

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **07<sup>th</sup> AGRICULTURE CENSUS OF PAKISTAN:**

- Pakistan is planning to integrate the Agriculture, Livestock & Machinery Survey into one by conducting the 07<sup>th</sup> Agriculture Census from 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2024.
- Provincial Administration will be engaged in Field operations, monitoring & supervision of survey.
- The model and resources of last Population Census will be utilized to minimize the cost/ expenditure.
- Two-tier training model has been devised for field staff.
- Mouza/ Blocks for the census has been identified with the cooperation of Provincial administration.

After the successful completion of 7<sup>th</sup> Population & Housing Census (1<sup>st</sup> Ever Digital Census), Pakistan Bureau of Statistics is in the process to conduct the 7<sup>th</sup> Agriculture Census throughout the country after the thirteen years. Pakistan has decided to integrate Agriculture, Livestock & Machinery surveys into one consolidated census survey. To initiate the process, PBS has started to hold meetings with Partner Organizations & Provincial Stakeholders. The participation of stakeholders helped in gathering diverse perspectives, identifying needs, and addressing any issues that may occur during the field operation. In this regard a meeting has been held at Provincial Census Coordination Center (P3C), Sindh, PBS, Karachi under the chair of worthy Dr.Naeem-uz-Zafar, Chief Census Commissioner, Pakistan, Muhammad Sarwar Gondal, Member SS/RM, Dr. Naveed Iqbal, JACC, PBS, Dr. Hizbullah Bhutto, Director, Live Stock department, Government of Sindh, Dr. Ali Nawaz Channar, Director, Agriculture Extension, Izat Ali Chachar, Sindh Bureau of Statistics, Mr. Munwar AliGhanghro, Director (Incahrge) PBS, Provincial office, Karachi, Mr. AzizullahBhatti, Director (DP), PBS, Karachi, & Mr. ShakeelQadeer Director (CPMU), PBS, Karachi, have attended the meeting.Mr. Muhammad Sarwar Gondal delivered the presentation to participants and shared the complete framework. It has been highlighted that the Agriculture Sector contributes 23 % share in GDP and an updated Census survey is need of the nation to plan and identify the resources that will further contribute to the maximization of the production.

PBS has planned to conduct the Agriculture census with close cooperation of Provincial & District Administration by engaging the staff and using the resources of last Population Census. Two-tier training has been scheduled for the supervisors and enumerators. The plan for training and resources allocation has already been devised and shared with the group. By re-using the items of last Population Census and by capitalizing the resources and expertise will help optimize the resources.

He said the digitalization of all the leading surveys will ensure the transparency, accountability and efficiency in data collection and its further dissemination for end users. All the participants from partner organizations have lauded the efforts of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics for such a great initiation of conducting the agriculture survey after a lapse of thirteen years and have extended their full support to the cause which will have far-reaching impacts on the national economy.

