

WHAT IS CountrySTAT?



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CountrySTAT outputs

CountrySTAT IS A NATIONAL STATISTICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE.

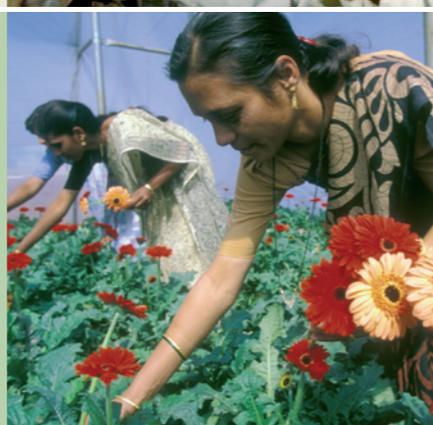
The system harmonizes and integrates data on food and agriculture coming from different sources. Through a core database, policy makers and researchers can group data across thematic areas – such as production, trade and consumption – in order to study relationships and processes.

FAO forms partnerships with national statistical offices and ministries of agriculture to introduce the system and build national capacity to use it. In each country, the national government makes a substantial contribution to deployment, maintenance and training. In 2005, FAO's Statistics Division introduced CountrySTAT in Ghana, Kenya and Kyrgyzstan. Many other developing and developed countries* have shown an interest in adopting it.

* Algeria, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Italy, Jordan, Latvia, Malawi, Mauritius, Mexico, Mozambique, Panama, Philippines, Sudan, Swaziland, Turkey, United Republic of Tanzania and Zimbabwe.

Technical NOTE

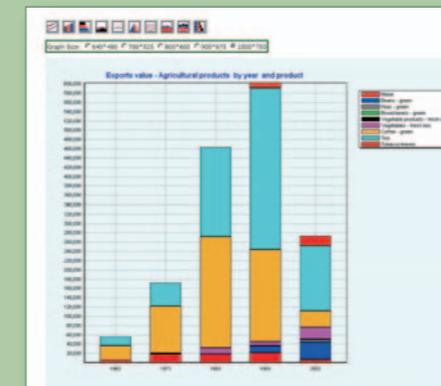
CountrySTAT can operate in many popular formats: HTML, XML, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Access, Comma-Separated-Value (CSV) files and others. It is Internet based so there is no need to build costly new computer networks to link government offices. The engine that powers the system is called PC-Axis. Owned by Statistics Sweden, it has been used for many years in Nordic and other countries. FAO developed CountrySTAT using the PC-Axis software components to match the needs of developing countries.



In **country A**, a researcher in the Ministry of Agriculture wants to conduct a livestock survey. Since he can't survey every village, he needs to choose representative villages. But the demographic, economic and market information he needs for his calculations is compiled by another ministry. He logs on to CountrySTAT, which links databases from all government ministries, and finds what he needs.

In **country B**, a policy maker is studying market prices for fruit and vegetables produced on small-scale farms. She needs road and transportation data, but the statistician in charge of that data in another ministry is known as an "information gatekeeper", someone reluctant to share information. FAO has found that this problem diminishes when CountrySTAT unifies all the ministries. Why? A culture of sharing evolves in which even "information gatekeepers" have something to gain – access to others' statistics that they may need for their own calculations. The system even gives them credit for their work.

In **country C**, the trade minister reads a report on the booming global cut flower market. He asks the agriculture minister if the region near the international airport is good for growing flowers. The latter asks his policy section for a snap report not only on land, labour, input, water and transport requirements for flowers, but on flower production and export information for other countries in the region. Researchers find all the data they need for their calculations in CountrySTAT – and in FAOSTAT, the global database designed to be compatible with its national counterpart (see back cover).



