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**ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE
COUNCIL ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME FOR
RESTRUCTURING THE SYSTEM OF AGRICULTURAL SURVEYS
IN GREECE**

1995

(Article 5, Council Decision 85/360/EEC of 16 July 1985)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The plan for *restructuring agricultural statistics* in Greece was adopted in 1985 (Council Decision 85/360/EEC of 16 July 1985, as last amended by Council Decision 92/582/EEC of 14 December 1992 - see Annex 1) with the following aims:
 - to set up a technical and administrative structure at central, regional and provincial level, capable of running all operations connected with agricultural statistics in both the present and the future;
 - to improve the sampling frames, above all by compiling a register of farm holdings;
 - to install at central, regional and sub-regional level a computer system to input, check and process data;
 - to put into practice, on a progressive basis, the Community programme of agricultural surveys and statistics in order to provide the Community with the information it requires for implementing the CAP.
2. As laid down in Article 5 of Council Decision 85/360/EEC, the Commission submits to the Council an annual progress report on the programme, setting out all the applications put into practice, the action taken and the measures adopted during 1995 by the competent authorities (Statistical Office and Ministry of Agriculture) in order to complete the programme.

II. PROGRESS MADE

1. 1995, the last year in which the programme was applied, saw the new system established throughout Greece by the agreed deadline (see Annex 1).
2. Some of the delays experienced in 1994 were made up in 1995.
3. All surveys in 1995 were designed on the basis of the new farm register, taking the agricultural holding as the sampling unit.
4. The farm register was updated with the help of data from all the surveys, but this affected only about 10 % of the register.

Since it was not possible to use administrative sources for updating purposes, it was decided to conduct a special survey or micro-census in 1996.

5. A pilot survey was carried out to this end in 1995 in nine municipalities in the Larisa area. The results enabled us to draw up the timetable for the special updating survey to be conducted in 1996.
6. The 1995 programme of statistical applications included the following surveys:

ESYE

- farm structure survey;
- survey of fruit trees (apple, pear, peach, apricot, cherry, lemon, orange, small citrus fruit);
- wine-growing survey;
- livestock survey (cattle, pigs, goats, sheep);
- cereals survey;
- slaughtering survey;
- survey of other crop products and
- the annual agricultural statistics survey.

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- estimates by geographical sampling;
- milk and milk products;
- crop production;
- production and sales of eggs by incubation (monthly survey);
- structure and use of hatcheries (annual survey);
- FADN;
- animal production: slaughterings and forecasts (meat - monthly survey).

In conclusion, much progress was made during 1995. Next year, however, those responsible must also concentrate on developing databanks and drawing up a general plan for interconnection and communications between the computer systems of the Ministry of Agriculture and ESYE.

ANNEX 1

TIMETABLE REMINDER

The plan was initially to have been completed in five years (1986-1990), with geographical dissemination starting in Thrace-Macedonia in 1986 and finishing on the Island of Crete in 1990. Following two extensions granted to Greece by Council Decisions 90/386/EEC and 92/582/EEC, however, the deadline for completing the plan was put back to 1996. The new timetable is as follows:

1986	-	first year	:	Macedonia;
1987	-	second year	:	Macedonia, Thrace, Thessaly, Epirus;
1988	-	third year	:	Macedonia, Thrace, Thessaly, Epirus, Central Greece and Ionian Islands;
1989	-	fourth year	:	Macedonia, Thrace, Thessaly, Epirus, Central Greece, Ionian Islands and Peloponnese;
1990	-	fifth year	:	Macedonia, Thrace, Thessaly, Epirus, Central Greece, Ionian Islands, Peloponnese and Crete;
1991	-	sixth year	:	Macedonia, Thrace, Thessaly, Epirus, Central Greece, Ionian Islands, Peloponnese, Crete, Aegean Islands (North and South);
1992	-	seventh year	:	First trial of the new system throughout Greece;
1993	-	eighth year	:	Creation of a sampling frame based on the 1991 general agricultural census; Extension of remote sensing to the whole of mainland Greece and the Island of Crete;
1994	-	ninth year	:	Synergies set up between the central and regional technical and administrative infrastructures installed by the Statistical Office and the Ministry of Agriculture respectively to manage the programme of surveys conducted by the Statistical Office;
1995	-	tenth year	:	New system established throughout Greece;
1996	-	eleventh year	:	Monitoring and critical analysis of the results achieved during the first year of proper application.

In November 1997 the Commission will submit to the Council a report on the implementation of the programme, including the results achieved.

ANNEX 2

1995 EXPENDITURE

Ministry of the National Economy
ESYE Secretariat General

Ministry of Agriculture

Expenditure category	Amount in DR	ECU
I. INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS		557 191 375
I. Development of computer system	369 392 282	1 913 675
a) ESYE SECRETARIAT GENERAL	282 979 310	
i) Purchase of equipment and software	233 439 490	
ii) Software support		
iii) Auxiliary equipment and consumables		
iv) Maintenance	49 539 820	
v) Network fees		
vi) VAT at 18 % on i, ii, iii, iv and v		
b) MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE	86 412 972	
i) Purchase of equipment and software		
ii) Software support		
iii) Auxiliary equipment and consumables		
iv) Maintenance	86 412 972	
v) Network fees		
vi) VAT at 18 % on i, ii, iii, iv and v		
2. Premises	38 197 000	
(i) ESYE Secretariat General	38 197 000	
(ii) Ministry of Agriculture		
3. Office equipment	31 994 310	
(i) ESYE Secretariat General	31 994 310	
(ii) Ministry of Agriculture		
4. Training equipment	68 000 000	
(i) ESYE Secretariat General		
(ii) Ministry of Agriculture	68 000 000	
5. Miscellaneous expenditure	49 681 316	
(i) ESYE Secretariat General	29 226 800	
(ii) Ministry of Agriculture	20 454 516	
II. EXPENDITURE ON STATISTICAL APPLICATIONS		363 774 037
a) ESYE SECRETARIAT GENERAL	248 389 398	
1. Animal and crop surveys (cattle, pigs, sheep, goats, fruit trees, wine-growing, cereals)	96 608 518	
2. Annual survey of agriculture	97 145 319	
3. Farm structure survey	53 824 260	
4. Restructuring of agricultural statistics	811 298	
b) MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE	115 384 639	
1. Statistical applications	61 005 185	
Remote sensing	54 379 454	
GRAND TOTAL (DRACHMAS)	921 038 946	3 053 700

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