

Methodology for maintenance of the Farm Register in Denmark

Component C: Infrastructure for agricultural statistics

Activity C.5: Long-term work plan for agricultural statistics

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Maintenance of the Farm Register

- A complete and fully automatic system based on available sources

Yes please – and thank you very much 😊

Maintenance of the Farm Register

- Do not be afraid to keep it simple and practical
- Sometimes the realistic, business-like and no-nonsense solution is not so bad !
- Look for the value added

The Danish Farm Register

- In Denmark the farm register is integrated in the General Business Register.
 - It includes all units with agricultural activity, **also** if the main activity of the unit is different from agriculture.
- The General Business Register has dedicated codes for agriculture with the following set of values

Agriculture	Explanation	Threshold
0	No agriculture and no forestry	
1	Agriculture, no forestry	S=above, L=below
2	Forestry, no agriculture	
3	Both agriculture and forestry	S=above, L=below

Sources for updating

- IACS (Integrated Agricultural Control System)
 - Register of applicants for crop subsidies
- CHR (Central Husbandry Register)
- Register of organic farms
- Other registers
- Observations from the surveys

About the main registers

Registers	Description
IACS	About 95 % of all Danish farms apply for subsidies. They report all their crops to the Ministry of Agriculture.
CHR	About 50 % of all Danish farms have livestock. Most import are pigs and diary cows. When having cattle, pigs, fur animals, poultry, goats or sheep, it is mandatory to report to the livestock register.
Organic farms	All certified organic farms and farms under conversion

Quality and hierarchy of the sources

- Who has in interest the data
- Are there consequences if data quality is poor
- Frequency of update and use
- **Conflicting data sources**
 - Use the hierarchy

How to keep the Farm Register updated

- Identify the most important and reliable registers
- Conduct regular surveys – prioritized based on their importance
- Ask the questions: what is your biggest problem(s) and how can you help yourself the most

Process documentation

- Traditional documentation
- Guidelines for use and maintenance
- Tradition and awareness

Thank you for your attention !

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