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COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

of 28 October 1969

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 Parliament[1];

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) Definitions[1] set out in the Commission Decision of 20 October 1966[2];

(b) Other Community definitions, as set out in Annex B[1];

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 programme[3].

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]
total
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			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 (number)	Total area (ha)	0	> 0 — < 1		1 — < 2		2 — < 5		5 — < 10		10 — < 20		20 — < 50		50 — < 100		100 and over	
			Hldgs	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)
— woodland
} (a)

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
	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
	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.