

**Documentation of statistics for
Accounts Statistics for Agriculture 2012**

1 Introduction

The purpose of the accounts statistics is to analyze the economics in agriculture including horticulture. Agriculture is divided into conventional and organic farms.

In addition to this, accounts statistics also constitute a substantial input for compiling the national accounts and for EU's information network for Agricultural Book-Keeping, INLB. The aim of the accounts statistics is to be representative of all farms as well as of, respectively, full-time and part-time farms. The statistics cover farms in freehold and jointly owned farms, mainly in the form of partnerships.

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The Danish Agricultural Advisory Service (DAAS) collects accounts data for the purpose of providing advice to farmers. The accounts statistics calculated by Statistics Denmark and DAAS are weighted in accordance with operation results, there will, however be differences in the statistics. DAAS does not publish any direct representative statistics on Danish agriculture, but publishes statistical tables on typical farms.

2 Statistical presentation

The statistics analyze the profit and loss account, balance and investments at the level of farms (enterprise level). The primary statistical data contain detailed accounts items, including items for turnover, purchases, costs, operating result of the year, assets, liabilities and investments. In addition to this, the personal finances of the households are analysed, as information on income outside of agriculture, paid taxes and private consumption is available for some farms.

The farms are broken down by full-time and part-time farms in accordance with the standard working consumption, which is estimated for the various agricultural activities and is applied for the purpose of avoiding an inexpedient impact on the quality of manpower, degree of mechanization and contract operations, which would be a consequence of the application of actual work performance. A full-time farm has a total workload of at least 1,665 hours.

The classification according to the economic size is made on the basis of the total standard output (SO) of each individual farm. The SO is calculated for all types of crops and species of livestock as an average of the actual outputs (correspond to the Gross Output) per hectare or per animal in a reference period of 5 years. In former publications the standard gross margin (SGM) has been used. The difference between SO and SGM is that SGM reflects the difference between the gross output and the associated costs per units whereas SO only contain the gross output. In most cases SO should be larger than SGM, however the size of the subsidies which some activities contains can cause SGM to be larger than SO. SO is composed of the different activities on the farm and the type of holding is determined. As a main rule a type of holding is determined when 50 pct. of the total SO is from one specific activity.

2.1 Data description

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2.2 Classification system

The account statistics are prepared following the guidelines of FADN (The Farm Accountancy Data Network) [Link](#)

2.3 Sector coverage

The statistic covers all agricultural holdings in Denmark.

2.4 Statistical concepts and definitions

0470: Costs, DKK 1,000: Costs linked to the generation of gross output, including stocks reductions of feeding stuff, fertilizers and other intermediate products. Cost of financing and family remuneration are excluded.

0655: Operating profit, DKK 1,000: Gross output (0290) minus costs (0470).

0660: Costs of financing, agriculture, DKK 1,000: The agricultural part of the costs of financing.

0720: Net profit, DKK 1,000: Operating profit (0655) minus Costs of financing (0660) plus General subsidies (0705).

0735: Investments, DKK 1,000: Total investments: In agricultural assets, other private assets, financial assets and savings for retirement.

1075: Liabilities (end of the year), DKK 1,000: Liabilities are divided in debts, deferred taxation, tenancy and net capital.

1135: Net capital changes, total, DKK 1,000: Total changes in the net capital during the accounting year.

1170: Net capital, end of the year, DKK 1,000: Own assets minus debts and deferred taxes at the end of the year.

3510: Net output, DKK 1,000: Defined as Operating profit (0655) plus General subsidies (0705) minus tenancy, rent of buildings, leasing and family remuneration (3505).

