

**Uzbekistan**  
**Metadata**  
**Sown area of agricultural crops**

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## 0. Prerequisites

### 0.1 Legal environment

#### 0.1.1 Responsibility for collecting, processing, and disseminating statistics

##### **The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics**

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics acts independently in accordance with the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Official Statistics” adopted on August 11, 2021.

The purpose of the Law is to regulate relations in the field of official statistics. This Law applies to producers and users of official statistics, respondents and suppliers of administrative data, as well as relations arising between them related to the production, dissemination and coordination of official statistics.

On September 2, 2017, the “Regulation on the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics” was approved, which defines the mandate, functions and structure of the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics, which is the main body responsible for coordination, monitoring and supervision of the National Statistical System, as well as for collecting, processing, analysis and dissemination of data. Its functions include providing a unified statistical methodology that meets international standards.

In accordance with article 14 of the Law, state statistics bodies have the right:

- receive from state and economic management bodies, citizens' self-government bodies, banks and other organizations forms of statistical observation and use statistical observation data for statistical purposes;
- to carry out statistical observations of the activities of statistical units and use the obtained primary data for statistical purposes;
- to reward respondents - individuals for participating in statistical observations;
- to request and receive from state and economic management bodies, as well as from other organizations, information necessary for the implementation of statistical programs;
- involve on a contractual basis individuals and legal entities to collect statistical data necessary for the production of official statistics, in accordance with the law;
- use and introduce into the national statistical system modern methods and tools for collecting, processing, summarizing, analyzing, disseminating and storing statistical data;
- in case of revealing violations related to the presentation of statistical data, give instructions on their elimination and make appropriate corrections to the statistical data;
- within the limits of their powers, apply to officials who have violated the procedure for

submitting statistical reports, measures of administrative penalties in accordance with the law.

According to Presidential Order No. P-5054 dated September 12, 2017, economic and financial data in the country must comply with the requirements of the expanded General Data Dissemination System (r-GDDS) of the International Monetary Fund and be coordinated within this system.

### **0.1.2 Data sharing and coordination among data producing agencies**

#### **The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics**

According to article 11 of the Law on Official Statistics, producers of official statistics are guided by internationally recommended definitions, classifications and methodology when producing statistics.

The authorized state body, within the framework of statistical programs, coordinates the activities of other producers of official statistics.

Producers of official statistics coordinate the methodology for producing statistics within their mandate.

If a discrepancy with international recommendations is revealed in the statistical methodologies of other producers of official statistics, the authorized state body, based on the results of the audit of statistical methodologies, has the right to make them mandatory submissions.

Other producers of official statistics that are part of the national statistical system create subdivisions responsible for generating statistical data and ensuring information exchange with the authorized state body.

Producers of official statistics and suppliers of administrative data submit to the authorized state body the statistical and (or) administrative data they have at their disposal free of charge in the manner and terms established by statistical programs.

According to Article 10 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, the Statistical Council is a collegial advisory body on the development, functioning and coordination of official statistics under the authorized state body.

The composition of the Statistical Council is formed from representatives of government bodies, research organizations, non-governmental non-profit organizations, as well as national experts in statistics.

### **0.1.3 Confidentiality of individual reporters' data**

#### **The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics**

According to Article 27 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, individual data held by the producers of official statistics are used exclusively for statistical purposes to compile aggregate statistical data. Individual data cannot be used by state bodies, citizens' self-government bodies and other organizations, including international ones, for the purposes of investigation, control, litigation, administrative decisions or for other purposes concerning individuals and legal entities or households.

According to the Regulation on the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics, the State Committee on Statistics has the right to conduct statistical observations of the activities of legal entities and individuals, including individual entrepreneurs, and use the data obtained for statistical purposes, also ensures the confidentiality of the statistical data obtained, the protection of statistical data, containing state secrets.

The State Committee on Statistics employees must comply with the code of ethics, including the principle of confidentiality, not disclose any information provided to them in the performance of their duties.

They are informed of the responsibilities at the time of appointment. Each employee of the State Committee on Statistics is obliged to sign an agreement that obliges him not to disclose such data.

#### **0.1.4 Provision of statistical reporting**

##### **The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics**

According to Article 14 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, state statistics bodies have the right to receive forms of statistical observation from bodies of state and economic management, self-government bodies of citizens, banks and other organizations. In accordance with Article 215 of the Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Administrative Liability”, violation by officials of the procedure for submitting statistical reports, expressed in failure to submit reports and other data necessary for conducting statistical observations, distortion of reporting data or violation of the deadlines for submitting reports entails the imposition of a fine from seven to ten basic calculated values.

