

Methodical comments

The publication presents outputs of the sample survey on pigs. The list of respondents was generated from the updated Farm Register. Grossing-up process and data publication were carried out up to the level of structural data in Agrocensus 2000; i.e. estimates for units below threshold level (i.e. "hobby activities") are not included. This approach is in compliance with the EU legislation defining the statistical reporting unit on the basis of specified threshold levels.

The survey on pigs is carried out as a sample survey using grossing-up. The sample set generation is based on inclusion of responding units into grossing-up groups; these groups are defined according to the number of livestock kept by a unit, agricultural production sub-area, and geographical location (NUTS 3 level) of a unit. The percentage of units selected for the survey is based on the number of livestock kept. Both legal and natural person are involved in the sample.

Book-keeping and stock records of the reporting units are used as data sources for the sample survey. Until 2002 the sample survey on pigs was carried out quarterly; in 2003 and 2004 it was conducted as at 1 August and 1 December; since 2005 to 2009 the frequency was three times a year (as at 1 April, 1 August, and 31 December); and since 2010 the survey has been performed as at 1 August and 31 December.

Survey results are published as national totals and in regional (NUTS 3) breakdown.



SYMBOLS USED IN THE TABLES

- *no cases registered*
- . *data unavailable or unreliable*
- x *not applicable*
- 0 *less than half the final digit shown and greater than real zero*
- i. d. *individual data*