Integration of agricultural surveys

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Outline

- Channels of data collection
- Use of GIS
- □ Survey (variable) integration
- Organisation of agricultural surveys

Basic terminology

- CATI (telephone interview)
- CAPI (personal interview using PC, handhelds, tablets etc)
- CAII / CAWI (internet interview)
- PAPI (personal and paper interview)
- Data collection from administrative sources

Channels of data collection

- Paperless questionnaires
- Core and module surveys (FSS and others)
- All channels have been introduced in all agricultural surveys
- A special management system/application
- Data processing to obtain a single record for a farm

GIS in agricultural surveys

- Work dispatching
- Control of interview location
- Supporting interviewer itinary
- Data presentations on maps
- In situ surveys

FSS + modules in Poland

- Surveyed sample of ca 1.5 mln farms:
 - Ca 200 thousands sellected individual (private) farms
 - Ca 4.5 thousands legal persons (full coverage)

Dates of surveys in Poland (1)

- March pig survey
- June/July Farm Structure Survey, cattle, sheeps and poultry survey, pig survey (integrated)
- July economic outlook survey
- August cereal yields & harvests survey (sub-sample of FSS)

Dates of surveys in Poland (2)

- October/November rape seeds and the other crop yields & harvests survey (sub-sample of FSS)
- December pig survey, cattle, sheeps and poultry survey, (integrated)
- January economic outlook survey

Pre-selection of farms to a data collection channel

- Multilayer random selection (Neyman correction)
- All farms can participate in CAII
- Farms with a telephone number –
 CATI
- Farms with several modules CAPI
- Farms without telephone numbers CAPI
- Change channels during survey if necessary

Channel separation

- CAII only one week
- CATI/CAPI afterwards
- CATI can be carried centrally or regionally

Organisation of agricultural surveys

- Survey preparation
- Data collection
- Data processing
- Data analysis
- Data dissemination

Survey preparation

- The statistical farm register maintaining updating (addresses, telephone numbers etc.)
- Sample selection
- Survey management modules
 - user management
 - Work dispatch (also with maps using GIS)
 - Finance and bookkeeping

Data collection (1)

- Electronic questionnaires (CAPI, CATI, CAII)
- Application for survey management
 - The organizational module
 - ✓ Sampling frame (farm identification)
 - Operational statuses
 - ✓ Non-response classification
 - ✓ Daily operational reports
 - ✓ Completeness report
 - The ad hoc analysis module (during the survey) – correctness of answers

Data collection (2)

- Possibility of channel change
- Data kept temporarily in an operational database

Data processing

- Operational and analytical databases
 - Control of central database, automatic corrections
 - Weights correction
 - Typology computation
 - Preparing of EUROFARM (the special database in Eurostat)

Data analysis

- The single record for a farm (e.g. A green/golden record)
- Analytical tools e.g. SAS EG
- Predefined / control tables computation