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COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

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on the organisation of the general census of agriculture recommended by the FAO

(69/400/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament¹;

Whereas the Conference of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation recommended in its Resolution No 3/65, adopted in November 1965, the period about 1970 for the next decennial world census of agriculture; whereas the Member States of the European Economic Community intend to comply with that recommendation;

Whereas that census envisages in principle the direct collection of data from all agricultural holdings by means of a complete census; whereas part of the results obtained from that census could be used for Community purposes, provided the reference period and relevant definitions are harmonised under a Community programme;

Whereas trends in the structure of agricultural holdings are an important factor in determining the course to be followed by the common agricultural policy; whereas such trends cannot be recorded unless objective and comparable data are available;

Whereas the accuracy of results must be checked; whereas Member States should accordingly take all necessary measures to trace sampling errors and to restrict and if possible estimate errors of observation;

Whereas the Community will have at its disposal, after evaluating the results of the basic survey

prescribed as part of a survey programme on the structure of agricultural holdings by Regulation No 70/66/EEC,² as amended by Regulation No 35/67/EEC,³ certain data, which will however refer only to a specific period; whereas the aforementioned Community programme carried out again after an interval of four to five years will make it possible to obtain information on the development of certain important features recorded in the basic survey;

Whereas census data relevant to the above programme should be forwarded to the Commission as soon as possible;

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

Member States, acting in pursuance of the recommendation of the FAO concerning a world census of agriculture, shall carry out a census of agricultural holdings situated in their territories covering one crop year being a year of which the crop is to be harvested in 1970 or 1971.

Article 2

In order to satisfy the requirements of the common agricultural policy, certain of the questions to be included in national questionnaires shall be drawn by each Member State on the basis of the Community programme set out in Annex A hereto. This programme should enable comparisons to be made in order to determine the structural development which has taken place in agricultural holdings since the basic survey prescribed by Regulation No 70/66/EEC.

¹ OJ No C 27, 28.3.1968, p. 53.

² OJ No 112, 24.6.1966, p. 2065/66.

³ OJ No 33, 24.2.1967, p. 524/67.

Article 3

Member States shall carry out the Community programme referred to in Article 2 and shall forward results to the Commission in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 6.

Article 4

Where a Member State carries out the census by sampling, it shall show the sampling error by arranging results by class of error, the boundaries of the classes being fixed at between 0% and 5% and at 30% or thereabouts.

Article 5

For the purposes of this Directive, 'divisions' means the divisions listed in Annex II to Regulation No 70/66/EEC, as constituted at the date when this Directive is implemented.

Article 6

1. Member States shall forward to the Commission the results referred to in Article 3 in a standard form chosen by them from among the following: statistical tables, punched cards, magnetic tapes.

However, data which would make it possible to identify holdings and would thereby endanger the secrecy of the census must not be forwarded to the Commission.

2. Forwarding of the data shall be effected as soon as possible after completion of the field work.

3. Member States shall furnish the Commission as necessary with any information it may request from them concerning the performance of their tasks under this Directive.

Article 7

The data collected by Member States in the course of the census provided for in this Directive, other than data obtained by sampling, shall be available in those States classified by municipality, and shall, in so far as this is technically possible, remain so available until the next general census carried out within an FAO or Community framework.

Member States undertake that, in the event of any regional study being undertaken by the Commission, they will supply the Commission in so far as may be necessary and possible with these data, unprocessed and regrouped to cover economic and administrative units other than the divisions. In supplying the data, each Member State shall co-operate closely with the Commission; the second subparagraph of Article 6 (1) shall apply correspondingly.

Article 8

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Luxembourg, 28 October 1969.

For the Council

The President

P. LARDINOIS

ANNEX A

Community Programme of Statistical Tables

I. Indication of definitions applicable to the various tables

- (a) Definitions¹ set out in the Commission Decision of 20 October 1966²;
- (b) Other Community definitions, as set out in Annex B³;

II. Breakdown by utilised agricultural area (UAA) in hectares (ha), to be inserted in the first column, wherever this is left blank, of the Tables given in this programme³.

