

Explanatory Document on the Published Data

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Agricultural Prices Survey

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Purpose and historical reference

Purpose

The agricultural survey aims to:

- A) Estimating the wholesale and retail prices of different agricultural products in central markets and prices in farm (Farm Gate Price) through collection of pricing data in the production regions in order to include all agricultural prices.
- B) Estimating the marketing costs incurred by the farmer as a result of selling their products in wholesale markets, in central markets, or on the farm field, in addition to estimating the proportional weight represented by the elements of these costs.
- C) Estimating the average prices of production supplies and requirements throughout the year.
- D) Estimating the share of various marketing places (whether wholesale markets, central markets, implanted lands or its adjacent areas) out of the total sold amounts.

Historical reference (please indicate the year the survey started)

1987

Users and Applications:

Users: national accounts, Central Bank, FAO, Ministry of Planning, Ministry of Agriculture, agricultural experts, university professors, university students, agricultural producers, and agricultural companies.

Source (please write all data resources)

Data is collected by means of qualitative tools through a monthly survey for 12 months in a year.

Authorized organization to collect and publish data

Department of Statistics under the Law No. 24 of 1950 as amended.

Department of Statistics under the Law No. 8 of 2003

Department of Statistics under the Law No. 12 of 2012.

1. Contents

1-1 Content description

This survey provides detailed data on the prices at the farm gate, prices in the central markets, and marketing costs.

1-2 statistical definitions

Agricultural price is the replacement value of the agricultural products represented by units of cash (fils/kg). The agricultural prices used in this survey are based on the prices prevailing in the central markets, price at the farm field, and price in the areas adjacent to the farm.

The sample is represented by irrigated and rainfed agricultural tenancies in both higher lands and Jordan Valley.

The Kingdom was divided into two major sections due to the difference in agricultural methods in Jordan Valley and higher lands areas.

3-1 variables

The most significant variables:

Purchase prices of seeds and seedlings;

Purchase prices of organic and chemical fertilizers

Purchase prices of pesticides and agricultural treatments

Selling prices and marketing costs of plant productions.

4-1 Classifications (basis of details in the tables)

Published schedules depend on the publication of data according:

Marketing costs and sale prices of sold quantities by months, in central markets and at the farm field.

Marketing costs, sale prices and farm field prices for the sold quantities classified by months

The percentage of the monthly sold quantities to the total sold quantity according to the region of production

The percentage of the share of various marketing areas to the total sold quantities classified by months.

The indices of farm gate prices classified by months (2001 – 2012).

2- Time

2-1 reference period (during which the data is collected)

The Survey is carried out annually from January to December.

2-2 date of dissemination

Available on monthly basis through the News Releases for the index of agricultural producers prices.

3-2 commitment to date of dissemination

Available

4-2 periodicity

Monthly

5-2 availability of time series (mention available time series of this survey)

There is a time series of annual surveys from 1988 – 2013.

3- Accuracy

3-1 overall accuracy (very high if all items in checklist are implemented, high if two thirds are implemented, medium if less than half the items are implemented)

Very high

3-2 sources of inaccuracy

The sample

3-3 available accuracy measures

Descriptive accuracy measures

4- Comparability

4-1 comparability over time (ability to compare data with previously published data)

The data is comparable with previously published data, due to using the same methodology and application of international standards.

4-2 comparability with other statistics (ability to compare data with figures in other surveys, and with other countries)

The data is comparable with other statistics, which use the same international standards and classifications related to agricultural prices.

5- data accessibility

5-1 publication formats (how can the user access the data, e.g. DOS website, paper copies, etc..)

The data is published in printed and electronic form on the website of the DOS.

http://db/dos_home/New_Site/dos_home_a/main/index.htm