



Methodology

REPORT ON SOWN AREAS IN AUTUMN OF FARMS

LEGAL BASIS

Data on sown areas on farms in Republika Srpska are provided through the “Annual Farm Survey – Crop Production 2021”, a survey implemented in accordance with the following:

- Work Plan of the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics for 2021,
- Statistical Programme of Republika Srpska for the period 2018-2021 (“Official Gazette of Republika Srpska”, No 21/18),
- Law on Statistics of Republika Srpska (“Official Gazette of Republika Srpska”, No 85/03), and
- Council Regulation 543/2009/EC concerning crop statistics.

METHODOLOGICAL BASIS

AIM AND CONTENT

Data on sown areas in autumn on farms were obtained through the “Annual Farm Survey – Crop Statistics 2021” (GIPG).

The survey has been conducted since 2017, in accordance with Eurostat’s recommendations and standards. The aim of this activity is to provide data on sown areas of wheat, rye, barley, oats, triticale, rape seed and other sown areas.

OBSERVATION UNITS

Observation units are farms (family farms and farms owned by legal entities and entrepreneurs).

COVERAGE

Observation units in this survey are farms located in the territory of Republika Srpska, which are engaged in crop production and registered in the “Register of Farms”.

A representative sample consisting of 3.6% of family farms covered by the survey was randomly selected from the Register (statistical frame). Before the sample was selected, the Register was partly updated based on results of previously conducted statistical surveys and administrative registers.

METHOD AND PERIOD OF DATA COLLECTION

In the “Annual Farm Survey”, the data for 2020 were collected through interviews with farm household members, using the CATI method (Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviewing). The survey is conducted annually and it was implemented between 1 and 15 December, based on a random representative sample of farms. The data on sown areas in autumn refer to the day, 1 December 2020.

PROTECTION OF CONFIDENTIAL DATA

Only aggregate data on total sown area by individual crops in autumn for the level of Republika Srpska are published, based on the survey results. Confidential data are protected pursuant to Articles 25 and 27 of the Law on Statistics of Republika Srpska (“Official Gazette of Republika Srpska”, No 85/03) and in accordance with the Rules of protection of confidential data.

DEFINITIONS OF MAIN FEATURES – INDICATORS

Sown areas – areas cultivated and sown with a crop.

LEVEL OF DATA REPRESENTATIVENESS

Data on sown areas in autumn obtained through the survey are representative for the level of Republika Srpska.

COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS AND STANDARDS

“Annual Farm Survey – Crop production 2021” fully complies with Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/1557 amending Regulation (EC) No 543/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning crop statistics. Thus, the data obtained through the survey are internationally comparable.

IMPLEMENTATION ORGANISATION

AUTHORITIES IMPLEMENTING THE STATISTICAL ACTIVITY

Responsible producer of data on crop production on farms is the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics.

The survey is conducted by selected interviewers, trained and authorised by the Institute. The interviewers attend a specially prepared training, during which they are provided with the material necessary for fieldwork, access to the data entry application, methodological instructions for survey implementation and work authorisation. The interviewers have to attend the training and, in the fieldwork, they must act in accordance with the methodological instructions for survey implementation and the instructions given during the training.

Household members of selected farms are interviewed for 15 days. Once the interviewing is completed, the interviewer informs the person responsible (controller) that the task was completed.

Data analyses and corrections, in accordance with the pre-defined criteria of logical and computation controls, are performed in the Production Statistics Division of the Institute.

OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE DATA

Reporting units (farms) must submit data to the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics pursuant to the Law on Statistics.

METHODOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS

QUESTIONNAIRE

Questionnaires for family farms (GIPG-PPG) and questionnaires for farms owned by legal entities and entrepreneurs (GIPG-PL) are used for the implementation of the “Annual Farm Survey – Crop Production 2021”.

METHODOLOGICAL INSTRUCTIONS

Methodological instructions for the “Annual Farm Survey” implementation for 2021 are available at the Institute’s official website, at:

https://www.rzs.rs.ba/static/uploads/metodologije/poljoprivreda/godisnje_istrazivanje_poljoprivrednih_gazdinstava/Metodolosko_Uputstvo_GIPG_PPG_BP_2021.pdf

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PUBLISHING

Data on sown areas in autumn (preliminary data) are published on 15 March of the current year, in the regular statistical release “Sown areas in autumn”.

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