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## FOREWORD

In May 1976, the Adviser undertook to prepare an Agricultural Sector Plan for the Government of Grenada. At the time chere was no recent study which gave insight into practices and attitudes of the farming community and therefore a farm survey was undertaken to provide a canvass against which the plan could be devised. Findings of the survey were used in preparing the plan, but due to staff shortages and pressure of other duties, the results of the farm study are only now being published.

The questionnaire was a lengthy one and it put great demands on both field staff and respondents. In some cases interviewers suffered from strain and this was reflected in the quality of the completed questionnaires. As in most of these exercises, one is forced to cut corners because of cost factors, and in chis case the area which suffexed most was supervision. This report must be viewed as a companion study to the Agricultural Sector Plan which dealo with the problems of agricultural development in greater depth.

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## SUMMARY AND MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The indications are that the farming population is an aging one, and therefore concerted effort must be made to atcract youth into farming. (See page 3).
2. There are many adults in the society whose primary achool experiences did not equip them with life-long literacy, and a psychological orientation to reading and writing. For a developing councry concerned with changing and restructuring its socio-economic framework, such impediments in human capacity pose severe limitations on what can be attained. Furthermore, there $i .5$ the additional factor that sixty per cent of farmers have been farm operators for over twency years, so that there might be much resistance to new ideas. Training classes designed to improve educational standards in adults should be introduced throughout the country, and the agricultural excension service must develop pistorial and other means of mass communication which will make farmers more amenable co change. (See pages 5 and 6).
3. One of the aims of an adult education programme should be to foster growth of co-operaitives.. Greater weight should be given to development of.producer co-operatives than to development of credit unions and buying clubs, because the former are more directly connested with productive enterprise. (See page 8).
4. Data on savings facilities used by respondents show that banks are most commonly used and post offices seldom used. The latier are discributed throughout the country and wert fmportant sasings institutions in colonial times. It is to the advancage of goyernment to encourage post office. sayings and steps should be taken es set how this san be achseved. (See page 9).
5. Very few farm records are kept at present therefore Government has no data for comprehensive planning in the agrieultural sector. Respondents showed however that they would keep records if instructed how to do so. The Ministxy of Agriculture should therefore introduce simple record systems which can be used by farmers. (See page 10).
6. Because of the topography of most land undex farming, soil conservation practices are imporiant to reduce soil erosion. (See pages 12 and 13).
7. There is need for a many-sided programme for agriculcural rehabilication. The main components of such a programme should be:
(a) high pressure eampaign aimed at fostering acceptance of farm engrossment;
(b) co-operative activity as an essential part of the farm engrossment programne;
(c) Soil conservation on indtuidual farms where newessary Euc with emphasis on co-operacive development in farm engrossment scheme;
(d) revision of land use patterns with a view to increasing farm income. (See pages 13-19).
8. The practice of distribution $1 / 4$ and $1 / 2$ acre farm units in rural areas should be stopped. House lots should be distributed for residential purposes only, and not for subsidiary commerciai agriculture. Hobby and subsistense farmers should be given plots in communal agriculture land. (See page 23).
9. The survey revealed a high preference for family farms. This augurs well for the future because farming is more than a commercial activity. It is also a way of life and government policy should be directed to fostexing farming on a family basis where there is clear indication of such an orientation in the farming. comminity. (See pages 25 and 29).
10. A high proportion of farmers indicated preference for farm consclidation, and the general inclination was to land which was topographically both flat and hilly. (See pages 26 and 27). But consideration must be given to ways of overcoming objections to consolidation as expressed on page 29.
i1. Groups of farmers who farm co-operatives shouid be given subsidies for some farm operations. (See pages 30 and 32).
i2. Farmers musi be given financial incentives to produce specific commodities on minimum size acreages. (See page 35).
11. Actention should be focused on production of ground provisions, plantains and bananas with a view to increasing yielda per acre di disease resistant strains. (See page 45).
12. A thcoough-study of existing Agricultural Extension Service =hould be made with a view to making it a more effective force in the programme for agricultural development. (See pages 54-56).

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This farm survey was undertaken in 1976 as a companion exercise to the Agricultural Sector Plan for Grenada. The survey was intended to cover both the islands of Grenada and Cariacou, but the compleced questionnaires for the latter island were lost in transit and therefore this Report deals only with the island of Grenada. For survey purposes, the four zones into which the island is divided for agricultural extension services were used as a frame for proportional sampling. Uniform hererogeneity was assumed namely: that differences in farmer behaviour and attitudes in the strata were not great enough to result in appreciable error or loss of precision in estimates based on this proportional method.