3525: Operating profit, per cent.: The operating margin shows the operating profit compared to the gross output. It is calculated: $(\text{operating profit (0655)} + \text{General subsidies (0705)} - \text{family remuneration (3505)}) / \text{gross output (0290)} * 100$

3535: Rate of return, per cent.: The rate of return shows how large the return of the own assets has been. It is calculated: $(\text{Operating profit (0655)} + \text{general subsidies (0705)} - \text{family remuneration (3505)} - \text{tenancy} - \text{other financial costs}) / \text{own agricultural assets}$

3550: Ratio of debts, per cent.: Ratio of debt shows how large a percent share of the assets which are external financed. It is calculated: $(\text{debt} - \text{tenancy}) / (\text{assets} - \text{tenancy}) * 100$

2.5 Statistical unit

The overall statistical unit is per holding. Furthermore, the holdings are divided into full-time and part-time holdings and additionally categorized in subgroups of main activities such as dairy cattle, other cattle, pig fattening, poultry, field crops, vegetables under glass and in open and many more.

2.6 Statistical population

Selection of farm keeping accounts The population in agriculture covers all farms, which according to Statistics Denmark's agricultural and horticultural surveys have a SO at least 15.000 Euros or agricultural farms which have a total arable area -except for forest and garden of 10.0 hectares and over.

In selecting the farms, we have made efforts to include the largest possible number of farms several years in succession. In practice, this implies that a maximum of 80 pct. of the agricultural farms that were included in the statistics for a given year were also included in the previous year. For different types of gardening it is not possible to limit the number of repeats because the number of farms in the sample will be inadequate.

Compilation of the accounts statistics The average figures per farm for the total population and for sub-groups are estimated as a weighted average. For all agricultural farms and most groupings, a classification into sub-groups according to economic size is used. In some tables, a quartile distribution for central figures (e.g. the net profit) has been conducted for the purpose of analyzing the variation of the key figure in question. The information stated is an average of, respectively, the 1st and 4th quartile group - and not the result of the farm, which is situated on the quartile limit.

2.7 Reference area

Denmark.

2.8 Time coverage

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2.9 Base period

Not relevant for these statistics.

2.10 Unit of measure

The variables are measured by many different unit for example, Kroner, percentages, hectares etc.

2.11 Reference period

The accounts statistics are primarily related to calendar-based annual accounts. However, there are also accounts, especially gardening, ending in the period 1 January - 30 June included in the statistics.

2.12 Frequency of dissemination

The statistics are published once every year.

2.13 Legal acts and other agreements

RFO 79/65/EEC as amended contains the obligations of Denmark in relation to EU Farm Accountancy Data Network.

Among the most important regulations are KFO 2237/77 (accounts questionnaire, from the accounting year 2009 KFO 868/2008), KFO 1859/82 (selection of holdings) and KFO 1915/83 (deadlines, payment, etc.).

The regulations can be viewed under: 03.30.30 Accountancy data network in EUs database on legislation: [EUR-Lex - Access to European Union law](#).

2.14 Cost and burden

No response burden is estimated as participation in the survey is voluntary.

2.15 Comment

No other information is available.

3 Statistical processing

3.1 Source data

The main source for compiling the statistics is accounts data for farms, whose accounts are prepared by accounts offices, which are organized within DAAS. The data for the statistics are collected electronically from the accounts system Ø90, where additional and necessary information is supplemented by the accounts offices. In addition to this, accounts data for a number of enterprises, mainly gardening are collected from private accounts offices, which report the data electronically on questionnaires. Another source is the Agricultural and Horticultural Survey maintained by Statistics Denmark. The register forms the basis for determining the population. Information from the Plant Directorate on the population of organic farms is also used. Information on furred animal farms is collected from Copenhagen Fur. Finally, register-based data on paid-out subsidies from the Danish Food Industry Agency are used.

The selection plan is optimized according to the Neumann-criteria, including three target variables. The Neumann allocation is based on the observed spread within strata defined by EU-type * size. the three target variables are Net profit, Debt ratio and investments in agricultural assets and weighted respectively $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$. The selection is divided into 6 main types of agriculture; conventional full-time and part-time holdings, ecological full-time and part-time holdings, and full-time and part-time horticulture.