According to Article 16 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, when conducting statistical observations in accordance with statistical programs, respondents are obliged to provide producers of official statistics with reliable and complete data free of charge in the manner and terms established by the producer of official statistics.

## **0.2 Resources**

### **0.2.1 Staff, facilities, computing resources, and financing**

The work on the formation of information on the sown areas of agricultural crops in the Central Office is carried out by 2 employees, in the territorial departments of statistics - 2 employees, in the district, city departments of statistics - 1 employees.

In general, there is sufficient human resources available to collect data on area planted for crops to achieve the set goals, and the personnel are able to maintain and develop the appropriate skills to accomplish the assigned tasks. All employees have higher education in economics and agriculture.

The support and development of skills is based on regular staff training programs offered in refresher courses for specialists at the Institute for Professional Skills Upgrading and Statistical Research.

The department has a sufficient number of computers, each employee works on a personal computer connected to a local network, regularly updated software.

The financial resources provided are sufficient to carry out the work stipulated by the Program of State Statistical Works.

## 1. Integrity

### 1.1 Professionalism

#### 1.1.1 Impartiality of statistics

##### **The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics**

According to Article 6 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, the main principles of official statistics are impartiality and objectivity.

According to Article 13 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, state bodies, other organizations and their officials are not entitled to interfere with the activities of state statistics bodies carried out in accordance with this Law.

Territorial departments of statistics, departments of statistics of districts (cities) are independent from local government bodies and are directly subordinate to the authorized government body.

In the production of this statistical information, government intervention is not allowed, and professional independence is fully ensured.

When recruiting employees and appointing them to managerial positions, their experience and professionalism in the field of statistics are taken into account. Advanced training of management staff is provided through participation in training courses organized by the Institute for Professional Skills Upgrading and Statistical Research under the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics, as well as in training courses, training seminars organized by international organizations. Management staff lecture at training courses organized by the Institute for Professional Skills Upgrading and Statistical Research. Organized the placement of scientific articles of employees of the department in the media.

#### 1.1.2 Selection of sources, methodology, and modes of dissemination

##### **The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics**

According to Article 33 of the Law “On Official Statistics”:

Producers of official statistics assess the quality of official statistics on an ongoing basis. To ensure quality assurance, official statistics are produced and disseminated on the basis of general principles and methods concerning coverage, definitions, statistical units and classifications of official statistics.

In order to improve the quality of official statistics, producers of official statistics have the right to analyze and edit data, combine data from various sources, link and compare data for statistical purposes, and use statistical methods to evaluate them.

Producers of Official Statistics document the sources and methods used in the production process as well as the resulting datasets. Users of official statistics are informed about the sources and methods of producing statistics and about the quality of official statistics through metadata.

#### 1.1.3 Commenting on erroneous interpretation and misuse of statistics

##### **The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics**

The Regulation on the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics (clause 15) determines that The State Committee on Statistics has the right to consider and provide clarifications on cases of misuse and interpretation of statistical information and statistical data.

That is, The State Committee on Statistics may comment on misinterpretation and misuse of statistical data.

## **1.2 Transparency**

### **1.2.1 Disclosure of terms and conditions for statistical collection, processing, and dissemination**

#### **The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics**

According to Article 6 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, the main principles of official statistics are clarity and transparency. The conditions for the collection, processing and dissemination of statistical data are included in the legislative acts of the Republic of Uzbekistan concerning statistics. These laws are posted on websites and are thus available to the public. The Law “On Official Statistics” and the statistical program, which clearly defines the terms for the development and dissemination of statistical data, are posted on the official website of the Committee ([www.stat.uz](http://www.stat.uz)). The law is available in the bulletin of the Oliy Majlis, the database of regulatory legal acts (norm), as well as in the database of the Ministry of Justice located at [www.lex.uz](http://www.lex.uz). Statistical reporting forms submitted by respondents to generate statistical data are published in advance for users on the Committee's official website.

### **1.2.2 Internal governmental access to statistics prior to release**

#### **The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics**

The government does not have access to the statistics produced by The State Committee on Statistics prior to their publication. State statistical bodies are independent in the dissemination of statistical data. Interference by state bodies is not allowed (Article 13 of the Law “On Official Statistics”). Only the Chairman of the Committee, his deputies and responsible employees have access to statistical data prior to their publication.

### **1.2.3 Attribution of statistical products**

#### **The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics**

The logo and footnotes clearly identify that information published to the public in print statistical publications, newsletters and media is produced by The State Committee on Statistics.

