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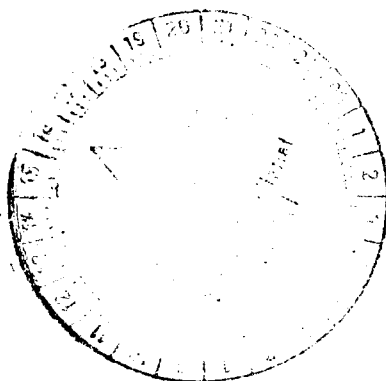
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Annual report from the Commission to the Council on the estimated clearings and new plantations of certain types of fruit trees



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Explanatory Memorandum

1. Under Article 8 of Council Directive 76/625/EEC, as amended by Article 1 of Council Directive 77/159/EEC, the Commission must present to the European Parliament and the Council from 1 January 1977 annual reports on the estimated clearings and plantings of certain types of fruit trees (apples, pears, peaches and oranges).
2. The fourth report presented by the Commission refers to the estimates by Member States of the clearings and plantings during the 1978/79 season.
3. The report indicates the extent and direction of estimated changes in the total area under the four species of fruit trees within individual Member States.

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Council Directive of 20 July 1976, 76/625/EEC¹⁾, as amended by Council Directive 77/159/EEC²⁾ of 14 February 1977, concerning the statistical surveys to be carried out by Member States in order to determine the production potential of plantations of certain species of fruit trees, requires in Article 8 that the Commission shall submit to the European Parliament and the Council from 1 January 1977 annual reports on the subject of Articles 5 and 6.
2. This fourth report relates to estimates made by Member States of the areas of fruit trees cleared and newly planted during the 1978/79 season.

II. OBJECTIVE

3. The objective of Articles 5 and 6 of the Directive is to provide the Commission with annual estimates of changes in the area of certain species of fruit trees (dessert apples, dessert pears, peaches and oranges). These estimates give an indication of the trend in the area under fruit trees between the quinquennial surveys on fruit tree plantations, the last one having been conducted in 1977.

III. INFORMATION RECEIVED

4. The Directive requires Member States to supply annual estimates of the areas of fruit trees cleared and newly planted by species. For new plantations the estimates must distinguish between varieties "in so far as possible", but in fact most Member States sub-divide both clearings and plantings into major varieties or varietal groups.

IV. AREAS CLEARED (Table 1)

5. The total area of apple, pear, peach and orange trees cleared in 1978/79 was 15 851 hectares, approximately 1200 hectares (7 %) below the 1977/78 total. The reduced level of clearings occurred mainly in the case of apple trees (-900 ha) with reductions in France, Italy and the United Kingdom being partially offset by

1) O.J. N° L 218, 11.8.1976, p. 10

2) O.J. N° L 48, 19.2.1977, p. 31

increases in the other Member States. Clearings of pear and peach trees were also slightly below the 1977/78 levels, whilst clearings of orange trees were marginally increased.

V. AREAS PLANTED (Table 2)

6. During 1978/79, 16263 hectares of apple, pear, peach and orange trees were planted, compared with 17980 hectares in 1977/78. Plantings of apple and peach trees were around 1400 hectares and 850 hectares respectively lower than in 1977/78, but plantings of orange trees were approximately 450 hectares higher. Plantings of pear trees were slightly above the previous season's level.

VI. NET CHANGE IN AREA (Table 3)

7. As in the previous season, increases in the areas under apples, peaches and oranges were almost balanced by a further decline in the area under pears. The total area of commercial orchards of the four species in 1979 is therefore estimated to be only some 400 hectares (0.1 %) higher than in 1978.

VII. CONCLUSIONS

8. In view of the fact that some Member States are still unable to provide a breakdown by variety of the clearings and plantings data, and given that there is no prospect of an immediate improvement in the situation, it has been necessary to re-examine the methodology used for making medium-term production forecasts. As a result of discussions held between EUROSTAT and the experts who developed the forecasting model, a simplified method has been devised for use on the limited data available between the quinquennial surveys. The forecasts obtained from this method were presented at the meeting of the "Vegetable Products Statistics (Orchard Fruit Surveys)" Working Party held in November 1980.

Table 1: Area and proportion¹⁾ of orchard fruit cleared in 1978/79
by country and species

Country	Apples		Pears		Peaches		Oranges	
	ha	%	ha	%	ha	%	ha	%
BR Deutschland	565	2,1	38	1,5	8	2,8	-	-
France	1 398	2,3	1 005	4,2	2 622	6,7	-	-
Italia	1 455	2,1	1 516	3,4	3 127	3,9	818	0,8
Nederland	1 330	6,6	325	5,7	-	-	-	-
Belgique/België	196	2,4	35	1,0	1	:	-	-
Luxembourg	16	2,5	-	-	-	-	-	-
United Kingdom	700	3,6	100	2,1	-	-	-	-
Ireland	27	5,7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Danmark	478	7,9	91	12,5	-	-	-	-
EUR-9	6 165	2,9	3 110	3,6	5 758	4,8	818	0,8

Table 2 : Area and proportion¹⁾ of orchard fruit planted in 1978/79
by country and species

	Apples		Pears		Peaches		Oranges	
	ha	%	ha	%	ha	%	ha	%
BR Deutschland	792	3,0	21	0,9	3	1,1	-	-
France	1 586	2,6	770	3,2	2 032	5,2	-	-
Italia	3 037	4,4	790	1,8	4 215	5,3	1 263	1,2
Nederland	730	3,6	125	2,2	-	-	-	-
Belgique/België	155	1,9	48	1,3	1	:	-	-
Luxembourg	1	0,2	-	-	-	-	-	-
United Kingdom	500	2,6	50	1,1	-	-	-	-
Ireland	8	1,7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Danmark	128	2,1	8	1,1	-	-	-	-
EUR-9	6 937	3,3	1 812	2,1	6 251	5,2	1 263	1,2

1) Areas cleared and planted as a proportion of the areas recorded at the 1977 orchard fruit survey.

: Data not available (Belgium was not required to record the area under peaches at the 1977 survey).

Table 3: Net change in area under orchard fruit in 1978/79

ha

Country	Apples	Pears	Peaches	Oranges
BR Deutschland	+ 227	- 17	- 5	-
France	+ 188	- 235	- 590	-
Italia	+ 1 582	- 726	+ 1 088	+ 445
Nederland	- 600	- 200	-	-
Belgique/België	- 41	+ 13	-	-
Luxembourg	- 15	-	-	-
United Kingdom	- 200	- 50	-	-
Ireland	- 19	-	-	-
Danmark	- 350	- 83	-	-
EUR-9	+ 772	- 1 298	+ 493	+ 445

Table 4 : Estimated area under orchard fruit in 1979 ¹⁾

ha

Country	Apples	Pears	Peaches	Oranges
BR Deutschland	27 348	2 420	272	-
France	61 160	23 331	37 031	-
Italia	72 665	43 257	83 758	103 324
Nederland	19 187	5 308	-	-
Belgique/België	8 342	3 615	:	-
Luxembourg	633	13	-	-
United Kingdom	18 448	4 488	-	-
Ireland	467	-	-	-
Danmark	5 578	581	-	-
EUR-9	213 828	83 013	121 061	103 324

1) Areas recorded at the 1977 orchard fruit survey adjusted by the net change in area in 1977/78 and 1978/79

: Data not available (Belgium was not required to record the area under peaches at the 1977 survey).