3.2 Frequency of data collection

Data is collected yearly.

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Accounts offices, which are organized within DAAS, report data electronically from the accounts system Ø90, where additional and necessary information is supplemented by the accounts offices. In addition to this, accounts data for a number of enterprises, mainly gardening are collected from private accounts offices, which report the data electronically on questionnaires [Reporting form](#). The information from Ø90 are collected as system-to-system reports. Finally, register based information is collected from the Register of Business Statistics by Statistics Denmark, the Plant Directorate, Copenhagen Fur and subsidies from the Danish Food Industry Agency.

3.4 Data validation

In preparation.

3.5 Data compilation

In preparation.

3.6 Adjustment

None.

4 Relevance

4.1 User Needs

The Danish authorities, including particularly the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, researchers and national and international students, organizations in agriculture and horticulture and enterprises broadly related to the agricultural sector, e.g. credit grantors. The data collected for the statistics are used as basis for projections in the section concerning short-term statistics in the IFRO publication, Economics in Agriculture. Data are submitted to EU's information network for Agricultural Book-Keeping, INLB (French RICA, English FADN). The data form the basis for decision-making in agriculture at national as well as at EU level.

4.2 User Satisfaction

In preparation.

4.3 Data completeness rate

The Agricultural Account Statistics do not provide data to Eurostat, but to FADN.

5 Accuracy and reliability

Overall accuracy

The statistics are compiled on the basis of a sample population and consequently, the results are subject to some degree of statistical uncertainty, although the data extract is representative with a stratification taking into account that all farms are represented. The statistical uncertainty differs for each individual item, and the largest degree of uncertainty is seen for the item investments, which may vary considerably among the farms or over time.

The overall accuracy is considered high. From the population of small farms, where the variation is small, a relatively small sample (1 to 2 pct.) is selected, while from the population of large farms, where the variation is greater, a sample of up to 20 pct. is used. In the case of special types of farming, e.g. poultry additional agricultural holdings are selected in order to be able to show reliable results.

Coverage and sample survey

The sample survey covers about 5 pct. of the entire population within agriculture as a whole. If the sub-populations are considered, the selection ratio, however, varies considerably, partly to take account of the greater spread of results among the large farms, partly to achieve a sufficiently large number of farms in order to be able to represent the small sub-populations. In connection with the selection procedure, we have aimed at including the greatest possible number of farms in the statistics over several years in succession.

Non-response

Representative substitutes are selected for farms that are deregistered, e.g. if the farm is sold or leased out.

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5.2 Sampling error

In preparation.

5.3 Non-sampling error

In preparation.

5.4 Quality management

Statistics Denmark follows the recommendations on organisation and management of quality given in the Code of Practice for European Statistics (CoP) and the implementation guidelines given in the Quality Assurance Framework of the European Statistical System (QAF). A Working Group on Quality and a central quality assurance function have been established to continuously carry through control of products and processes.

5.5 Quality assurance

Statistics Denmark follows the principles in the Code of Practice for European Statistics (CoP) and uses the Quality Assurance Framework of the European Statistical System (QAF) for the implementation of the principles. This involves continuous decentralized and central control of products and processes based on documentation following international standards. The central quality assurance function reports to the Working Group on Quality. Reports include suggestions for improvement that are assessed, decided and subsequently implemented.

5.6 Quality assessment

Under construction.

5.7 Data revision - policy

Statistics Denmark revises published figures in accordance with the [Revision Policy for Statistics Denmark](#). The common procedures and principles of the Revision Policy are for some statistics supplemented by a specific revision practice.

5.8 Data revision practice

Only final figures are estimated.

6 Timeliness and punctuality

The statistics have in recent years been published in the period from August to October.

6.1 Timeliness and time lag - final results

The accounts statistics are normally published not later than 9 months after the end of the year, cf. agreement between Statistics Denmark and the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries.

