

Human consumption of food.

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The statistics have a long history and the key figures covering the past 100 years are comparable. The data for the first decades contain many estimates and calculations, but comprehensive statistics have been compiled since the Second World War. From 1988 limited information on vegetables, fruit and berries is available.

0.5 Users and Application

The most important users are agricultural organisations, ministries, individuals and organisations engaged and interested in human consumption of food.

0.6 Sources

The primary data are collected from mainly public institutions, trade organisations, industry associations and private business enterprises.

Further information, see declarations of Contents, item 5.3.

0.7 Legal Authority to Collect Data

Section 8 of the Act on Statistics Denmark.

0.8 Response burden

There is no response burden as the data are collected from existing sources.

0.9 EU Regulation

No EU directives

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1 Contents

1.1 Description of Contents

The statistics provide data on consumption of fresh milk products, e.g. milk, buttermilk, cream, cultured milk, milky beverages, etc. Other data provided by the statistics are the consumption of processed products, e.g. condensed milk, powdered milk, butter, cheese, margarine, eggs, beef, veal, pork, poultry meat, mutton, lamb, horse meat, game meat, edible offals of cattle and pigs, flour, groats, sugar, potatoes, vegetables, fruits and berries.

1.2 Statistical Concepts

Statistics of quantities and balances are compiled. The statistics are also available as time series. The statistics show consumption of foodstuffs per capita.

The consumption of foodstuffs are estimated as a balance, where a residue is estimated on the basis of known volume, which concerns the amount of foodstuffs, which are proved for consumption.

Product balances for both animal and vegetable products generally contain information about production, import, export, and change in stock, uses for specific purposes, and feed and human consumption of food. See figure in the appendix.

Food provided for consumption = Production + Import - Export
+/- Changes in stock - Uses for other purposes. See figure in the appendix.

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2 Time

2.1 Reference Period

The statistics are compiled covering the calendar year. Quarterly statistics are also compiled for livestock products.

2.2 Date of Publication

The statistics are published annually and are typically available within a few weeks after the data are collected.

2.3 Punctuality

The statistics are usually published without delay in relation to the scheduled date.

2.4 Frequency

Calendar year and statistics of animal products are also published quarterly.

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3 Accuracy

3.1 Overall accuracy

The figures are subject to margins of errors.

3.2 Sources of inaccuracy

The statistics give complete coverage and the margins of errors are restricted to estimates of the producers' own consumption, lower thresholds in the external trade statistics and incomplete statistics of stocks.

The data derived from the calculations of balances are residuals and the figures are subject to margins of errors. The greatest margins of errors are observed for the statistics compiled quarterly.

3.3 Measures on accuracy

The statistical uncertainty is not calculated.

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4 Comparability

4.1 Comparability over Time

Time series covering key figures for a calendar year. Some minor definitional changes have been made. For vegetables, fruit and berries information is not available for each year since 1988.

4.2 Comparability with other Statistics

The Ministry for Food, the National Food Agency and trade associations, e.g. the Society of Dairies relating to milk and dairy products, Danish Agriculture & Food Council relating to pigs, cattle and sheep and the Council of Poultry, publish comprehensive statistics.

More information about food consumption is available from DTU NationalFood

Institute at: www.food.dtu.dk

Statistics Denmark publishes statistics about households' consumption of various food and beverages, see the database StatBank Denmark under the item Consumer survey.

Eurostat publishes statistics about food consumption in the EU at:
<http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/eurostat/home>

4.3 Coherence between provisional and final statistics

Only minor differences between provisional and final figures.

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5 Accessibility

5.1 Forms of dissemination

Landbrug og fiskeri (Agriculture and Fishing) appearing in the series Statistiske Efterretninger (Statistical News).

Annual publications: Statistisk Tiårsoversigt (Statistical Ten-Year Review) and Statistisk Årbog (Statistical Yearbook).

Tables:

FVF1/FVF11/ANI4/ANI41/ANI5/ANI51/ANI6/ANI61/ANI7/ANI71/ANI8/ANI81 i www.statistikbanken.dk

5.2 Basic material: Storage and usability

The primary data are stored in connection with the different products investigations.

The statistics show changes in uses of the products, including quantities available for human consumption, which is the most important item of information.

5.3 Documentation

A methodological description appears in the annual publication Landbrug (Agricultural Statistics).

About the single products more information can be found in the declaration of contents:

Agriculture: Milk and Dairy Products; Slaughtered animals and meat production; Egg production, Fruit Tree Survey, Greenhouse census, Nursery sector survey.

External trade: EU trade (Intrastat) and Trade with non-EU countries.

5.4 Other Information

Please contact Mona Larsen for information about animal products and Mads Kjeld Meyer-Dissing for information about vegetable products.

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