The British Development Division (BDD) Farm Survey of 1975 estimated farmer population of Grenada in that year to be 11,309 distributed as follows:-1

| REGION | ESTIMATED FARMER POPULATION |
| :--- | :---: |
| North | 2,219 |
| South | 4,008 |
| East | 3,327 |
| West | 1,755 |

These data were used in constructing a two per cent sample of the total farming population. The following is the distribution of interviews sought by regions:

| North 45 | East | 66 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| South 80 | West | 35 |

TOTAL $=226$

1/ The returns from this farm survey were destroyed by fire in 1976 but the author was able to extract these data from work sheets before the fire cccurred.

Unfortunately, due to administrative difficulties, and the breakdown of arrangements for field supervision, the number of interviews actually collected were less than those planned and regional quotas were not adhered to. The following were the interviews actually collected on a regional basis.

| North 60 | East | 60 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| South | 61 | West | 31 |

The number of farmers interviewed was 1.89 per cent of the farming population and regional quotas deviated significantly from planned sizes. It is felt however that despite these deviations from theoretical precision and doubts about the level of randomness achieved, a survey of 212 farmers can give valuable information for planning agriculture sector policy.

The survey questionnaỉre was designed to provide informaiion under seven different headings:

A Farmers
B Farm land
C Farm inputs
D Farm produce
E Farm extension service
F Farmers' social attitudes
G Farm household consumption
This Report is written up under the same headings.

## A FARMERS

Table 1 shows the age-group, sex and regional distribution of farmers interviewed.

Age-group, Sex and Regional Distribution of Farmers interviewed in 1976

| AGE GROUP | NORTH |  | SOUTH |  | EAST |  | WEST |  | total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F |
| Born before 1910 | 2 | 3 | 7 | - | 8 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 21 | 6 |
| 1910 - 1931 | 20 | 3 | 25 | 6 | 21 | 3 | 11 | 1 | 77 | 13 |
| 1932-1949 | 21 | 9 | 14 | 6 | 21 | - | 10 | 3 | 66 | 18 |
| 1950-1957 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | - | 1 | - | 8 | 3 |
| TOTAL | 44 | 16 | 47 | 14 | 55 | 5 | 26 | 5 | 172 | 40 |
|  | 60 |  | 61 |  | 60 |  | 31 |  | 212 |  |

The table shows that 19 per cent of the farmers interviewed were women and that 55.2 per cent of the interviewees were 45 years and over. No comparable data on sex distribution of farm operators is available, but it is of interest to note that with respect to age distribution, the 1961 Farm Census recorded that of the 14,553 farm operators in che island of Grenada, 55.8 per cent were over the age of 45 . The farming population has therefore retained the same age charactexistics for the past 15 years.

Table 2 gives the total population in farm households interviewed by age and regional distribution.

Table 2
Farm Population in Households Interviewed
by Age rand Regional Distribution

| AGE GROUP | NORTH | SOUTH | EAST | WEST | TOTAL |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Nos | $\%$ |
| Under 15 years | 130 | 92 | 119 | 41 | 382 | 35.1 |
| 15 years and over | 218 | 190 | 216 | 81 | 705 | 64.9 |
| TOTAL | 348 | 282 | 335 | 122 | 1,087 | 100.0 |

The number of residents in the 212 households interviewed was 1,087, an average of 5.1 persons per household. This is higher than the 4.4 persons per household of the 1961 Farm Census, when 64,138 persons resided in 14,553 farm operators' homes.

Thirty-five per cent of residents in households interviewed in the survey were under 15 years of age. In 1961, the corresponding figure was 54 per cent. The lower percentage of under 15 residents revealed by the survey mosi likely reflects flaws in sample representation. For the 1960 Census population recorded the number of under 15's as 48 per cent of total population and, as seen above, the 1961 Farm Survey indioated that a higher percentage of under 15's lived in farm households. The 1970 Census population revealed that under 15's were 47 per cent of total populacion. With such littie change in national population data over the decade, it is unlikely that under 15 househcid farm popuiation would have failen to 35 pez cent. Studies need to be done on internal magracion to support the conclusion that a population shift of this magnitude has occurred.

