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FARM STATISTICS REPORT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22 -- The Statistical Office of the European Community released today "Agricultural Statistics 1962 - No. 3," a report which gives detailed information on livestock, meat production, milk and dairy produce, egg production, agricultural prices and price indices in the Community.

PRODUCTION

The gradual expansion of Community production continued in 1961. By comparison with 1960, the production of eggs was up by 6 per cent, of meat by 5 per cent and of milk by 2 per cent. The number of livestock rose by about 3 per cent. The increase was 3 per cent for cattle, 6 per cent for pigs, and 7 per cent for poultry. The only decrease registered was in sheep and horses.

PRICES

The publication contains further information on the average annual prices of important agricultural products. In 1960-61 most livestock prices changed little compared with the previous year. Prices sagged notably for the vegetable products that were in short supply in 1959-60 because of drought.

The study also contains documentary material about the existing systems of agricultural producer price indices. It chiefly deals with the methodological bases for calculating national indices, the weighting systems used and the actual annual index numbers and indices. The latter give a full picture of the trend of agricultural prices since 1950.

The study will be available at \$1 per copy, in French and German, from the European Community Information Service, 235 Southern Building, Washington 5, D.C.

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