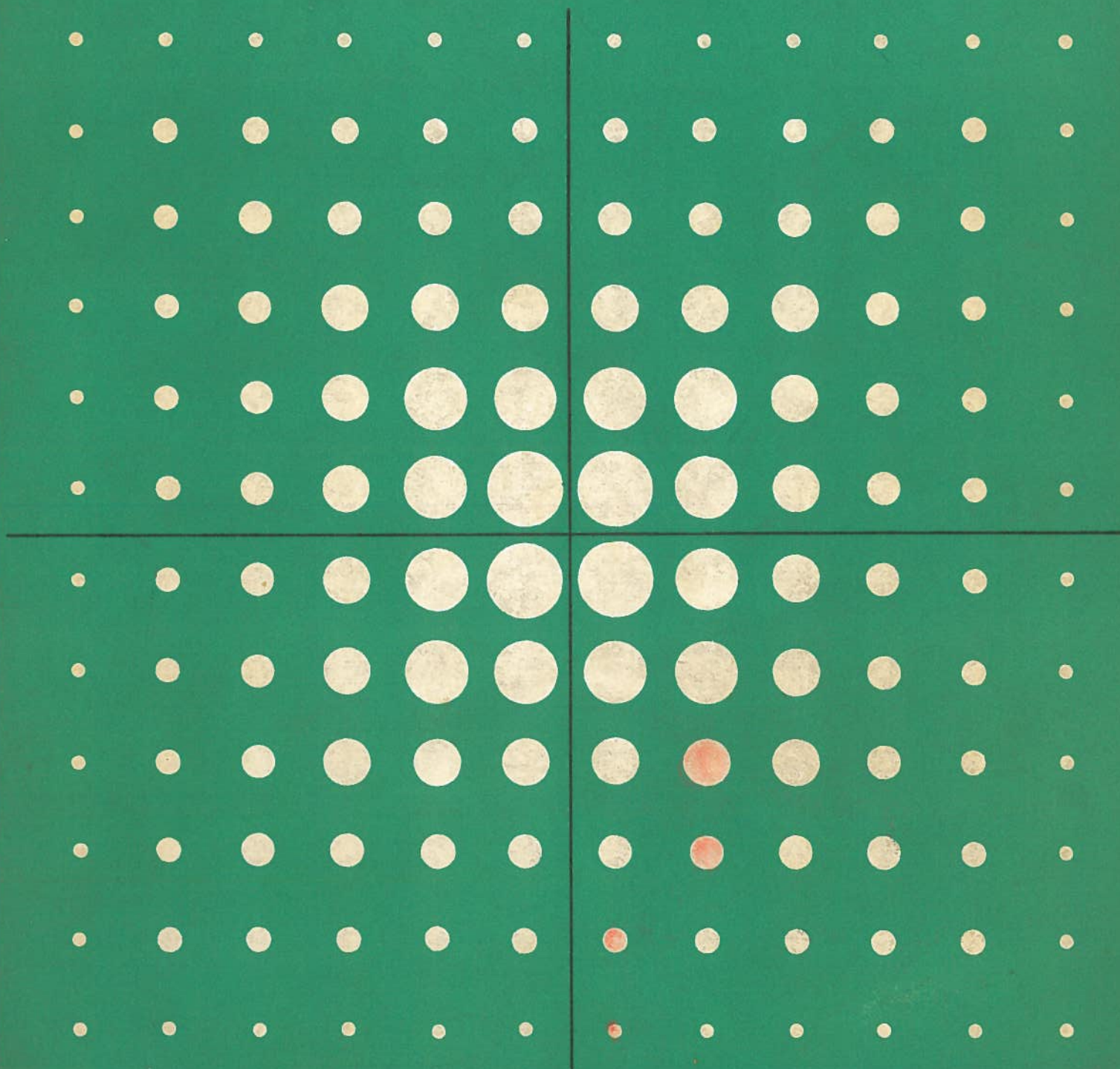


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FOREWORD

This is the second volume of the *Report on the 1960 world census of agriculture*. The first volume provides, in a unified form, census results for countries that participated in the 1960 world census of agriculture. The present volume is devoted primarily to demonstrating the scope of the national censuses and the extent of countries' participation in the items proposed in FAO's *Program for the 1960 World Census of Agriculture*. It is divided into two parts: Part A, consisting of the first three chapters, recapitulates the historical developments of the world censuses of agriculture, describes the scope of the *Program for the 1960 World Census of Agriculture* and of the related regional programmes. It also gives an account of the steps taken by FAO to promote the participation of countries in the census. Part B, consisting of the last three chapters, gives a detailed analysis of concepts and definitions used in national censuses in comparison with those recommended in FAO's programme. It further shows the degree of participation of countries by regions. The last chapter gives an account of the extent to which the items proposed in the FAO programme have been included in the censuses of the participating countries.

The analysis contained in Part B is based mainly on census documents, such as census questionnaires and instructions to the enumerators, made available to FAO by the participating countries. For further clarification, and in order to supplement the information contained in these

documents, recourse has sometimes been had to national census reports and to other sources as well. While every effort was made to present an extensive analysis, it is by no means claimed to be exhaustive. The sheer size of the somewhat heterogeneous material from more than 90 countries in a multiplicity of languages rules out any claim to exhaustiveness. The approach adopted particularly in analysing the concepts and definitions was to use the material available from countries mainly to illustrate the variety of deviations from the recommended standards.

The nomenclature of the countries and territories throughout the volume is that used by the countries themselves at the time of participating in the 1960 world census of agriculture. Changes in country names subsequent to the 1960 censuses have, however, been indicated in Table 3 (p. 57), which indicates the participation of countries in the three world censuses of agriculture.

In order to avoid repetition of the full title *Program for the 1960 World Census of Agriculture*, it is referred to in the text as "world programme," "the programme," or the "1960 programme," as the case may be.

"Additional contents" (page ix) for various concepts and definitions of census items as described in Chapter 4 have been added for easy reference.

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