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**PSA Grants Farm Prices Survey
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The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) **cleared** the conduct of the Farm Prices Survey (FPS). Undertaken monthly by the Price Statistics Division of the PSA, the FPS is a national survey that aims to gather reliable data **on farmgate prices to inform** policies and programs for the development of the agriculture sector.

The survey covers 81 provinces all over the Philippines to obtain farm prices. For crop prices, the top five (5) producing municipalities per commodity will be covered. Commodities for each province are pre-determined based on the following:

1. Major produce of the province in terms of the most recent statistics on the volume of **crop** production;
2. Priority crop of the province;
3. Categorization as a national commodity with the province identified as one of the major producers; and
4. **Commodity considered in the basket for the computation of the Producers' Price Index (PPI).**

At least five (5) farmers who traded the commodity will be selected and interviewed in each of the sampled municipality.

For backyard livestock and poultry farms, the top five (5) municipalities per item will be identified, and five (5) raisers will be selected and interviewed in each of the sampled municipality. For commercial livestock and poultry farms, two (2) samples per stratum will be chosen in a province. A total budget of Php 14,363,260 is allocated for the survey.

Monthly statistics on farmgate prices of agricultural commodities are posted quarterly at <http://countrystat.psa.gov.ph/?cont=10&pageid=1&ma=J50PRFPC>. The statistics on PPI for agriculture is scheduled for release on 30 September 2016.

The FPS was cleared for conduct on 13 June 2016 under the Statistical Survey Review and Clearance System (SSRCS), a mechanism being implemented by the PSA by virtue of Rule 28 of Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 10625 to:

- ensure sound design for data collection;
- minimize the burden placed upon respondents;
- effect economy in statistical data collection;
- eliminate unnecessary duplication of statistical data collection; and
- achieve better coordination of government statistical activities.

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In line with this, concerned owners, managers, employees, or any persons knowledgeable on the operations of their farms are enjoined to respond to the survey to pursue a more effective system of generating and processing price information of agricultural commodities.

For further information on the SSRCS, please contact the Statistical Standards Division (SSD) of the Standards Service (SS) with telephone numbers (02) 376-1928 and (02) 376-1931, and email address: ssd.staff@psa.gov.ph.



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