Region	Year	Wheat	Rice, Paddy	Barley	Maize	Sorghum
Upper East	1999	13,554,947,766.40	207,654,464.44	44,492	0.167	10,108.28
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Upper East	2003	13,554,947,766.40	207,654,464.44	44,492	0.167	10,108.28
Upper West	1999	49,511,67,043.11	1,093,89,542.47	3,996	70,342.76	983.44
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Northern	1999	37,791,16,935.24	4,273,38,621.38	745	13,165.32	786.38
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Brong Ahafo	1999	18,999.73	913.97	857.42	203.65	800
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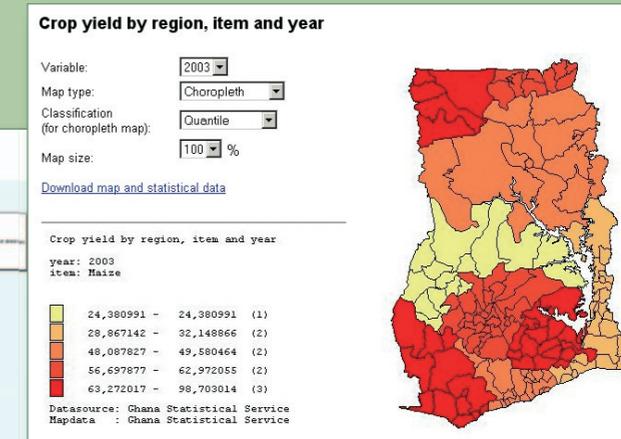


Table: Crop yield by region, item and year. Unit: Hg/Ha

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Brong Ahafo, Volta, Ashanti, Eastern, Western, Central, Greater Accra

Wheat, Rice, Paddy, Barley, Maize, Sorghum

1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003

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FIVE ADVANTAGES of CountrySTAT

It provides a **SOUND BASIS FOR POLICY DECISIONS** in food and agriculture.

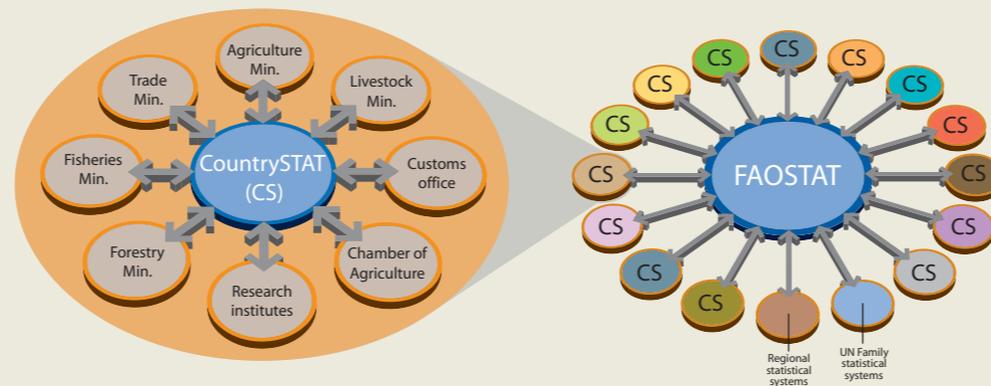
It groups existing **NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEMS** under one umbrella.

It organizes even **COMPLEX DATA** in seconds.

It is **INTERNET BASED**.

It has already been **TESTED AND REFINED** by many advanced countries.

How CountrySTAT works with FAOSTAT



ALTHOUGH CountrySTAT IS PRIMARILY FOR NATIONAL STATISTICAL WORK,

it is compatible with and feeds information into FAOSTAT, the world's largest food and agriculture database, covering more than 200 countries and territories.

By adopting CountrySTAT, countries will improve FAOSTAT's capacity to provide high-quality statistical data at the international level. It also promotes exchange of data within countries, between countries, and between FAO and countries. Everyone wins.

Increasing regional and international trade means that policy makers always have one eye on what agricultural commodities their competitors are producing, for home consumption or for export. A dynamic CountrySTAT-FAOSTAT "super system" will help countries identify emerging markets and opportunities.

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FOOD AND AGRICULTURE STATISTICS



- EASY TO USE AND UPGRADE
- AFFORDABLE
- A SOUND BASIS FOR POLICY CALCULATIONS
- FACILITATES SHARING AMONG DATA OWNERS

