

**Description of community passport**

The NSS of RA collects statistical data in agricultural field both through a direct (sample) method, directly from the farms and commercial organizations engaged in agricultural activities, as well as from administrative registers - RA Ministry of Agriculture, rural and urban communities, etc.

Agriculture statistical information is provided by all communities (rural and urban) and by the commercial organizations engaged in the production of agricultural products on monthly, quarterly and annual basis.

Based on the international practice (methodology), the NSSRA every year carries out 2 “mini” censuses regarding the livestock number as of January 1 and the areas under agricultural crops as of June 1.

In order to ensure the efficiency and quality of the mentioned activities as well as to increase the responsibility of the implementers that is to say communities, by the assignment of RA Minister of Territorial Administration, RA Deputy Prime Minister, relevant committees should be formed in the territorial administrations and among the local self-government bodies, which should involve relevant specialists from regional agencies of RA Ministry of Agriculture.

These data collection should be carried out among all agricultural holdings and commercial organizations. The committee members in the communities should visit all the agricultural holdings in the rural communities, but for urban communities they make a query only from those who keep livestock, and the process is done through queries (they do actual calculation, as appropriate) and for each of the agricultural holding a relevant statistical data should be filled in. Then the received data are summarized in the state statistical reporting form at the community levels and are presented to NSSRA Marz (territorial) agencies. The received data are summarized in the Marz (territorial) agencies both at the regional (community) level as well as at the Marz level, and based on this information the following statistical handbooks are published: “Area under Agricultural Crops and Gross Harvest” (code 1220-203) and “Sum Totals of Exhaustive Livestock Census” (code 1220-202).