

# The database Sweden 1570-1810: population, agriculture, land ownership - Agricultural statistics on parish level, 1810

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## Description

From an international point of view, Sweden has some partially unique historical statistics, including, among other things, statistics on population growth from 1749 onwards. In the Swedish archives though, there are very rich sources of various kinds, which could provide statistics for periods much further back in time. It is especially important for agricultural statistics, since the official data is not reliable until as late as about 1900. Particularly valuable material in terms of population and agriculture is preserved from the periods around 1570, 1630, 1690. For the period around 1570 and 1630 there are tax records of the number of animals in each parish. As from the first half of the 1600s, it becomes increasingly common with data on the arable land in maps and land surveying descriptions. Around 1690 survey records and maps were established for tens of thousands of farms, in connection with the introduction of the so-called allotment system. From 1736 onwards, hundreds of thousands of inventories of farmers have been preserved. They provide information about the deceased farmers' animals and often on the seed corn. The sources also provide information on land ownership (taxed land, Crown land and land exempt from tax, owned by the nobility). For the former Danish and Norwegian districts (Halland, Blekinge, Skåne, Gotland, Bohuslän, Jämtland and Härjedalen) before Swedish times, partly other kinds of sources provide similar data.

## Purpose:

The aim of the project is to create agricultural statistics covering all parishes within Sweden's contemporary boundaries and the periods around 1570, 1630, 1690, 1750 and 1810, to supplement the population statistics for the same periods already published in 2000 (Lennart Palm, "The population of Swedish parishes and municipalities 1571-1997"). The agricultural statistics will provide easily accessible data for a large number of users, such as historians, economic historians, human geographers, geographers, sociologists, ethnologists, the County Administrative Board's cultural environment planners, the staff of the Swedish National Heritage Board and of the county museums, as well as pupils working on school projects and local historians.

## Data contains personal data

No

**Language**

[Swedish](#)

**Unit of analysis**

[Household](#)

**Sampling procedure**

[Total universe/Complete enumeration](#)

[Probability: Systematic random](#)

**Time period(s) investigated**

1570 - 1810

**Variables**

94

**Data format / data structure**

[Numeric](#)

**Geographic spread**

Geographic location: [Sweden](#)

**Lowest geographic unit**

Parish

**Responsible department/unit**

Department of History

**Research area**

[History](#) (CESSDA Topic Classification)

[Probability theory and statistics](#) (Standard för svensk indelning av forskningsämnen 2011)

[Agricultural and veterinary sciences](#) (Standard för svensk indelning av forskningsämnen 2011)

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