

FAQ of Agriculture Census

A. What is history of Agriculture Census in India?

The Agriculture Census is a Central Sector Plan Scheme under which data on structure of agricultural operational holdings is collected. So far eight Agriculture Censuses with five yearly intervals beginning with 1970-71 have been completed and the ninth one with agricultural year 2010-11 is in progress. The data available under Agriculture Census are for the years 1970-71, 1976-77, 1980-81, 1985-86, 1990-91, 1995-96, 2000-01 and 2005-06 so far for use. In addition to Agriculture Census, Input Survey is also conducted by this Division in the year immediately after the reference year of Agriculture Census operation. Under this survey, data are collected on various inputs used, like fertilizers, pesticides, IPM, agricultural implements and machinery live stock, credit and seeds. The data under this survey are available for the years 1976-77, 1981-82, 1986-87, 1991-92, 1996-97, 2001-02 and 2006-07.

B. What are the existing data, its structure, and source?

As stated above, data for the above years are available in the Division which gives size-class wise information pertaining to operational holdings. In Agriculture Census the basic unit for the data collection is operational holding rather than ownership holding. In States where comprehensive land record exists, the data on number and area of operational holdings by different size-classes are collected on census basis and in other States data are collected on sample basis from 20% selected villages.

Parameters of data and its relation:

The parameters, on which data are available, are as follows:-

- (i) Number and area of operational holdings
- (ii) Tenancy status
- (iii) Terms of tenancy
- (iv) Land use
- (v) Irrigation status
- (vi) Source of irrigation
- (vii) Number of wells and tubewells
- (viii) Cropping pattern
- (ix) Dispersal of land

- (xi) Use of chemical fertilizers, organic manures, pesticides, IPM
- (xii) Agriculture implements & machinery
- (xiii) Livestock
- (xiv) Agriculture credit
- (xv) Seeds

C. What is the frequency of census taking?

Once in five years.

D. Is there any Database available in the web?

The data on Agriculture Census for the year 1995-96, 2000-01 and 2005-06 and Input Survey for the year 1996-97, 2001-02 and 2006-07 and various reports, including 2005-06 report, of the Census are available on website <http://agcensus.nic.in>.

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