

# Fadillah: Census to strengthen national agricultural statistical system

**SERDANG:** The implementation of the 2024 Agricultural Census is an agenda for strengthening the country's agricultural statistical system, said Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof.

He said through this census the government can establish an agricultural data network that includes economic, social, and environmental aspects of the agricultural ecosystem.

"Through the 2024 Agricultural Census, the country will benefit from the development of the Integrated Agricultural Statistics Database covering agricultural data that includes agricultural data at upstream and downstream levels and combines census data with administrative data from various agencies up to the state and district levels," he said.

He said this at the launch of the 2024 Agricultural Census here yesterday, which was also attended by Agriculture and



Fadillah views agriculture-related statistics for Selangor after launching the 2024 Agricultural Census. — Bernama photo

Food Security Minister Datuk Seri Mohamad Sabu.

Fadillah, who chairs the

National Statistics and Data Council, said a total of 91

resettlement sessions have been

and are ongoing until July 19.

He said Malaysia is working to strengthen the National

Statistics System to face future challenges.

"Various initiatives have been implemented to meet the needs of statistics and indicators at the national, state and district levels to strengthen data-based decision-making capabilities," he said.

He said the implementation of the 2024 Agricultural Census is in line with the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) resolution which recommends that all countries implement it with a frequency of once every 10 years from 2016 to 2025 based on the World Programme for the Census of Agriculture manual.

"The Agricultural Census this time will focus on eight dimensions of food security as recommended by the FAO, namely availability, access, consumption and stability and sustainability," he said.

Fadillah, who is also Energy Transition and Water Transformation Minister, said

this is in line with the National Food Security Policy Action Plan (2021-2025) and National Agrofood Policy 2.0 (2021-2030)

He said the 2024 Agricultural Census will produce a new baseline that provides timely and reliable statistics for planning the country's agricultural sector.

According to him, the census this time will cover four agricultural subsectors: crops; livestock; fisheries and aquaculture; and forestry and logging, involving agricultural households and business organisations or companies.

He said the census questionnaire will cover various topics that are close to the soul of agricultural entrepreneurs such as farmer profiles, production information, agricultural input costs such as fertilisers, seeds and pesticides, marketing access, financing, labour use and agricultural practices.

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