

European Criteria for the Agricultural Census 2010

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- long history of European-level FSS (1966)
- comparable data
 - between MS
 - in time (reference date/period)
 - at regional level (Art. 4 of 571/88 Reg.)

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- many amendments over the time

due to enlargements, new data needs, fine-tuning and development, etc.



- new basic legislation is needed
 - simplification and modernisation
 - reaction for the new requests
 - response burden

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System of the new legal background

1. basic regulation
2. legislation on the definitions
3. “manuals”
 - explanations and notes
 - EUROFARM

Changes in the regulation

- complex set of surveys in a revised structure (3 years)
- coverage
- precision requirements
- reference date/period is better defined
- administrative data sources
- list of characteristics

Set of surveys

- FSS
 - 2010 census
 - 2013 and 2016 sample surveys
- SAPM
 - sample survey(s)
 - 2011 (?)


Coverage

- UAA \geq 1 hectare
OR
- UAA < 1 hectare, if:
 - certain proportion is for sale; or
 - production exceeds certain physical threshold.

MUST ensure that:

- at least 98% of total UAA (excl. common land) and
- at least 98% of total livestock (LU) is covered.

Precision requirements

- presently, the MS are required to obtain “reliable results” at various levels of aggregation...
 - but no concrete precision requirements are defined
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- proposal:
 - to define such requirements in statistical terms in order to ensure the accuracy of the regional survey results

Precision requirements

- representative on NUTS 2 and for LFA on national level in terms of type and size of holdings
- separately for crop and livestock
- depending on the prevalence RSE is defined
- min. 10,000 holdings
- except for specific regions

Administrative data sources

- already allowed:
 - IACS
 - bovine register
 - register of organic farms
 - for certain characteristics: GMO, rural development measures
- possibility for other ones

Overview of characteristics

based on

- demands of data users (AGRI, JRC, EEA, etc)
- many years/decades of experience (EU, EUROFARM, NMR, FAQ, FAO, experts, etc)
- heavy discussion for two years

Overview of characteristics

European level approach

- full set
- harmonised with other domains
- as concrete as possible
- definition is useable in each MS
- specialities to be handled in notes
(FAQ > manual)
- avoiding misunderstandings
- possibility of EU-level information

Core (FSS) characteristics

- only minor changes in “old” characteristics
- re-introduction: coppices
- geo-reference
- focus on organic farming and certified production
- new items: energy crops and renewable energy production
- multi-functionality of agriculture (OGA)

SAPM characteristics

- mainly new items
- quite complex
- agri-environmental aspects → indicators
- growing interest and importance

Availability of documents

- draft Council Regulation
- definitions of characteristics
 - core: CPSA/SB/646
 - SAPM: CPSA/SB/647

ALL ARE UNDER DISCUSSION!

Regional aspects

- representativity (sample and precision requirements)
 - “region” = NUTS 2 (1059/2003 Reg.)
- applicability of characteristics
- definition of characteristics
- carrying out the data collection



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