Statistics for Agriculturists

Sampling versus Census Methods

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Recap







Last week we covered:

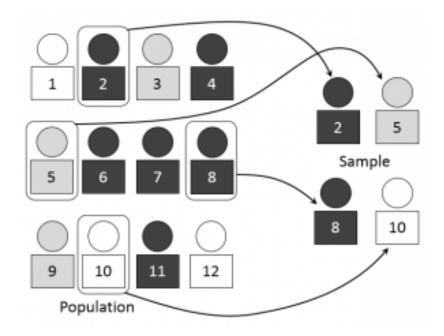
- Role of Statistics in Agriculture
- Why do we use Statistics in Agriculture?
- How do we use Statistics in Agriculture?
- Basics of Statistics
- Statistical Variables

Sampling

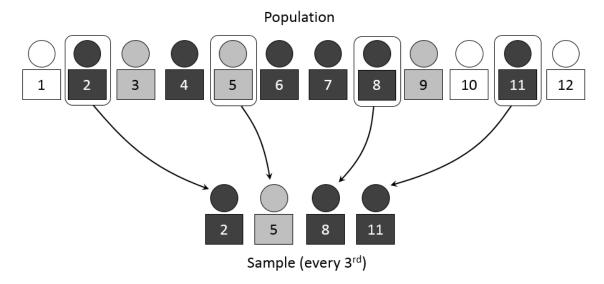


- A subset of the target population from which data are collected.
- The best way to fetch samples is to choose randomly, as a biased sample would be useless.

Random Sampling



Systematic Sampling



Sampling

Caution#1

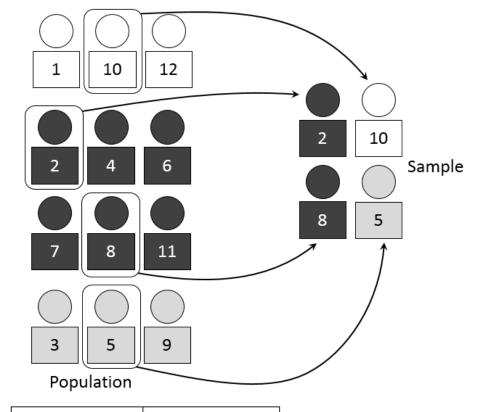
Most sampling methods depend on the independence and lack of bias of the simple random sample only.

Caution#2

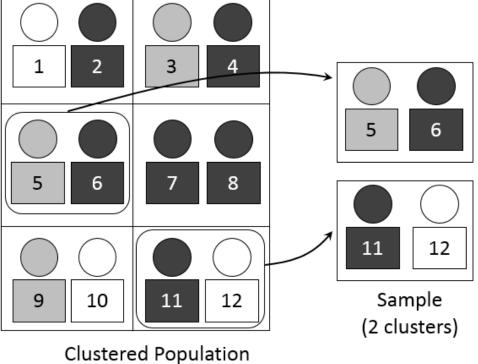
Data obtained should always be randomized as it "Statistically guarantees" the accuracy of the data







