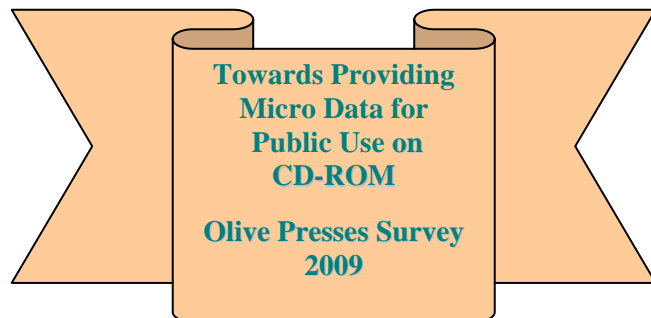




Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics



Out of its mission in its precise scientific mission, the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) recently issued a micro data for public use from olive presses survey 2009 on CD-ROM.

Summary about Olive Presses Survey 2009:

Olive production constitutes a major activity in the Palestinian Territory. Its importance is attributed not only to preserving 950.7 thousand dunums of land which makes 51.2% of cultivated area and 81.1% of fruit trees area in 2007/ 2008 agricultural year, but also to its contribution to the social and economic well-being of Palestinians, where the value of olive production amounted which makes 6.9% of agricultural production value and 35.9% of fruit trees value⁽¹⁾. Most of produced olive used for oil extraction, which considered as food source and enter in many manufacturing activities. The importance of olive in the Palestinian Territory made PCBS to carry out an annual comprehensive survey of olive presses during year 2007 in the Palestinian Territory.

Importance of providing Micro Data:

The importance of providing these accurate and reliable data set emanates from the need to provide micro data for concerned parties in the form of huge database involving

crucial data on many indicators pertinent to the olive presses survey 2009.

There was a big importance to achieve this survey because of its valuable data which was compiled using scientific methods, in parallel with international recommendations.

The survey provides data on number of olive presses, quantity of pressed olives and extracted oil, number of employees and their compensations, olive pressing costs, olive presses return, in addition to other related variables as gross fixed capital formation and value added of olive presses activity, and other derived olive presses variables.

Data Type and Size:

Each CD-ROM contains a database on the different variables of the survey. The survey was comprehensive and covered all operating presses in the Palestinian Territory in 2009, where the number of total visited operating presses reached 235 presses over the study years 2007. The data are available both in SPSS and ASCII format

Micro Data Beneficiaries:

Many parties and institutions may benefit from a database of the olive presses survey 2009 in policy and decision making based on solid scientific bases. Such parties and institutions involve concerned governmental entities and ministries such as Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of National Economy, Palestinian Legislative Council, Council of Ministers as well as research centers, international organizations, universities, researchers, and academic institutions.

Data Confidentiality:

Data compiled in the context of olive presses survey involves the presses data. The confidentiality of such data is honored and safeguarded in accordance with Article (17) of the Palestinian General Statistical Law of 2000, which stipulates "All individual information and data submitted to the Bureau for statistical purposes shall be treated as confidential and shall not be divulged, in whole or in part, to any individual or to a public or private body, or used for any purpose other than for preparing statistical tables".

How to Obtain Micro Data for Public Use:

The aforementioned database shall be accessible by institutions and individuals. To obtain a copy of micro data from the olive presses survey 2009 on a CD-ROM format,

interested institutions and individuals should contact Dissemination and Documentation Department/Division of Users Services, at the following address:

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⁽¹⁾ Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, 2010. Agricultural Statistics, 2007/2008. Ramallah – Palestine.