

Introduction

Orchard Surveys have been conducted in all European Union member countries every 5 years; the first one in the Czech Republic was organized in 2007. The Orchard Survey 2012 was based on Regulation (EU) No 1337/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 concerning European statistics on permanent crops and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 357/79 and Directive 2001/109/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (hereinafter referred to as Regulation on permanent crops). The Orchard Survey 2012 has been published in the Programme of Statistical Surveys for the year 2012. The basic national legislation related to all statistical surveys is Act No 89/1995 Coll., on the State Statistical Service, as amended.

The aim of this survey was to obtain information on production potential of orchards, varieties planted, age structure and density of plantation for certain fruit tree species.

The publication consists of three parts; the first one presents results for the Czech Republic, the second one contains data in regional breakdown, and the third one is focused on comparison with the Orchard Survey 2007 results.