

The Philippine Experience in Setting up the CountrySTAT

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Abstract: How does the agricultural statistical system of a country facilitate access to the data requirements by its internal and external clients? There are many ways of addressing this concern but, the establishment of the CountrySTAT system can make access to data easier and quicker for the data producer and all its clients. As the country – specific version of the FAOSTAT2, the CountrySTAT provides a framework for enhancing the quality of data that are produced and disseminated by the country’s statistical system.

This paper describes the processes, outputs, constraints and milestones recorded by the Philippine Statistical System, led by the BAS, in the development of the CountrySTAT. It traces the various stages of this development, from understanding concepts and frameworks, to mobilizing necessary resources, and finally to making CountrySTAT operational and accessible to the public. The paper gives special focus on the capacity building aspect of the CountrySTAT system, especially on the training on the use of the PC-Axis Software Suite which serves as the engine of the system. For better appreciation of the CountrySTAT system, the paper presentation will incorporate a demonstration of the CountrySTAT at work.