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Integrated Farm Statistics 2023 (IFS-2023)

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# Why this information is needed and where it is used

The CSB requests the information to meet the user needs defined in [Official Statistics Programme](https://likumi.lv/ta/id/328181-noteikumi-par-oficialas-statistikas-programmu-20222024nbspgadam) Point 16 (Agricultural Statistics).

The data provided by agricultural holdings are used to produce agricultural statistics which serves as a base of sectoral analysis as well as national and EU-level agricultural policy and rural development decision-making and planning and implementation of the common agricultural policy (CAP). The variables may also be used to assess impact of agricultural practices on the environment and climate change, quality and safety of agricultural products, as well as give regional, national and EU-level comparisons of agricultural activities.

Integrated Farm Statistics 2023 results will provide information on the number and structure of farms, utilisation of agricultural area, soil tillage and conservation practices, orchard areas, agricultural machinery and equipment, labour force in agriculture, other gainful activities of the holdings, etc.

# Legal basis of official statistics

Production of official statistics complies with the following legislation:

* [Regulation (EU) 2018/1091 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/1091/oj/?eliuri=eli%3Areg%3A2018%3A1091%3Aoj&locale=en) on integrated farm statistics and repealing Regulations (EC) No 1166/2008 and (EU) No 1337/2011;
* [Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/2286 of 16 December 2021](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32021R2286) on the data to be provided for the reference year 2023 pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2018/1091 of the European Parliament and of the Council on integrated farm statistics as regards the list of variables and their description and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1200/2009.

# The requirement for data provision

The data provision requirements is provided for in the [Statistics Law Section 14 (1](https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/274749-statistics-law)) stating that the statistical institution has the right to request that the respondent prepares and provides data on a statistical unit, and also restricted access information for the purpose of producing official statistics. The respondent shall within the laid down time period, form and volume provide true data to the statistical institution. Upon a request of the statistical institution, the respondent shall provide written or oral explanations for the provided data.

# Information collected from administrative sources

To reduce response burden, respondents are not asked to give the following information available in the following administrative sources:

* information on cereal cropland and rural support payments available in Rural Support Service (RSS) Integrated Administration and Control System (IACS);
* information about projects funded within support measures available in RSS IACS;
* information about livestock, incl. organic livestock, available in Agricultural Data Centre (ADC) Livestock Register;
* information on equipment in animal housing facilities available in ADC Livestock Housing Register;
* information on certified and conversion crop areas available in ADC Organic Farming Information System;
* information about tractors and combine harvesters owned by the agricultural holding available in State Technical Control Agency database.

# Respondents

Coverage:

* The survey sample covers economically active agricultural holdings producing agricultural products / maintaining land in good agricultural and environmental condition and exceeding 1 ha of agricultural area or EUR 70 of standard output (SO) irrespective of the area.

Standard used to build survey sample:

* Articles 2 and 6 of [Regulation (EU) 2018/1091 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/1091/oj/?eliuri=eli%3Areg%3A2018%3A1091%3Aoj&locale=en) on integrated farm statistics and repealing Regulations (EC) No 1166/2008 and (EU) No 1337/2011;
* Regulations [No 812 of the Cabinet of 20 December 2016](https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/287576-regulations-regarding-approval-of-questionnaire-forms-for-official-statistics-and-completion-and-submission-of-questionnaires) on approval of official statistics model questionnaires as well as completion and submission thereof.

# Dissemination of official statistics

* Official statistics portal
  + section [*Agriculture*](https://stat.gov.lv/en/statistics-themes/business-sectors/agriculture)
  + collection of statistics
* Statistical office of the European Union (Eurostat) database:
  + [Agriculture > Farm structure](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser/explore/all/agric?lang=en&subtheme=agr.ef&display=list&sort=category)

# Main data users

* [Ministry of Agriculture](https://www.zm.gov.lv/lauksaimnieciba/statiskas-lapas/lauksaimniecibas-gada-zinojumi?nid=531#jump)
* [Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development](https://www.zm.gov.lv/lauksaimnieciba/statiskas-lapas/lauksaimniecibas-gada-zinojumi?nid=531#jump) (greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories)
* [Institute of Agro-Resources and Economics](https://www.arei.lv/lv/par-arei)
* [Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations](https://www.fao.org/faostat/en/#data/WCAD)

# Confidentiality in the production of official statistics

CSB provides confidentiality of the information provided. Its employees shall not disclose data or any other restricted access information coming to their knowledge in the performance of their service or work duties. This shall also apply to persons who are temporarily involved in the production of official statistics or have terminated employment or service relations.

CSB shall take all the necessary measures to prevent unauthorised access to data, data modification or dissemination, accidental or unauthorised destruction.

CSB is using the data collected from respondents solely to produce official statistics. This means that data obtained primarily to produce statistics may not be used in civil, administrative, criminal, or commercial proceedings.

# GDPR compliance

CSB meets the requirements outlined in the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

CSB requests and processes data in accordance with the Section 6 (1), point (c) and (e) as well as Section 9 (2), point (g) and (j) of [Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A32016R0679) on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC for the purpose of carrying out tasks laid down by law or in the public interest.

More information about processing of personal data is available on the [CSB website](https://www.csp.gov.lv/en/frequently-asked-questions-about-processing-personal-data).