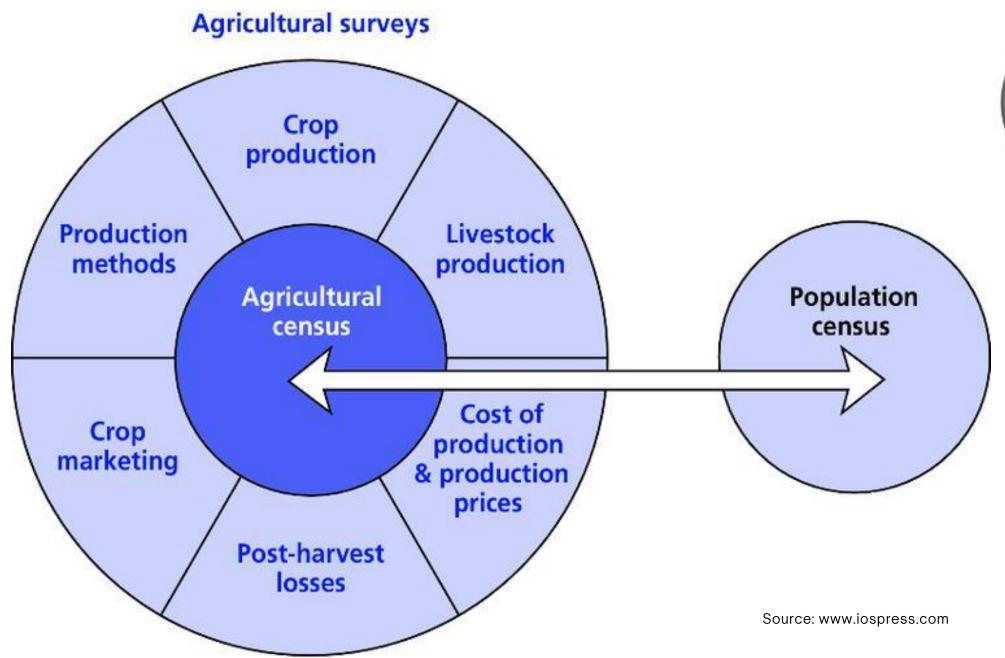
Clustered Sampling

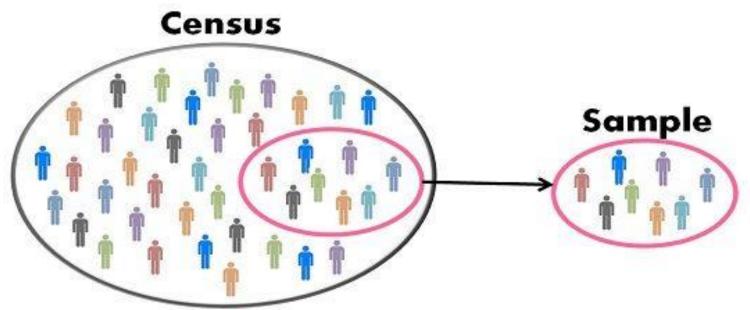


Census



The collection of data from every member of the population.





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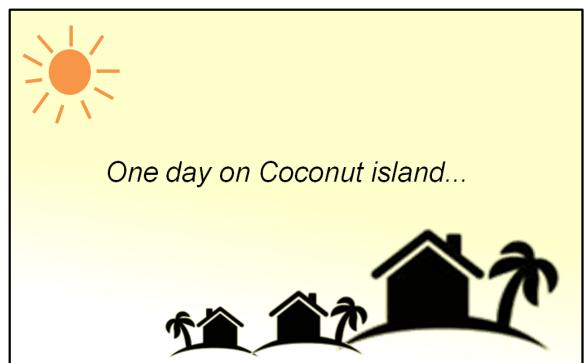
Sample versus Census

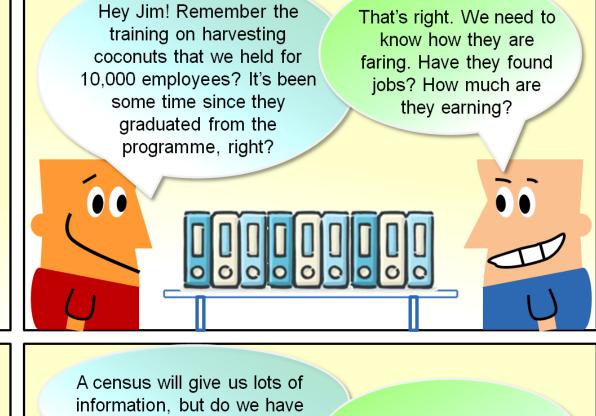


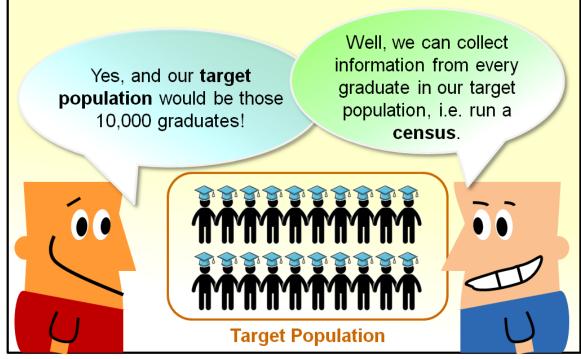


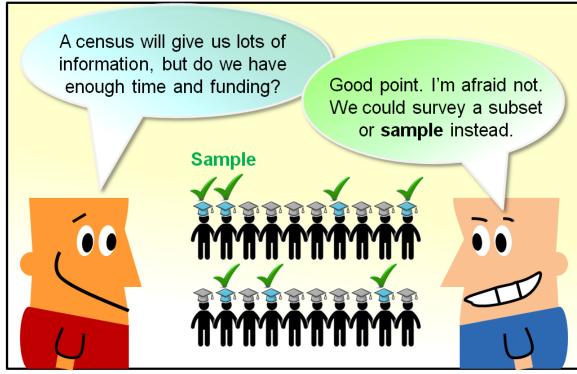
Surveys

<u>Sample</u>	<u>Census</u>
Less accurate as compared to census	More accurate
Can be conducted by anyone	Conducted by bigger bodies
More frequent	Less frequent









Verdict



Thus as per requirement anyone of the required methods can be used,

- sampling is better when there is a very large population.
- census is better for smaller populations.

Thank you

