

Republic of Moldova - General Agricultural Census 2011

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TITLE

General Agricultural Census 2011

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COUNTRY

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Republic of Moldova	MDA

STUDY TYPE

Agricultural Census [ag/census]

SERIES INFORMATION

The General Agricultural Census 2011 was the first comprehensive agricultural census conducted in the Republic of Moldova. Before 2011 only specialized agricultural censuses were conducted, such as the census of sown area in 1985, the livestock census in 1992 and the census of permanent crops in 1994.

ABSTRACT

The General Agricultural Census 2011 is a large scale statistical operation that collects data on the structure of agriculture which is necessary for socioeconomic analyses and for the planning of policies for the agricultural sector.

KIND OF DATA

Census/enumeration data [cen]

UNIT OF ANALYSIS

Agricultural holdings

Scope

NOTES

The census scope covered agricultural activities (crops and livestock), as well as agricultural services provided by the holding. Some data on aquaculture carried out in association with the agricultural activities of the agricultural holding were also collected in the census.

Form 1-GAC collected information on:

1. General information on the agricultural holding
2. Land use
3. Livestock
4. Agricultural construction, technical means and equipment
5. Labour force
6. Plant protection products, fertilizers and irrigations
7. Organic farming, soil degradation and rural development
8. Non-agricultural activities

Form 2-GAC collected information on:

1. General information
2. Land use
3. Livestock

KEYWORDS

Keyword

Structure of Agriculture
Land use
Crops
Livestock and Poultry
Labour in the Agricultural Sector
Machinery and Equipment
Aquaculture

Coverage

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

The General Agricultural Census 2011 covered both rural and urban areas, except for the territories of the Territorial administrative unit from the left part of the Nistru River and Bender municipality.

UNIVERSE

The main statistical unit covered in the General Agricultural Census 2011 was the agricultural holding, defined as a technical-economic unit of agricultural production (with or without juridical status) with a single management, performing agricultural activities by using agricultural land and/or raising livestock or activities to maintain the agricultural land in good agricultural and environmental conditions, whether as a principal activity or as a secondary activity.

No thresholds were applied to the agricultural holdings in the non-household sector and for those in rural areas.

For the agricultural holdings in the household sector in urban areas and for the members of horticultural associations (tenants of horticultural plots), the following minimum size limits were established:

- 10 ares (corresponding to 0.1 hectares) of agricultural land
- 1 are (corresponding to 100 square metres) of land under greenhouses
- 1 cattle, sheep, pig, or goat
- 20 poultry

Producers and sponsors

PRIMARY INVESTIGATORS

Name
National Bureau of Statistics of the Republic of Moldova (Biroul Național De Statistică Al Republicii Moldova)

PRODUCERS

Name	Role
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	Technical assistance

FUNDING AGENCY/SPONSOR

Name	Role
Government of the Republic of Moldova	Funding
Government of Sweden	Funding
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Sampling

SAMPLING PROCEDURE

A combination of complete and sample enumeration was used in the General Agricultural Census 2011.

Agricultural holdings were completely enumerated, whereas small-size agricultural units (SSAUs), were sampled and enumerated using a short questionnaire (Form 2).

Two-stage sampling was used to select SSAUs. At the first stage, in urban areas, Enumeration Massifs (EMs) were sampled with probability proportional to size in terms of area. At the second stage, SSAUs were randomly selected from the sampled EMs.

Data collection

DATES OF DATA COLLECTION

Start	End
2011-03-15	2011-04-15

DATA COLLECTION MODE

Pen and Paper Interview [papi]

DATA COLLECTION NOTES

Census activities involved more than 6000 census staff, of which approximately 4500 were enumerators, and 15 000 were other personnel (supervisors and data processing staff like coders, IT specialists, scanning and other technical personnel).

QUALITY ASSURANCE

The pilot census was conducted one year before the census enumeration, and its findings were used to finalize the census methodology and tools. A comprehensive mechanism for monitoring and supervision of fieldwork was established. It included two-level supervision of fieldwork (by supervisors and rayon/municipalities coordinators), regular reporting and analysis of response rates during data collection, field checks, etc. Soon after the census enumeration, a post enumeration survey was carried out to assess the quality of census data, particularly to measure content errors.

Questionnaires

QUESTIONNAIRES

Two questionnaires were used for the census:

1. Form 1-GAC: was used to collect data from the agricultural holdings
2. Form 2-GAC: was used to collect data from the small-size agricultural units (SSAUs),

The questionnaires covered all 16 core items recommended in the WCA 2010.

Data Processing

DATA EDITING

Census data was captured through scanning of questionnaires using optical mark recognition (OMR). Data entry and processing were undertaken by the National Bureau of Statistics using the integrated data processing system (IDPS) developed via outsourcing. Logical and arithmetical coherency within and between tablets were incorporated into the IDPS. Data from the General Agricultural Census 2011 was stored in the census database.

Access policy

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