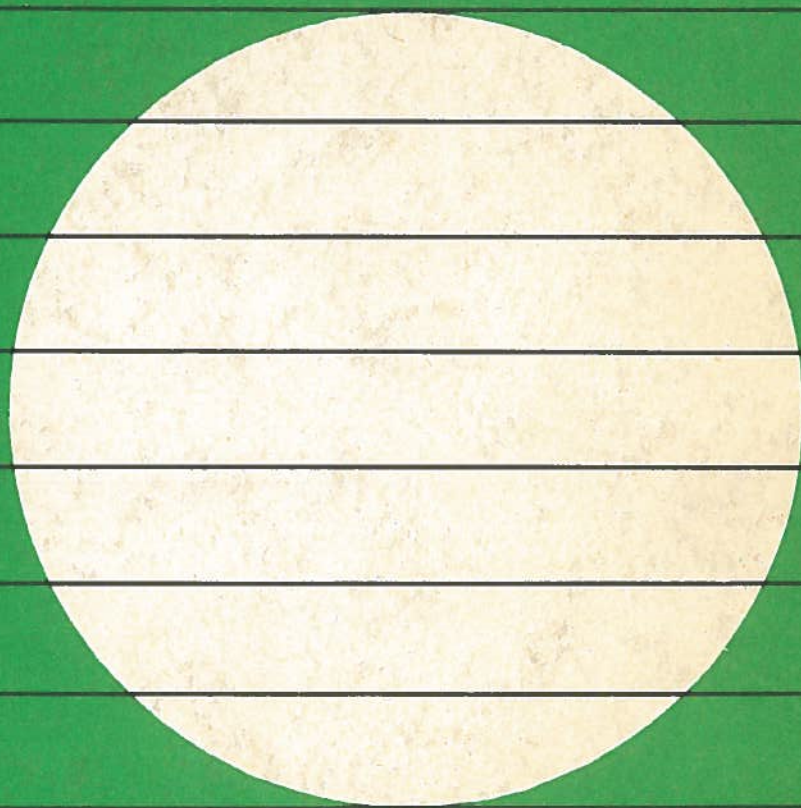


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## FOREWORD

FAO has been promoting decennial programmes of the World Census of Agriculture (WCA) since 1950, and the 1970 Programme was the third in that series. The countries that participated in the 1970 WCA, in general communicated to FAO their national census reports, prepared in diverse forms and languages. As soon as these national reports were reviewed they were processed in standard form, using the terminology and presentation suggested in the Programme for the 1970 WCA. The processed results, for a few countries at a time, were published regularly in Census Bulletins. Information dealing with the concepts, definitions and methodology of census taking, as applied by countries in the 1970 WCA, was issued separately in a publication entitled "Report on the 1970 World Census of Agriculture".

This publication provides, in an internationally comparable form, a summary of data describing the main characteristics of agricultural structures, such as number and area of agricultural holdings, land tenure, agricultural holders and land use. It contains data from 89 countries: 78 countries which issued complete and final census reports and 11 countries which issued only preliminary or partial reports. In addition, it contains comparable data, when available, for those countries which participated in the 1950 and 1960 WCA in order to provide a broader picture of the changes in agricultural structures which have occurred during the period 1950-1970. To facilitate further studies, particularly of the group of holdings with small areas, the data are tabulated, whenever possible, by appropriate size classes of areas of agricultural holdings.

There are numerous limitations which affect the comparability of data amongst countries and this should be kept in mind when studying the summary results of national censuses presented in this publication. Some of the more serious limitations are the following: time reference, definition of agricultural holding, scope and coverage. These are discussed to the extent feasible in the publication. Attempts were made wherever practicable to take care of apparent data errors. However, no claim is made here as to the reliability of reported data. Subject to these limitations, the comprehensive tabulations presented here may serve as a useful background for the study and development of related indicators of agrarian reform and rural development and may also be useful for planning and/or improving future national agricultural censuses.

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