WEIGHTING OF FINANCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS



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TOPICS

STRATIFIED SAMPLE

What do we want to measure?

• Farm income in agriculture

What is a stratified sample?

• Divide the sample into subgroups to obtain a representative sample

Why a stratified sample?

- Minimize sample size = Minimize cost
- Avoiding gaps in the sample

Which strata are relevant?

- Region
- Type of farming
- Economic size

SAMPLING PLAN

Strata: clustering farm type and economic size

• clustering farm types and economic sizes that might behave similar for the purpose of calculating the farm income

Proportional allocation

• Sample sizes of the strata are proportional to the population

Optimal allocation

- Take into account the distribution of the variable we want to measure
- Estimation of variability FADN data from previous years
- Normalization of the distributed data

Combination Proportional and Optimal allocation

- Least common (clustered) farm types: Proportional
- Most common (clustered) farm types : Optimal



SAMPLING SCHEME

SAMPLING ISSUES

Decrease of sample size

Increase of the variability of Farm Income

- Full sample in time
- Within some farm types in time
- Within economic sizes

Optimal allocation of the samples in the sampling plan getting unrealistic proportions



SAMPLE SIZE FLANDERS



FARM INCOME: FADN 2016-2021



Samplesize: proportional vs optimal





Method?

N=720 enough?

Is optimal allocation within the sample still usefull?

Environmental indicators?

Conduct of a Statistical analysis of the sample, the sample size and the variables we want to meaure and calculate



SAMPLING QUESTIONS

STUDY: FADN 2011-2017

Method:

- Estimation of Farm income /FWU confidence intervals with the sample size varying
- Estimation of Kg N/ha and active substances/ ha with the sample size varying

Conclusions:

- 720 is a small sample. Estimation of the indicators have a wide confidence interval.
- Farm income / FWU can be estimated with confidence level of 95% and a confidence interval of +- 6000 Euro/FWU.
- Distribution of the income is more spread than the environmental variables for the total of the sample
- Hence a different sampling plan is needed or one can choose a proportional sample design

Alternative:

• Estimation of environmental indicators based on crop types rather than farm types/economic size

Standard Results

Clear Selections 🐻 🛃 Download

Variable Q	Label	Unit Q	Description	Q,
SE295	Fertilisers	€	Purchased fertilisers and soil improvers (excluding those used for forests).	
SE296	Fertiliser N	q	Quantity of N in mineral fertilisers used.	
SE297	Fertiliser P	q	Quantity of P2O5 in mineral fertilisers used.	
SE298	Fertiliser K	q	Quantity of K2O in mineral fertilisers used.	
SE300	Crop protection	€	Plant protection products, traps and baits, bird scarers, anti-hail shells, frost protection, etc. (excluding those used for forests).	d

REPORT: FADN PUBLIC DATABASE

Selections :

Year : 2019, 2020, 2021 (p) / Member State : (BE) Belgium / 8 Types of farming: All farms

Last update: 15 Jun 2023

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(SE300) Crop protection (€)

(SE430) Family Farm Income (€/FWU)

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Sector

 Total agriculture
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 Theme
 Environment (total agriculture)
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 Indicator
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 Greenhouse gas emissions
 Energy balance

 O Crop protection product use
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 Kunstmestgebruik: phosphorus
 Fertilizer use: potassium

 Fertilizer use: nitrogen

Spatial designation of the declared

Based on an extrapolation of the LMN data, the estimated use of crop protection products in 2020 is 3.4 million kg of active substance. Most of the resources in 2020 will go to the potato and fruit growing crop group. They account for 29% and 24% respectively of the total extrapolated amount of active substance that year. Arable farming (26%), other agricultural companies (26%) and the fruit sector (23%) have the largest share of active substance use.

Farmers use crop protection products to safeguard their harvest. However, use is not without risks for the environment and the health of humans and other non-target organisms if used improperly. The use of crop protection is influenced by weather conditions, cultivation area, legislation and technology (crops, crop protection products and machines).

The total use of crop protection products by Flemish agriculture and horticulture is calculated via an extrapolation of the data from the Agricultural Monitoring Network (LMN).

CROP PROTECTION

Indicator: Active substances in crop protection

Matching the crop types FADN to IFS

Result depend on detail of crop type grouping



FERTILISERS

Indicator: N, P, K use 29 groups of crop types Similar results for N, P, K





Energy used



Related to farm type rather than crop type

METHOD EN REPORTING ENERGY

Indicators

- Shallow water
- Ground water
- Tap water
- Rain
- **Collection difficulties**



METHOD AND REPORTING WATER

Stratified sample for sutainable indicators

No intention to change the plan



Weighting of and reporting on sustainable indicator

New methods

FUTURE THOUGHTS