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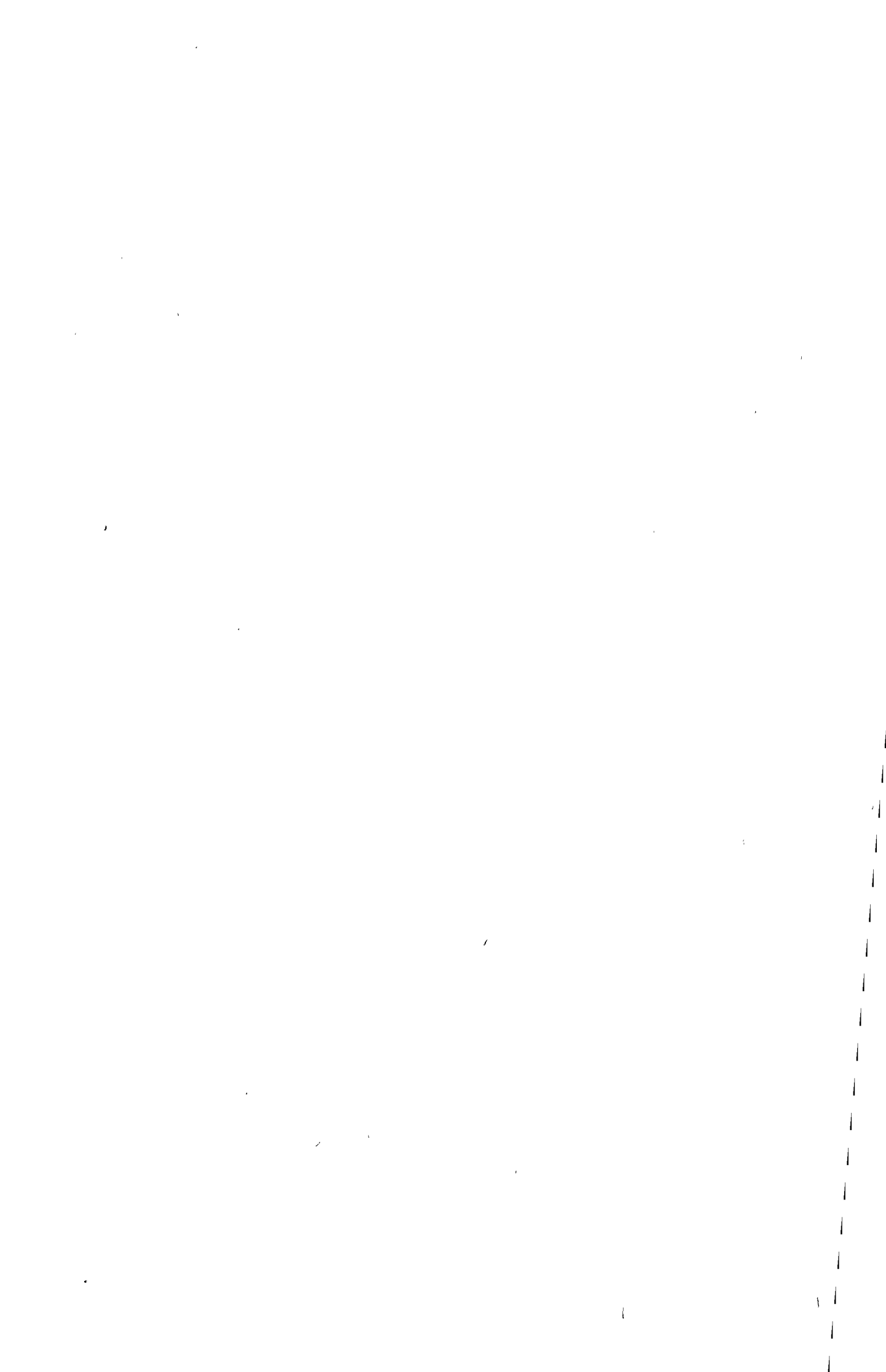
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Pursuant to Article 3 (3) of Regulation No 24, "for each wine-growing year, and for the first time before 16 April 1971, the Commission shall provide the Council with final estimates of Community resources and uses in the preceding wine-growing year".

The final estimate for the 1974/75 wine-growing year is annexed hereto.

Its main features compared to the 1973/74 estimate are :

- that total production has fallen by about 10 million hectolitres;
- that imports from non-member countries have fallen by 1.9 million hectolitres;
- that processing has increased by about 12 million hectolitres;
- that losses have remained the same;
- that end of year stocks are down by about 6 million hectolitres.

At 160 245 000 hectolitres for the Community, the autumn 1974 harvest is well above total home use, without taking account of the distillation measures pursuant to Article 7 of Regulation (EEC) No 816/70.

There was a big harvest in all the producing countries, and generally it was of good quality.

Total home use showed an increase at 148 938 000 hectolitres, without taking account of the above mentioned distillation measures.

Final estimate of the 1974/75 wine-growing year

(in 1 000 hectolitres)

HEADINGS	Total quantities	Red and rosé	White
1. Total production	160.617		
2. Of which for processing as grape juice	372		
3. Of which for vinification	160.245	96.924	63.321
4. Stock at start of year	86.986	52.102	34.884
- with producers	47.440	30.425	17.015
- in the trade	39.546	21.677	17.869
5. Availability at start of year (3 + 4)	247.231	149.026	98.205
6. Imports	5.304		
7. Total availability (5 + 6)	252.535		
8. Total home use	169.215		
- direct human consumption	132.789		
- processing	35.318		
- of which distillation	34.536		
- of which vinegar production	782		
- losses in production	621		
- losses in trading	487		
9. Exports	2.316		
10. Stock at end of year	81.004	50.891	30.113
11. Change in stocks (10 - 4)	- 5.982	- 1.211	- 4.771
12. Degree of self-supply (3 : 8) <sup>1</sup>	107,6		
13. Consumption per head, per year (litres)	51,4		

Source : EUROSTAT

<sup>1</sup> Calculated excluding quantities distilled under intervention measures (20 277 000 hl)