

Press release

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### ***New publication***

## **Census of Agriculture 2012 – Agricultural holdings by economic size and type of production in the Republic of Serbia –**

According to the results of the Census of Agriculture 2012, which was financially supported by the European Union, the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia will release the fourth in a series of special publications aimed at analyzing the area of agriculture in the Republic of Serbia.

By implementing the Census of Agriculture 2012 for the first time ensured was the creation of typology – classification of agricultural holdings in the Republic of Serbia, which is based on economic criterion and structural characteristics of agricultural holdings.

The study “Census of Agriculture 2012 – Agricultural holdings by economic size and type of production in the Republic of Serbia” presents the analysis of the status of agriculture from the point of economic size of agricultural holdings and type of production they practise.

Based on the completed analysis, the main conclusions thereof are the following:

- The total number of agricultural holdings recorded for the Republic of Serbia is 631 552, and the average economic size of agricultural holding amounts to EUR 5 939 (EUR 4 990 for the sector of family holdings and EUR 204 755 for the sector of legal entities and unincorporated enterprises). The average economic size of agricultural holding is predominantly determined by the sector of family holdings, since this sector participates with 99.5% in the total number of agricultural holdings in the Republic of Serbia.
- As expressed by the Eurostat data, the average economic size of agricultural holding for the EU-28 level amounts to EUR 25 128 (data for 2010), which is by more than four times above the value of this indicator for the Republic of Serbia.
- Regarding the average economic size of agricultural holding by regions, the top position is held by Region Vojvodine (with EUR 12.032), and Region Južne i Istočne Srbije (with EUR 3.414) holds the lowest position.
- Observed by the classes of economic size of agricultural holdings, the largest number of agricultural holdings in the Republic of Serbia (45.7% of the total number) have holding economic value noted below EUR 2 000 (economic size class 0 – 1.999 euros), and the smallest number of agricultural holdings (0.3% of the total number) is recorded to fall in the economic size class of EUR 100 000 and over.
- Considering the type of agricultural production, the Serbian agriculture is characterized by predominant share of mixed agricultural holdings, since more than one half of all agricultural holdings (53.7%) fall within one of the three groups of agricultural holdings with mixed crop and animal production.
- The share of specialized holdings equals 46%; the most of them are specialized in crop farming, and the smallest number is engaged in growing of vegetables, flowers and other horticulture.



This SORS publication, as well as the forthcoming analyses of the Census of Agriculture 2012 results, is envisaged to be applicable as an instrument for surveying the status of agriculture in the Republic of Serbia.

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The Census of Agriculture 2012 was carried out in the period from 1 October to 15 December 2012 in compliance with the Law on the Census of Agriculture 2012 (Official Gazette of RS, number 104/09 and 24/11).

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The census results are available at [www.stat.gov.rs](http://www.stat.gov.rs) and [www.popispoljoprivrede.stat.rs](http://www.popispoljoprivrede.stat.rs).

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