METHODOLOGICAL NOTES


This survey was carried out based on a representative sample at national level, macro-regions, development regions and counties. The volume of the sample was of 55338 agricultural holdings, of which 23459 agricultural holdings with legal status and 31879 agricultural holdings without legal status.

2. Concepts and definitions

- **Cultivated area** represents the area sown / planted in own field, in the agricultural year of reference (October 1st – September 30th) with a main crop (that covers the field most of the time) or in the previous agricultural years for the biennial, triennial or perennial crops.

- **Treated** area represents the area on which at least one plant protection treatment was made (soil and seed treatment included) directly or indirectly related to the respective crop.

- **Used quantity** represents the quantity of commercial product (from the soil and seed treatment included) in liquid or solid form (state) that was used for treating the respective crop.

- **Plant protection products** are the products containing active substances, plant protection agents or synergic agents, in the form presented to the user and intended for:
  - the protection of plants and crop products against all harmful organisms or the prevention of the action of such organisms;
  - performing an action on the vital processes of plants, other than a nutritional action;
  - ensuring the conservation of crop products, as far as these substances or products are not covered by other legal regulations on conservation agents;
  - destroying certain parts of plants, stopping or preventing unwanted plant growths.