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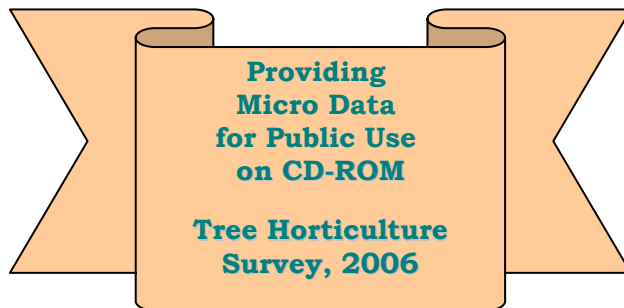
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The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) has made Micro Data from the Tree Horticulture Survey, 2006 available to the public on CD-ROM. The purpose is to facilitate dissemination of reference statistics and to provide up-to-date information and methods for concerned parties.

Summary about the Tree Horticulture Survey, 2006:

The United Nations recommends conducting a comprehensive agricultural census every ten years in order to establish an agricultural statistics program and provide information about the agricultural sector in any country based on the agricultural holding as the statistical unit. Due to the prevailing Palestinian political and economic situation there has been no agricultural census conducted according to the international recommendations of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), which has led to a greater need for reliable agricultural statistics that can assist in developing policies and plans related to this important sector. The Tree Horticulture Survey

2006 was conducted on a random sample drawn from the database of the Agricultural Holdings frame which was established by PCBS in the fourth quarter 2004 after updating in 2006, in which the agricultural holding was used as statistical unit according to international recommendations.

Importance of Providing Micro Data:

The need to provide micro data for concerned parties in the form of an expanded database relied on the collection of crucial data regarding many indicators pertinent to the Tree Horticulture Survey, 2006.

This survey is significant because of the valuable data it makes available to researchers which provides give a comprehensive picture of the tree horticulture sector in the Palestinian Territory. This survey provides interested people and policy makers and planners with the kind of reliable data that is needed to develop this strategic sector.

Data Type and Size:

The Tree Horticulture Survey data was collected over the agricultural year 2005\2006. The sample size is 5,024 agricultural holdings, and the percentage of completed interviews was 92.5% of the sample.

The sample design took into account the geographic distribution of the agricultural holdings. The data are available on SPSS, and Fixed ASCII format.

Micro Data Beneficiaries:

This survey makes available basic data about the tree horticulture sector in the Palestinian Territory needed by the data users such as planners and concerned parties in the agricultural sector. The main beneficiaries of the data of this survey are the governmental institutions including the Ministry of Agriculture, NGOs, the private sector,

international institutions, research centers, universities and other institutions concerned with this type of data.

Data Confidentiality:

Data compiled in the context of this survey involves individual and personal data. The confidentiality of such data is honored and safeguarded in accordance with Article (17) of the Palestinian General Statistical Law of 2000, which stipulates: "All individual information and data submitted to the Bureau for statistical purposes shall be treated as confidential and shall not be divulged, in whole or in part, to any individual or to a public or private body, or used for any purpose other than for preparing statistical tables."

How to Obtain Micro Data for Public Use:

The aforementioned database shall be accessible by institutions and individuals. To obtain a copy of survey micro data on a CD-ROM, interested institutions and individuals should contact the PCBS Dissemination and Documentation Department\ Division of Users Services located in the PCBS main office in Al-Bireh:

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