0	
> 0 to less than 1 ⁴	
1 to less than 2	
2 to less than 5	
5 to less than 10	
10 to less than 20	
20 to less than 30	
30 to less than 50	
50 and over ⁵	
<hr/>	
total	
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1 ha and over	

¹ The definitions applicable in each table are indicated by the letters (a) and (b).

² OJ No 206, 12.11.1966, p. 3517/66.

³ The programme is to be carried out at divisional level, the divisions in question being divisions within the meaning of Article 5.

⁴ Holdings of less than 1 ha should be taken into account only if they market a certain proportion of their production or if their standard gross production exceeds certain natural limits.

⁵ When totalling figures for the divisions at regional or Member State level, this group should be subdivided into two: 50 to less than 100 ha and 100 ha and over.

TABLE 1

	Holdings with UAA ¹			Holdings by percentage of UAA in owner occupation					
	Total	hectares of UAA		0	> 0 to < 25	25 to < 50	50 to < 75	75 to < 100	100
		in owner occupation	tenant farmed						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	

(a)

TABLE 2

Size groups by total area (ha)	Total holdings		Holdings by size of area ¹ (in hectares)																	
	Hldgs (num-ber)	Total area (ha)	0		> 0—< 1		1—< 2		2—< 5		5—< 10		10—< 20		20—< 50		50—< 100		100 and over	
			Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
less than 1																				
1 — > 2																				
2 — > 5																				
5 — > 10																				
10 — > 20																				
20 — > 50																				
50 — > 100																				
100 and over																				
Total																				

¹ Table to be completed for:
 — utilised agricultural area (UAA) } (a)
 — woodland

TABLE 3

	Holdings growing cereal crops		Holdings by area of cereal crops (ha)																							
			>0—<1		1—<2		2—<3		3—<5		5—<10		10—<15		16—<20		20—<30		30—<50		50—<80		80 and over			
	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24		
	(a)																									
Total																										
of which holdings using combines	} (a)																									

TABLE 4

	Holdings growing sugar beet		Holdings by area of sugar beet (ha)																			
			>0—<1		1—<2		2—<3		3—<5		5—<10		10—<15		15—<20		20—<30		30 and over ¹			
	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20		
	(a)																					
Total																						
of which holdings using complete sugar-beet harvesting machinery	} (b)																					

¹ When totalling figures for the divisions at Member State level, this group should be subdivided into two: 30 to under 50 ha and 50 ha and over.

TABLE 5

	Holdings growing potatoes		Holdings by area of potatoes (ha)																	
			>0—<1		1—<2		2—<3		3—<5		5—<10		10—<15		15—<20		20—<30		30 and over ¹	
	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	(a)																			
Total																				
of which holdings using complete potato harvesting machinery	(b)																			

¹ When totalling figures for the divisions at Member State level, this group should be subdivided into two: 30 to under 50 ha and 50 ha and over.

TABLE 6

	Holdings with																							
	Arable land		Wheat		Maize		Rice		Dry pulses		Fresh vegetables melons and strawberries		Flowers and ornamental plants		Industrial crops		Row crops grown for fodder		Green fodder crops on arable land		Permanent crops		Permanent pasture and hill grazing	
	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22		
	(a)														(b)		(a)							

TABLE 7

Holdings with ¹	Holdings by area of ¹ (ha)																					
	>0—<1		1—<2		2—<3		3—<5		5—<7		7—<10		10—<20		20—<30		30—<50		50 and over			
	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha	Hldgs	ha
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	

¹ Table to be completed for:
— Orchards (b),
— Vines (a).

TABLE 8

Holdings with									
Horses etc.		Cattle and/or buffalo		Sheep		Goats ¹		Pigs	
Hldgs	Animals	Hldgs	Animals	Hldgs	Animals	Hldgs	Animals	Hldgs	Animals
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

(a)

¹ This column is optional for Belgium, Germany, Luxembourg and the Netherlands.

