The agricultural census is conducted at relatively regular intervals, by the statistical office of the ministry in charge of agriculture. The data collected is used to:
- Compare the situations given dates
- Provide information about changes between two periods.
Datasets are not available in open access.

Before the official release, it is possible to ask the SSP quasi permanent data. In this context, we have developed applications used by the SSP to extract the desired data type and the desired format.

Concerning the analysis of irrigation, we asked the mining and aggregate data crossing farmers equipped for irrigation, by geographical area (townships, counties, regions, basin agencies), by crop, by irrigation mode, mode of access to the resource.

By analyzing the data at the earliest Irstea fulfills its missions to support public policy and builds its future research topics. The results of this analyses are published in the "Sciences eaux & Territoires" journal : e-Journal dedicated to his public policies support by the transfer of knowledge from research to action and decision.