Question 4 asked what were the ages of respondencs when they left school. The replies to this question are shown in Table 3. The data shows that respondents left school before the age of 14 , which is the normai age for sompletion of primary education. Unfortunately, the questionnaire did not enquire inco the number of years respondents spent in school and therefore it cannot be ascertained if those who left school above the age of 14 had secondary education. . They most likely did not, but rather remained in primary schools at advanced ages.

Though the evidence is not conclusive, the indications are that general educational programes can raise levels of education in the farming community.

Table 3

Distribution of ages at which farm operators interviewed left school

| Ages of <br> operators | NUMBER OF FARM OPERATORS |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | North | South | East | West | Total |
| 8 | 3 | - | - | 1 | 4 |
| 10 | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| 11 | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| 12 | 4 | - | 1 | - | 5 |
| 13 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 8 |
| 14 | 5 | 7 | 10 | 4 | 26 |
| 15 | 1 | 16 | 10 | 3 | 30 |
| 16 | 14 | 16 | 13 | 5 | 48 |
| 17 | 8 | 14 | 5 | 4 | 31 |
| 18 | 16 | 2 | 7 | 7 | 32 |
| 19 | 3 | - | 4 | - | 7 |
| 20 | 3 | 1 | 1 | - | 5 |
| 21 | - | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| 22 | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| No reply | 2 | 3 | - | 4 | 9 |
| TOTAL | 60 | 61 | 60 | 31 | 212 |

Question 5 aimed at finding out how iong the sample population had been farming. The replies to this question are shown in Table 4.

## Table 4

Number of Years of Farming Experience of Farm Operators Interviewed by Region

| Category | North | South | East | West | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| More than 20 years | 26 | 39 | 45 | 16 | 126 |
| Between 10 and 20 years | 17 | 14 | 11 | 7 | 49 |
| Less than 10 years | 16 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 33 |
| No reply | 1 | 1 | - | 2 | 4 |
| TOTAL | 59 | 60 | 60 | 29 | 212 |

Sixty per cent of those interviewed had been farming for more than 20 years, 24 per cent for between 10 and 20 years and 16 per cent had less than 10 years experience. These data indicate that the percentage of the farming population which is likely to adhere to iraditional farming methods is high and therefore the extension service and communication media must take this into account in trying to incroduce new farming methods.

Question 6 sought to establish the number of persons who did part-time farming as opposed to those for whom farming was a full-time occupation. The data showed that 47.2 per cent of those interviewed are full-time farmers. Table 5 shows these data by region and Table 6 shows the occupation distribution of part-time farm-operators.. Thirty-two ( 28.6 per cent) of them were tradesmen; 21. (18.8 per cent) were agricultural workers; 24 (21. 4 per cent) were general service workers and 20 ( 17.8 per cent) were unskilled labourers.

Table 5

Distribution of Full-time and Part-time Farmers by Region

| Farm Operators | North | South | East | West | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Part-time | 31 | 30 | 37 | 14 | 112 |
| Full-time | 29 | 31 | 23 | 17 | 100 |
| TOTAL | 60 | 61 | 60 | 31 | 212 |

Table 6

Occupations of Part-time Farm Operators

| Occupations | No. of Persons |
| :--- | :---: |
| Tradesmen | 32 |
| Agricultural Workers | 21 |
| Distributive Services | 5 |
| Other Services | 24 |
| Public Servants | 6 |
| Unskilled Labour | 20 |
| Fishermen | 2 |
| No reply | 2 |
| TOTAL | 112 |

Question 8 sought to establish how much joint action there was among the farming-population. Table 7 shows that 159 ( 75 per cent) of those interviews were not members of any organization, while 7 of them were members of more than one. The Credit Union was the most popular form of joint activity, next was the co-operative and finally
the village group. On a percentage basis, distribution of membership of an organization was about the same in North, South and East Regions whereas in the West Region it was somewhat lower.

Table 7
Joint Activity among Farm Operators by Region

|  | North | South | East | West | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Co-operative | 1 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 19 |
| Village Group | 3 | 4 | 4 | - | 11 |
| Buying Club |  |  |  |  |  |
| Credit Union | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| A. Total Membership | 12 | 8 | 8 | 1 | 29 |
| $\quad$ Non Membership | 43 | 43 | 49 | 24 | 159 |
| B. Total Interviewees | 60 | 61 | 60 | 31 | 212 |
| A as \% of B | $28 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $23 \%$ |  |

Questions 7 and 10 enquired into the saving habits of farm operators. Table. 8 shows that 45 per cent of those interviewed said that they saved; 44 per cent said that they did not; while the remaining 22 ( 11 per cent) interviewees did not give a reply. Fifty-three per cent of those interviewed in North Region and 55 per cent of those in West Region said that they saved. In East Region 47 per cent said that they saved whereas in South Region only 31 per cent said that they did.

