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The census of agriculture in the World Programme 2020

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I. Background

- FAO is the leading UN agency for providing technical guidelines and support to member countries for the conduct of national censuses of agriculture.
- Since 1948, FAO has developed dedicated decennial *World Census Programmes* that assist countries to carry out their national censuses on agriculture.
- The latest programme is the *World Programme for the Census of Agriculture 2020 (WCA 2020)*.



II. Defining census of agriculture

What is a census of agriculture?

A census of agriculture is a statistical operation for collecting, processing and disseminating data on the structure of agriculture, covering the whole or a significant part of a country.

Objectives of the census of agriculture

- To provide data on the structure of agriculture, for sound decision making.
- To provide data to use as benchmarks for and reconciliation of current agricultural statistics;
- To provide frames for agricultural sampling surveys.



III. FAO assistance to countries on censuses

1. **Guidelines:** preparation and worldwide dissemination of methodologies and best practices in six languages.
2. **Technical assistance:** Projects that help plan, prepare and implement agricultural censuses, in line with the WCA.
3. **Capacity development:** workshops & trainings to disseminate best census practices, international standards and exchange of countries' experiences.
4. **Online census records:** Online documentation of national agricultural censuses, inc. questionnaires, reports and metadata. See www.fao.org/world-census-agriculture/wcarounds/wca2020/countries2020/en/



IIIa. Censuses planned or conducted in the region

Name of Country	Name/Census Year for WCA2020 Round
Egypt	Agricultural Census 2020
Jordan	Agricultural Census 2017
Mauritania	Census of agriculture 2018/2019
Morocco	Agricultural Census 2016/2018
Oman	Agricultural Census 2021/2022
Palestine	Agricultural Census 2020
Sudan	Agricultural Census 2018/2019
Tunisia	Agricultural Census 2019/2020



IIIb. FAO census projects

- In the Near East and North Africa, four countries are conducting agricultural censuses with FAO technical assistance:

Name of Country	Census Name/Year	Project Code
Egypt	Agricultural Census 2020	TCP/EGY/3702/C1(Jan -19- Jan- 2020)
Morocco	Agricultural Census 2016/2018	TCP/MOR/3503 (Sep-15 - Dec-17)
Sudan	Agricultural Census 2018/2019 (ongoing)	TCP/SUD/3603 (Jul-16 – Oct-17)
Tunisia	Agricultural Census 2017-2021	TCP/TUN/3503 (May-15 – Dec-17) UTF/TUN/04/TUN (2019-2021).



IIIc. Recent workshops in the region

- **2016:** Regional roundtable on the WCA 2020 - Amman, Jordan, May 2016: in collaboration with the Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics (AITRS) and Arab Organization for Agricultural Development (AOAD) - 20 officers from 12 countries.
- **2019:** Regional workshop on the Operational Guidelines of the WCA 2020 - Amman, Jordan, Apr 2019: in collaboration with AITRS and AOAD - 52 participants, including 37 officers from 18 countries.



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Thank you