### **1.2.4 Advance notice of major changes in methodology, source data, and statistical techniques**

#### **The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics**

The State Committee on Statistics notifies the public in advance about the transition to a new methodology and significant changes in existing methods and methods. The State Committee on Statistics posts on its official website the relevant methodological guidelines explaining what changes users should expect. The expected changes are communicated to the public in articles, news and press conferences.

## 1.3. Ethical standards

### 1.3.1 Guideline for staff behavior

#### **The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics**

The Rules of Conduct for The State Committee on Statistics employees were approved. They are required to comply with a code of ethics, including the principle of confidentiality, and must not disclose any information provided to them in the performance of their assigned duties. They are informed of these obligations upon appointment. An employee of The State Committee on Statistics is obliged to conclude an agreement containing an obligation not to disclose individual data.

## 2. Methodology

### 2.1 Concepts and definitions

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This information is generated for accounting purposes as of July 1 (preliminary data) and on an annual basis.

The data on the sown areas of agricultural crops is formed on the basis of the forms of state statistical reports 1-FX shakli (2 times a year and annual) “Report on the activities of the farm”, 1-DX shakli (2 times a year) “Report on the activities of dekhkans (personal subsidiary farms”, 1-QX shakli (quarterly and annual)“ Report on agricultural activities”, 1-KB shakliga ilova (QX) (annual)“ Report on agricultural activities of a micro-firm and a small enterprise ”. This indicator in the above reports is reflected in hectares.

The sown areas of all agricultural crops represent the main sown areas on all lands and of which are irrigated, the harvested area, the areas of repeated and intermediate crops, the area of crops in the spacing of young orchards, as well as other perennial plantings.

The sown area of all agricultural crops does not include the area of grapes, fruits and berries. Areas of grapes, fruits and berries are counted separately.

### 2.2 Scope

#### 2.2.1 Scope

##### 2.2.1.1 Scope of the data

The geographic coverage of the data includes the Republic of Karakalpakstan, 12 regions and the city of Tashkent.

Coverage of farms: farms, dekhkan (personal subsidiary) farms, large organizations, small enterprises and microfirms.

##### 2.2.1.2 Exceptions to coverage

There are no exceptions.

### 2.2.1.3 Unrecorded activity

The shadow economy is not taken into account.

## 2.3 Classification/sectorization

### 2.3.1 Classification/sectorization

## 2.4 Basis for recording

### 2.4.1 Valuation

The data on the sown areas of agricultural crops are formed on the basis of state statistical reports received from economic entities.

### 2.4.2 Recording basis

Data on the sown areas of agricultural crops are formed on the basis of state statistical observations submitted to the state statistics bodies by legal entities, gatherings of citizens of makhallas.

### 2.4.3 Grossing/netting procedures

## 3. Accuracy and reliability

### 3.1 Source data

#### 3.1.1 Source data collection programs

The information base for the formation of data on the sown areas of agricultural crops is the primary statistical data of the corresponding state statistical reports on agriculture.

Information on the sown areas of agricultural crops is formed on the basis of data from the state statistical reporting for farmers and dekhkan (personal subsidiary) farms, large, small enterprises and microfirms.

#### 3.1.2 Source data definitions, scope, sectorization, classifications, valuation, and time of recording

Statistical information on the sown areas of agricultural crops is submitted to the state statistics bodies by farms, gatherings of citizens of makhallas, large, small enterprises and microfirms.

#### 3.1.3 Source data timeliness

The preparation of information is carried out strictly within the timeframe established in the

Program of State Statistical Works, approved by the Cabinet of Ministers.

Data as of July 1 is processed and published no more than 20 days and annual data - no more than 3 months after the reporting period.

## **3.2 Assessment of source data**

### **3.2.1 Source data assessment**

The data received from the subjects is analyzed, undergoes mandatory control and verification not only at the level of territorial departments of statistics, but also at the State Statistics Committee. If errors are detected in the information, it is necessarily clarified with the subjects.

## **3.3 Statistical techniques**

### **3.3.1 Source data statistical techniques**

### **3.3.2 Other statistical procedures**

Data adjustments and transformations are done using sound methods. The correction is carried out according to preliminary data when forming the final data.

## **3.4 Data validation**

### **3.4.1 Validation of intermediate results**

Annual crop area planted data is reconciled with interim data as of 1 July.

### **3.4.2 Assessment of intermediate data**

### **3.4.3 Assessment of discrepancies and other problems in statistical outputs**

Statistical discrepancies in the output statistical data are studied, data for the reporting period are reconciled with the results of the previous quarter and year, and the reasons for significant discrepancies are identified and analyzed.