6.2 Punctuality

The statistics are usually published without any delays.

7 Comparability

Comparability over Time

The time series back to 1990 contain the same classification of the area under survey (8 ESE and/or 10 hectares) and the same definition of the main accounting items, and consequently this results in a high degree of comparability over time.

From 2005 to 2006, a number of conceptual changes were incorporated, e.g. yield from coarse fodder and short-term changes in gross income, total. These conceptual changes have not been incorporated in the corrections of data from previous years. (See appendix 1).

Comparability with other Statistics

DAAS compiles economic key figures for different types of farming. A coordination of the concepts is conducted. For some items there are differences, which vary to a certain degree. This is particularly true of depreciations of real property, which are smaller in the figures compiled by the national centre. This is, among other reasons, due to the circumstance that depreciations are frequently included by the enterprises in the rental of real property.

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7.1 Comparability - geographical

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7.2 Comparability over time

A comparable time series, going back to 2008 based on *standard output*, SO. Time series for agriculture, horticulture and organic farming going back to 1990, 1995 and 1996 respectively, but finishing by 2009, with typology based on *standard gross margin*, SGM.

7.3 Coherence - cross domain

DAAS compiles economic key figures for different types of farming. A coordination of the concepts is conducted. The accountancy firm PK Revision prepares an annual accounting analysis for clients within horticulture. However, the analysis is not representative and only covers, to a small extent, horticultural holdings that are not engaged in the cultivation of potted plants in greenhouses.

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7.4 Coherence - internal

Only final figures are estimated.

8 Accessibility and clarity

The figures are published in NYT from Statistics Denmark as well as in an annual publication - Regnskabsstatistik for jordbrug. The figures are available from Statistics Denmark's database: [Statbank](#).

There is the option to purchase more detailed data, and it is possible to gain access to micro data through Statistics Denmark's researcher location system.

The individual variables are documented in TIMES.

8.1 Release calendar

The publication date appears in the release calendar. The date is confirmed in the weeks before.

8.2 Release calendar access

The Release Calendar can be accessed on our English website: [Release Calendar](#).

8.3 User access

Statistics are always published at 8:00 a.m. at the day announced in the release calendar. No one outside of Statistics Denmark can access the statistics before they are published.

8.4 News release

The final figures will be published in the NYT from Statistics Denmark [NYT/Press Release](#).

8.5 Publications

Statistics Denmark publishes an annual publication "Regnskabsstatistik for jordbrug" [Subject page for Agricultural Accounts Statistics](#).

8.6 On-line database

Tables of Agricultural Account Statistics can be found here: [Statbank](#) - under Business sectors - Agriculture, horticulture and forestry.

8.7 Micro-data access

The basic material is available from accounts databases. On the basis of data extracted from the databases, statistical files at individual level are created. Tables for publications are constructed on the basis of the statistical files.

Researchers and students may, on request, gain access to data that are made anonymous at individual level, provided that a declaration of secrecy is signed.

8.8 Other

Nothing to report.

8.9 Confidentiality - policy

The accounts statistics follows Data Confidentiality Policy at Statistics Denmark [Link](#).

8.10 Confidentiality - data treatment

Discretion

Discretion is carried out, for the published materiel, when it is necessary. The publication is published so that it is not possible to identify individuals.

Data processing

Each data report is subjected to comprehensive testing. Initially, checks are conducted automatically in the Ø-90 system or in the electronic questionnaire submitted to the individual respondent. When Statistics Denmark receives the data, they are subjected to another and even more comprehensive validity check, both with regard to the individual accounts and across the accounts. This ensures, together with a homogeneous collection of data from the Ø-90 system, an overall high degree of accuracy with respect to the detailed information.

8.11 Documentation on methodology

A brief description of methods is given in the annual publication (in Danish).

8.12 Quality documentation

Results from the quality evaluation of products and selected processes are available in detail for each statistics and in summary reports for the Working Group on Quality.

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