sheep, goats or pigs, or ostrich
- 50 poultry
- 20 beehives
- 10 breeding female rabbits

Producers and sponsors

PRIMARY INVESTIGATORS

Name

Statistical Service of Cyprus (CYSTAT, Στατιστική Υπηρεσία), Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry and Fisheries Department (Γεωργία, Κτηνοτροφία, Δάση και Αλιεία)

Sampling

SAMPLING PROCEDURE

One-off complete enumeration was used in CA 2020. The census was composed of a core module and three thematic modules on labor force and other gainful activities, rural development, and animal housing and manure management.

The Register of Agricultural and Livestock Holdings (ΜΑΑΕ, Μητρώο Αγροτών και Αγροτικών Εκμεταλλεύσεων) was the list frame used in CA 2020. The register, which is also the frame from which the samples of all agricultural surveys are extracted, is updated on a continuous basis.

Data collection

DATES OF DATA COLLECTION

Start	End
2020-09	2021-05

DATA COLLECTION MODE

Pen-and-Paper Interview (PAPI)

DATA COLLECTION NOTES

In CA 2020, data was collected through the PAPI method. Due to COVID-19, telephone interviews using a paper questionnaire were increasingly used instead of face-to-face interviews. The census involved seven permanent staff of the Statistical Service of Cyprus (CYSTAT, Στατιστική Υπηρεσία) who were responsible for all phases of the census, 35 enumerators and supervisors with long-term contracts, and 58 enumerators with short-term contracts.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

Different procedures were applied by CYSTAT to assure and assess quality: use of best practices, quality guidelines, and compliance monitoring. Statistics are produced in accordance with the provisions of the European Statistics Code of Practice and are in line with the statistical principles governing its implementation. The quality of statistics is assessed according to the following quality criteria: relevance, accuracy, timeliness, punctuality, accessibility and clarity, coherence, and comparability. The quality indicators are assessed considering Eurostat's defined methodology and recommendations.

Questionnaires

QUESTIONNAIRES

A main questionnaire and a supplementary questionnaire were used to collect data in CA 2020. The questionnaires covered 19 out of 23 essential items recommended in the WCA 2020.

Data Processing

DATA EDITING

Supervisors collected and checked all questionnaires daily and turned them over to district officers weekly. The information contained in each questionnaire was checked for errors or inaccuracies including completeness, validations between related variables, acceptable ranges, summations, ratios, and rational checks. Errors were identified at an early stage, and the necessary clarifications were requested to minimize the degree of repetition of those errors. Coverage checks were also made by contacting five to ten percent of respondents for whom a questionnaire was completed and ensuring that the questionnaire was filled in according to instructions. Checking teams were established, working under the guidance and supervision of district officers. These teams verified the questionnaires submitted by each supervisor and performed a further check by comparing all variables against available information from previous surveys or other available information. A team of three people was formed to check and correct processing errors in the microdata, and to validate them. SAS was used for the preparation of the microdata file that was transmitted to Eurostat.

DATA PROCESSING NOTES

In CA 2020, manual data entry was performed with software designed in Microsoft Office Access by the national coordinator and an officer from the Data Processing Unit of CYSTAT. The data entry program identified possible errors in the questionnaires (consistency, value, range, arithmetic, etc.), as well as errors made during the data entry process (typing errors). Data entry was checked daily for errors, missing items, changes, and inaccuracies.

Access policy

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ACCESS CONDITIONS

The data request procedure and the data request form are available at "How to apply for microdata access" at <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/microdata/farm-statistics>.

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Statistics Division	ESS	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	Metadata adapted for FAM

Data Dictionary

Data file	Cases	Variables
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