TABLE 9

Holdings with ¹	Holdings by number of ¹																					
	1—2		3—9		10—14		15—19		20—29		30—39		40—49		50—59		60—99		100 and over			
	Hldgs	Animals	Hldgs	Animals	Hldgs	Animals	Hldgs	Animals	Hldgs	Animals	Hldgs	Animals	Hldgs	Animals	Hldgs	Animals	Hldgs	Animals	Hldgs	Animals		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	

¹ Table to be completed for:
— total cattle
— milk cows
— other cows } (a)

TABLE 10

		Holdings with cattle											
		under 1 year old		1 year old and under 2 ¹				2 years old and over					
				Male		Female		Heifers		Milk cows		Other	
		Hldgs	Animals	Hldgs	Animals	Hldgs	Animals	Hldgs	Animals	Hldgs	Animals	Hldgs	Animals
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
(a)													

TABLE 11

		Holdings by number of sows and gilts of 50 kg and over													
		Holdings with sows and gilts of 50 kg and over		1										50 and over	
				2—4		5—9		10—19		20—49		50 and over			
		Hldgs	Animals	Hldgs	Animals	Hldgs	Animals	Hldgs	Animals	Hldgs	Animals	Hldgs	Animals	Hldgs	Animals
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
(b)															

TABLE 12

		Holdings by number of pigs of 20 kg and over ¹													
		Holdings with pigs of 20 kg and over ¹		1—2		3—9		10—49		50—199		200—399		400 and over	
				Hldgs	Animals	Hldgs	Animals	Hldgs	Animals	Hldgs	Animals	Hldgs	Animals	Hldgs	Animals
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
(a)															

¹ Excluding sows and gilts of 50 kg and over.

TABLE 13

Holdings with laying hens		Holdings by number of laying hens													
		>0—<100		100—500		500—1000		1000—3000		3000—5000		5000—10 000		10 000 and over	
		Hldgs	Birds	Hldgs	Birds	Hldgs	Birds	Hldgs	Birds	Hldgs	Birds	Hldgs	Birds	Hldgs	Birds
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
(b)															

TABLE 14

Holdings with table fowls		Holdings by number of table fowls																			
		> 0—< 100		100—500		500—1000		1000—3000		3000—5000		5 000—10 000		10 000—25 000		25 000—50 000		50 000—100 000		100 000 and over	
		Hldgs	Birds	Hldgs	Birds	Hldgs	Birds	Hldgs	Birds	Hldgs	Birds	Hldgs	Birds	Hldgs	Birds	Hldgs	Birds	Hldgs	Birds	Hldgs	Birds
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
(a)																					

TABLE 15

Number of holdings using						
Tractors	Motor cultivators, self-propelled rotovators, motor hoes, motor scythes	Combines	Complete sugar beet harvesting machinery	Complete potato harvesting machinery	Forage harvesters (a) Pick-up balers (b)	Mechanical milking equipment
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(a)		(b)		(a)		

TABLE 16

Holdings using their own machinery													
Tractors		Motor cultivators, self-propelled rotovators, motor hoes, motor scythes		Combines		Complete sugar beet harvesting machinery		Complete potato harvesting machinery		Forage harvesters (a) Pick-up balers (b)		Grain dryers	
Hldgs	Ma-chines	Hldgs	Ma-chines	Hldgs	Ma-chines	Hldgs	Ma-chines	Hldgs	Ma-chines	Hldgs	Ma-chines	Hldgs	Ma-chines
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
(a)						(b)						(a)	

TABLE 17

Holdings using their own tractors						Holdings, by number of tractors used belonging to the holding				
Holdings	Tractors, by horsepower class					1	2	3	4 and over	
	up to 24	25 to 34	35 to 50	51 and over	Total				Holdings	Tractors
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
(a)										

TABLE 18

Holdings using		
Glasshouses		Other glass
Holdings	Glass area ha	Holdings
1	2	3
(a)		

TABLE 19

	Labour ¹ (number of persons)								Total ¹ non-regular (a) hired labour (seasonal and casual)	
	Part-time, by percentage of working time						Full-time ²			
	less than 25% ³		25— < 50% ³		50— < 100% ³				Total	Male workers
	Total	Male workers	Total	Male workers	Total	Male workers	1	2		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1	2

¹ Comprising the following:
 — holder (a),
 — members of the holder's family,
 — regular hired labour (not casual or seasonal) (a)

² Any person working a minimum of 2200 hours per annum on the holding.

