



Agricultural Census in 2010 (PSR 2010)

1 Sep - 31 Oct 2010

Is carried out from 1 September to 31 October 2010, according to the situation on 30 June 2010 at 24:00

Legal bases

- Regulation (EC) No 1166/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on farm structure surveys and the survey on agricultural production methods and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 571/88 (OJ EU No L 321 of 1 December 2008)
- Act of 17 July 2009 about the Agricultural Census in 2010 (Journal of Laws No. 126, dated 10 August 2009, pos. 1040)

The purpose of PSR 2010 is creation of an information base, which is necessary to implement agricultural and social policy concerning rural areas.

The census will enable:

- Collecting comprehensive and up-to date information about the Polish agriculture
- Comparison of the information collected during consecutive censuses, e.g. from the previous one (2002) and the current one
- Obtaining knowledge about the changes which have taken place in agriculture
- Implementation of international obligations

The census is also used as a vehicle for **survey on agricultural production methods** in randomly selected farms.

Combined method

- **Full-scale survey** covers:
 - farms belonging to or used by natural persons engaged in agricultural activities, where:
 - area of arable land constitute at least 1 hectare
 - or
 - the given farm produces crops or breeds livestock above certain thresholds
 - farms belonging to or used by legal persons or other organizational units without legal personality

- **Sample survey** covers all the remaining farms.

Data collection

From **9 to 23 August 2010** a “reconnaissance round” was performed, i.e. in those days census enumerators located farms in their district and visited the farmers who should take part in the census. The enumerators handed out letters of President of CSO encouraging respondents to participation in the census.

For the first time purely **electronic forms** of data collection was applied. This mean that some information usually required from respondents now can be taken directly from administrative sources. Such information must then be confirmed or supplemented by respondents in one of the following ways:

from 1 September to 17 October 2010 by filling an **on-line form on a website** by respondents themselves, which is the most convenient way of providing data (without visit and assistance of a census enumerator)

from 8 September to 31 October 2010 by means of:

- telephone interviews carried out by statistical interviewers
- personal interviews conducted by census enumerators using portable electronic devices (such as hand-held).

Census enumerators will visit only those farmers who do not fill the on-line forms in the Internet.

Type of information collected

- as at **30 June 2010 at. 24.00**
 - Land use
 - Sown area
 - Livestock
 - Agricultural activity
 - Tractors, farm machinery and equipment
- during the **12 months preceding June 30**
 - The structure of household income
 - Economic activity
 - Use of mineral fertilizers, lime
 - Activities other than those directly related to agriculture

Obligation to answer

The Law on Agricultural Census in 2010 shows that:

"Users of farms are obliged to answer the questions in the census form **accurate, complete and truthful.**"

Statistical confidentiality

All personal data collected during the census work is confidential, subject to special protection and statistical confidentiality.

In addition:

- All persons associated with the organization of the census, data collection and processing are required to maintain the confidentiality of information obtained
- Information obtained in the census will be used exclusively for statistical purposes
- Results of the census will be processed and published in a manner that prevents identification of individual people and farms

Interesting facts about the census

- all EU Member States carry out agricultural censuses in 2010
- in Poland it is the first census carried out since Polish accession to the European Union
- cover more than 1.85 million farms across the country