

Methodology

REPORT ON SOWN AREAS IN AUTUMN ON FARMS

LEGAL BASIS

The statistical activity is carried out in accordance with the current Annual Work Plan of the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics, the Statistical Programme of Republika Srpska for the period 2026–2029 (“Official Gazette of Republika Srpska”, No. 4/26), and the Law on Statistics of Republika Srpska (“Official Gazette of Republika Srpska”, No. 85/03).

METHODOLOGICAL BASIS

AIM AND CONTENT

Data on sown areas in autumn on farms were obtained through the “Annual Farm Survey – Crop Production 2025” (GIPG).

The survey has been conducted since 2017, in accordance with Eurostat’s recommendations and standards. The aim of this activity is to provide data on sown areas of wheat, rye, barley, oats, triticale, rape seed and other sown areas.

OBSERVATION UNITS

Observation units are farms (family farms and farms owned by legal entities and entrepreneurs).

COVERAGE

The survey was carried out based on a random representative sample covering 4.2% of family farms located in the territory of Republika Srpska and all farms owned by legal entities and entrepreneurs, which belong to the pre-defined target population. The “Register of Farms”, established on the basis of the results of the Census of Population 2013, was used as the sample frame. Upon extrapolation, the data collected through the survey serve as the basis for monitoring crop production statistics in Republika Srpska.

METHOD AND PERIOD OF DATA COLLECTION

In the “Annual Farm Survey”, the data for 2025 were collected through interviews with farm household members, using the CATI method (Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviewing). The survey is conducted annually and it was implemented between 1 and 15 December, based on a random representative sample of farms. Data on sown areas in autumn refer to the situation as of 1 December 2025.

PROTECTION OF CONFIDENTIAL DATA

Only aggregate data on total sown area by individual crops in autumn for the level of Republika Srpska are published, based on the survey results. Confidential data are protected pursuant to

Articles 25 and 27 of the Law on Statistics of Republika Srpska ("Official Gazette of Republika Srpska", No 85/03) and in accordance with the Rules of protection of confidential data.

DEFINITIONS OF MAIN FEATURES – INDICATORS

Sown areas – areas cultivated and sown with a crop.

LEVEL OF DATA REPRESENTATIVENESS

Data on sown areas in autumn obtained through the survey are representative for the level of Republika Srpska.

COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS AND STANDARDS

"Annual Farm Survey – Crop production 2025" fully complies with Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 1557/2015 and amending Regulation (EC) No 543/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning crop statistics, which regulates surveys in the field of crop production. As a result, the data obtained are fully internationally comparable.

IMPLEMENTATION ORGANISATION

AUTHORITIES IMPLEMENTING THE STATISTICAL ACTIVITY

Responsible producer of data on crop production on farms is the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics.

The survey is conducted by selected interviewers, trained and authorised by the Institute. The interviewers attend a specially prepared training, during which they are provided with the material necessary for work: access to the data entry application, methodological instructions for survey implementation and work authorisation. The interviewers have to attend the training and, during the survey implementation, they must act in accordance with the methodological instructions for survey implementation and the instructions given during the training

Household members of selected farms are interviewed for 15 days. Once the interviewing is completed, the interviewer informs the person responsible (controller) that the task was completed.

Data analyses and corrections are performed in the Production Statistics Division of the Institute in accordance with the pre-defined criteria of logical and computation controls.

OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE DATA

Reporting units (farms) must submit data to the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics pursuant to the Law on Statistics.

METHODOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS

QUESTIONNAIRE

Questionnaires for family farms (GIPG-PPG) and questionnaires for farms owned by legal entities and entrepreneurs (GIPG-PL) are used for the implementation of the "Annual Farm Survey – Crop Production 2025". These are available at the official website of the Institute, at:

https://rzs.rs.ba/static/uploads/obraci/poljoprivreda_i_ribarstvo/godisnje_istravanje_poljoprivrednih_gazdinstava/Obrazac_GIPG_PPG_B_2025.pdf

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METHODOLOGICAL INSTRUCTIONS

Methodological instructions for the “Annual Farm Survey” implementation for 2025 are available at the Institute’s official website, at:

https://rzs.rs.ba/static/uploads/metodologije/poljoprivreda/godisnje_istravanje_poljoprivrednih_gazdinstava/Metodolosko_uputstvo_GIPG_PPG_B_2025.pdf

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PUBLISHING

Data on sown areas in autumn (preliminary data) are published on 16 March of the current year, in the regular statistical release “Sown areas in autumn”.

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