³ Of the annual working time for a full-time employee.

¹ Expressed in the units customarily used by Member States

TABLE 20

Full-time labour, ¹ family and hired (persons)	Holdings, by numbers of full-time family labour ¹					
	0	1	2	3	4 and over	Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6
0						
1						
2						
3						
4-6						
7 and over						
Total						

¹ Any person working a minimum of 2200 hours per annum on the holding.

TABLE 21

Category of labour	Total persons	Persons, by age group						
		14 yrs ³	15 to 19 yrs	20 to 34 yrs	35 to 44 yrs	45 to 54 yrs	55 to 64 yrs	65 yrs and over
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Holder of which: men (a)								
Member of holder's family of which: men								
Regular hired labour (a) (not casual or seasonal) of which: men								
Family labour (holder (a) and members of his family) and regular hired labour (a) (not casual or seasonal) together:								
— part-time, with percentage working time of:								
— < 25								
— 25 — < 50								
— 50 — < 100								
— full-time ²								

¹ Of the annual working time for a full-time employee.

² Any person working a minimum of 2200 hours per annum on the holding.

³ This column does not apply for Belgium and the Netherlands.

TABLE 22

	Number of holdings					
	under the responsibility of a natural person		Keeping accounts	Of which the operator has secondary or higher agricultural training	with or without gainful activity by the holder outside the farm business	
	Total	Of which the holder is also the operator			No gainful activity outside the farm business	Main gainful activity outside the farm business
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	(a)		(b)	(a)		

TABLE 23

Holdings, by type of farming class					
Number					

ANNEX B

Other Community Definitions

1. Table 4 (last horizontal line):

Table 15 (column 4):

Table 16 (columns 7 and 8):

Complete sugar beet harvesting machinery

Machinery, self-propelled, tractor-drawn or tractor-mounted, for topping and lifting sugar beet, laying them in rows or collecting them in containers and/or pulverising or windrowing (longitudinally or transversally) the leaves.

Harvesting may be carried out by a single machine or by a number of separate machines (each performing a different task).

2. Table 5 (last horizontal line):

Table 15 (column 5):

Table 16 (columns 9 and 10):

Complete potato harvesting machinery

Machinery, self-propelled, tractor-drawn or tractor-mounted, for lifting potatoes, removing haulm, laying them in rows, picking them and/or putting them into bags or boxes or in loading containers or in a trailer.

Harvesting may be carried out by a single machine or by a number of separate machines (each performing a different task).

3. Table 6 (columns 15 and 16):

Row crops grown for fodder comprise the following:

- Fodder beet and mangolds,
- Jerusalem artichokes,
- Fodder cabbages and kales,
- Swedes,
- Turnips,
- Fodder carrots,
- Other row crops grown for fodder.

4. Table 7 (columns 1 to 22):

Orchards comprise the following:

The fruit trees listed under heading G/01 of Annex II to the Commission Decision of 20 October 1966¹.

Sweet chestnut trees and stone-pines are not included.

¹ OJ No 206, 12.11.1966, p. 3517/66.

5. Table 11 (columns 1 to 13):

Sows and gilts of 50 kg and over

This table covers:

- Mated sows and gilts (including gilts mated for the first time),
- other sows and gilts (including unmated gilts).

6. Table 13:

Laying hens: over five or six months old.

7. Table 15 (column 6):

Table 16 (columns 11 and 12):

Pick-up balers

Machinery, self-propelled, tractor-drawn or tractor-mounted, for gathering by continuous means windrowed crop stalks (for example hay or straw), wilted or dry, and for pressing them into bales tied with wire or twine (high and low density pick-up balers).

8. Table 22 (column 3):

Accounts means any regular and systematic recording of revenue and expenditure on closure of which the income of the holding may be determined.
