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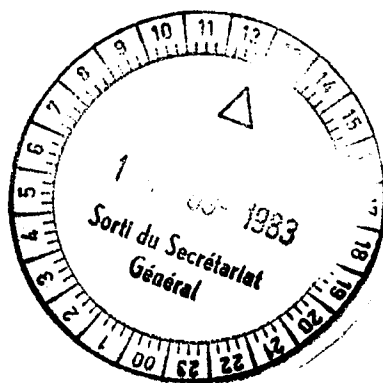
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ANNUAL REPORT ON THE ESTIMATED CLEARINGS AND NEW
PLANTATIONS OF CERTAIN TYPES OF FRUIT TREES



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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 sixth report presented by the Commission refers to the estimates by Member States of the clearings and plantings during the 1980/81 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.
4. As Greece, which became a full member of the Communities on 1.1.1981, could not provide the required figures, it has been omitted from the present report.

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Council Directive 76/625/FEC¹⁾ of 20 July 1976, as amended by Council Directive 77/159/EEC²⁾ of 14 February 1977 and Council Directive 81/1015/EEC³⁾ of 15 December 1981, 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. The sixth report relates to estimates made by Member States of the areas of fruit trees cleared and newly planted during the 1980/81 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.

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. The estimates must distinguish between varieties "in so far as possible", but some Member States are unable to make this distinction. This report is therefore restricted to changes in the total area of the four species.

IV. AREAS CLEARED (Table 1)

5. The total area of apple, pear, peach and orange trees cleared in 1980/81 was 21107 ha, an increase of 1540 hectares (8%) compared with the 1979/80 total. Most of the increased clearings were of pear trees which, at 4949 hectares, were almost 26% higher than for the previous season. The increase occurred in all Member States except Italy and Netherlands, and was particularly marked in France.
6. Clearings of apple trees were ^{almost} 5% higher than the previous season. Increases occurred in Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Ireland and, particularly, in France while decreases were registered in all other Member States but mainly in the Netherlands.

1) O.J. N° L 218, 11.08.1976, p. 10

2) O.J. N° L 48, 19.02.1977, p. 31

3) O.J. N° L 367, 23.12.1981, p. 31

7. Clearings of peach trees were slightly above (3%) the previous season's level, with a reduction in Italy being more than offset by an increase in France. Clearings of orange trees were about 13% lower than in 1979/80.

V. AREAS PLANTED (Table 2)

8. New plantations of apple, pear, peach and orange trees in 1980/81 amounted to 16581 hectares, which was about 4% above the 1979/80 total. New plantations of apple and pear trees were only slightly higher than the last season's level while new plantations of peach trees marked an increase of about 20% (1111 hectares) from that of the last season. The main rate of these new plantations occurred in Italy.
9. During this period there was a new decline in the new plantations of orange trees.

VI. NET CHANGE IN AREA (Table 3)

10. Decreases in the area under apples, pears and oranges during 1980/81 have led to an estimated reduction of some 4500 hectares in the area under the four species in 1981. However this represents a reduction of less than 1% compared with the estimated total area of commercial orchards of these species in 1980.

VII. ESTIMATED AREA UNDER ORCHARD FRUIT - EUR-9 (Tables 4 and 5)

11. Table 4 and table 5 (which is presented for the first time) are self-explanatory.

VIII. CONCLUSIONS

12. At present EUROSTAT has not available annual estimates of clearings and plantings for the 1981/82 season and has only partially received the results of 1982 orchard fruit survey. Therefore EUROSTAT is not yet in a position to proceed with an overall analysis and evaluation of the reliability of the annual estimates.

Table 1 : Area and proportion¹⁾ of orchard fruit cleared in 1980/81 by country and species

Country	Apples		Pears		Peaches		Oranges	
	ha	%	ha	%	ha	%	ha	%
BR Deutschland	981	3,7	45	1,8	-	-	-	-
France	2 130	3,5	2 575	10,7	2 220	5,7	-	-
Italia	2 678	3,9	1 858	4,2	3 902	4,9	656	0,6
Nederland	1 687	8,4	343	6	-	-	-	-
Belgique/België	281	3,4	19	0,5	-	-	-	-
Luxembourg	15	2,3	-	-	-	-	-	-
United Kingdom	1 068	5,5	73	1,5	-	-	-	-
Ireland	60	12,7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Danmark	480	7,9	36	5	-	-	-	-
EUR-9	9 380	4,4	4 949	5,8	6 122	5,1	656	0,6

Table 2 : Area and proportion¹⁾ of orchard fruit planted in 1980/81 by country and species

Country	Apples		Pears		Peaches		Oranges	
	ha	%	ha	%	ha	%	ha	%
BR Deutschland	703	2,6	20	0,8	-	-	-	-
France	905	1,5	435	1,8	1 585	4	-	-
Italia	3 474	5	1 957	3,7	5 192	6,5	410	0,4
Nederland	801	4	226	4	-	-	-	-
Belgique/België	189	2,3	32	0,9	-	-	-	-
Luxembourg	3	0,5	1	8,3	-	-	-	-
United Kingdom	504	2,6	42	0,9	-	-	-	-
Ireland	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Danmark	85	1,4	12	1,65	-	-	-	-
EUR-9	6 669	3,1	2 725	3,2	6 777	5,7	410	0,4

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

Table 3 : Net change in area under orchard fruit in 1980/81

ha

Country	Apples	Pears	Peaches	Oranges
BR Deutschland	- 278	- 25	-	-
France	- 1225	- 2140	- 635	-
Italia	+ 796	+ 99	+ 1290	- 246
Nederland	- 886	- 117	-	-
Belgique/België	- 92	+ 13	-	-
Luxembourg	- 12	+ 1	-	-
United Kingdom	- 564	- 31	-	-
Ireland	- 55	-	-	-
Danmark	- 395	- 24	-	-
EUR-9	- 2711	- 2224	+ 655	- 246

Table 4 : Estimated area under orchard fruit in 1981¹⁾

ha

Country	Apples	Pears	Peaches	Oranges
BR Deutschland	26 988	2 397	267	-
France	61 015	20 837	36 866	-
Italia	74 371	42 623	84 320	103 193
Nederland	16 321	4 996	-	-
Belgique/België	8 022	3 665	-	-
Luxembourg	611	15	-	-
United Kingdom	16 643	4 360	-	-
Ireland	357	-	-	-
Danmark	4 642	516	-	-
EUR-9	208 970	79 409	121 453	103 193

1) Areas recorded at the 1977 orchard fruit survey adjusted by the net change in area in 1977/78, 1978/79, 1979/80 and 1980/81

Table 5 : Trend in the estimated area under orchard fruit - EUR-9

ha

EUR-9	Apples	Pears	Peaches	Oranges
1977	211 832	85 860	119 318	102 837
1978	213 056	84 311	120 568	102 879
1979	213 828	83 013	121 061	103 324
1980	211 681	81 633	120 798	103 439
1981	208 970	79 409	121 453	103 193