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COMMON MARKET APPOINTS STUDY
GROUP FOR GERMAN AGRICULTURE

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 15 -- The executive of the six Common Market nations and the German Federal Republic have set up a special committee to study the effects of a common farm policy on German agriculture, it was announced today in Brussels.

The study will focus in particular on the problem of aligning German grain prices with those in the other member countries - Belgium, France, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands.

The six are integrating their economies, which will include adopting a proposed common policy for agricultural trade and production. This will require that farm prices in the different countries be adjusted to approximate a common level. A report on the German study is expected during the summer.

The eight-man committee was appointed by M. W. Schwarz, German Minister of Food, Agriculture and Forests, and Sicco L. Mansholt, Vice President of the Commission of the European Economic Community (Common Market) responsible for agricultural affairs.

Mr. Schwarz named four professors: A. Hanau, Director of Goettingen University's Agricultural Markets Study Institute; H. Niehaus, Director of Bonn University's Institute for Agricultural Policy and Market Study; R. Plate, Director of the Agricultural Market Study Institute, Brunswick-Voelkenrode Agricultural Research Center; and E. Woerman, Director of Goettingen's Institute for the Study of Agricultural Development and Work.

The Common Market is represented by four of its scientific counselors: M. Bandini, Rome, Italy; H. Moeller, Munich, Germany; H. Priebe, Frankfurt, Germany; D. B. Schouten, Tilburg, Holland.

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