## **3.5 Analysis of data revisions**

### **3.5.1 Revision studies and analyses**

The data is processed, analyzed, summarized, if necessary, clarified with the subjects, and the official data as of July 1 are published within 20 days, annual data - within 3 months after the reporting period.



## 4. Serviceability

### 4.1 Periodicity and timeliness

#### 4.1.1 Periodicity

The data on the sown area of agricultural crops is formed as of July 1 and on an annual basis.

#### 4.1.2 Timeliness

Data on sown areas of agricultural crops as of July 1 are published no later than 20 days after the reporting period, annual data - no later than 3 months after the reporting period, within the timeframes established in the Program of State Statistical Works.

### 4.2 Consistency

#### 4.2.1 Internal consistency

Statistical data are characterized by internal consistency, comparable over time.

#### 4.2.2 Temporal consistency

Comparable time series of data are available over a sufficient period of time. The dynamics of the sown areas of agricultural crops has been formed since 1990.

#### 4.2.3 Intersectoral and cross-domain consistency

### 4.3 Revision

#### 4.3.1 Revision and/or update schedule

The collection, processing, accumulation, storage, generalization, analysis and publication of statistical information on the sown areas of agricultural crops is carried out within the time frames provided for in the Program of State Statistical Work.

#### 4.3.2 Identification of preliminary and/or revised/updated data

During the dissemination of data, users are informed that the data is preliminary.  
When the preliminary data is published, a corresponding note is made.

#### 4.3.3 Dissemination of revision studies and analyses

The revised data are analyzed against preliminary data to assess the reliability of the preliminary data.

Preliminary data on sown areas of agricultural crops are disseminated in the form of statistical bulletins, tables, final data - in the form of statistical bulletins, tables, collections.

## 5. Accessibility

### 5.1 Data

#### 5.1.1 Statistical presentation

Information about the acreage of agricultural crops is provided to users in the form of statistical bulletins, tables, collections.

#### 5.1.2 Dissemination media and format

##### 5.1.2.1 Hard copy - New release

Statistical data are disseminated in printed form through publications of the State Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan:

- "Uzbekistan in figures"
- "Statistical Yearbook of the Republic of Uzbekistan"
- "Agriculture of Uzbekistan"
- "Regional Yearbook"

In addition, statistics are presented to users upon request.

##### 5.1.2.2 Hard copy - Monthly bulletin

Not available.

##### 5.1.2.3 Hard copy - Quarterly bulletin

Not available.

##### 5.1.2.4 Hard copy - Annually bulletin

Not available.

##### 5.1.2.5 Hard copy - Other

Tables, bulletins on user requests

##### 5.1.2.6 Electronic - On-line bulletin or data

Data on the sown areas of agricultural crops are posted on the Open Data Portal of the Republic of Uzbekistan, in accordance with the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated April 9, 2019 No. PD-4273.

#### 5.1.3. Advance release calendar

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#### **5.1.4 Simultaneous release**

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#### **5.1.5 Dissemination on request**

According to the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Official Statistics”, the Regulation “On the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics”, the Regulation on the organization of work on the preparation and dissemination of statistical information and other regulatory documents, statistical data are provided to users upon their request in the prescribed manner. Dissemination of statistical information is carried out by providing, upon written request of legal entities or individuals in the form of printed or electronic tables, statistical compilations, bulletins, express information, as well as in accordance with the agreements of the parties on information interaction.

### **5.2 Metadata**

#### **5.2.1 Dissemination of documentation on concepts, coverage, classifications, basis of accounting, data sources and statistical methods**

Data on concepts, coverage, classifications, accounting basis, data sources and statistical methods are reflected in the disseminated statistical compilations in the form of methodological explanations for the main indicators.

### **5.3. Assistance to users**

#### **5.3.1 Dissemination of information on contact points**

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## **9. Plans**

### **9.1 Recent**

#### **9.1.1 Plans for improvement - Recent improvements**

The forms of state statistical observations on agriculture have been improved.

### **9.2 General**

#### **9.2.1 Plans for improvement - Short-term**

Improving the forms of state statistical reports on agriculture.

#### **9.2.2 Plans for improvement - Medium-term**

Preparation of information on the sown areas of agricultural crops and placement on the Open Data Portal of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

## **9.3 Financial**

### **9.3.1 Plans for improvement - TA/financing needs - Short-term**

Funding provided under the State Statistical Work Program.

### **9.3.2 Plans for improvement - TA/financing needs - Medium-term**

Funding provided under the State Statistical Work Program.

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