Table 8

Saving Habits of Interviewees by Region

| Category | North | Sourh | East | West | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | $32(53 \%)$ | $19(31 \%)$ | $28(47 \%)$ | $17(55 \%)$ | $96(45 \%)$ |
| No | $23(38 \%)$ | $35(57 \%)$ | $29(48 \%)$ | $7(23 \%)$ | $94(44 \%)$ |
| Refusais | $5(8 \%)$ | $7(11 \%)$ | $3(5 \%)$ | $7(23 \%)$ | $22(10 \%)$ |
| TOTAL | $60(100 \%)$ | $61(100 \%)$ | $60(100 \%)$ | $31(100 \%)$ | $212(100 \%)$ |

Table 9 shows the saving facilities used by those who said that they save. The most commonly used facility was banks, in which 66 per cent of those who saved put their money. Sixteen persons ( 16.3 per cent) used the traditional sou-sou method of saving privately with persons whom they trusted.

Table 9

Saving Facilities used by Those who Saved

| Saving Facilities | North | South | East | West | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Post Office | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Bank | 21 | 13 | 16 | 13 | 63 |
| Sou-Sou | 6 | 1 | 9 | - | 16 |
| Other | 4 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 16 |
| No Record | - | 1 | 1 | - | 2 |
| TOTAL | 32 | $20-/$ | $29 /$ | 17 | 98 |

*/ In both South and East Regions one person used two facilities.

Question 11 sought to establish if farmers were in the habit of keeping records. Table 10 shows replies to this question.

Table 10
Record Keeping Practices of Farmers
Interviewed by Region


Only 21 ( 9.9 per 玉ent) of those interviewed kept farm records, but Table 11 shows that 170 ( 80 per cent) of those interviewed said that they would keep records if they were shown how to do so by the extension staff, and 25 ( 11.8 per cent) others said that they did not know if they would. This suggests that a large proportion of the farming population can be encouraged to improve their farm practices.

## Table 11

Replies by: Interviewees when asked If They would keep Records if Shown

| Category | North | South | East | West | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 46 | 50 | 49 | 25 | 170 |
| No | 4 | 1 | 1 | - | 6 |
| Don't Know | 9 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 25 |
| No Reply | 1 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 11 |
| TOTAL | 60 | 61 | 60 | 31 | 212 |

Table 12 shows the number of parcels of land farmed by those interviewed. Eighty-six farmers, representing 40.6 per cent of those interviewed farmed only one parcel and 74 or 34.9 per cent farmed 2 parcelseach. At the other extreme, there were 2 farmers who farmed 6 parcels each and 2 others who farmed 7 and 8 parcels respectively. The total number of parcels of land farmed by the sample population was 432, an average of 2 parcels per farmer.

Tab1e 12

Distribution of Land Farmed by Number of Farmers, by Number of Parcels and by Regions

| No. of Parcels | Number of Farmers |  |  |  | Total No. of Farmers | Total No. of Parcels |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | North | South | East | West |  |  |
| 1 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 11 | 86 | 86 |
| 2 | 21 | 26 | 18 | 9 | 74 | 148 |
| 3 | 9 | 9 | 3 | 5 | 26 | 78 |
| 4. | 6 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 17 | 68 |
| 5 | - | - | 5 | - | 5 | 25 |
| 6 | - | - | 1 | 1 | 2 | 12 |
| 7 | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | 7 |
| 8 | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | 8 |
| - | 60 | 61 | 60 | 31 | 212 |  |
| Total No. of Parcels | 117 | 108 | 137 | 70 |  | 432 |

Question B2 aimed at finding out the acreage of each parcel of land, and whether it was located on flat land, on hillside, or on both. This question was badly handled by the field staff and the lack of proper supervision showed up very blatantly. There were wide discrepancies between the total number of parcels of land farmed, as revealed by Question B1. and the number of parcels for which acreage data were collected. The discrepancies are shown in tabular form below:

| Category | North | South | East | West | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No. of parcels owned <br> by respondents | 117 | 108 | 137 | 70 | 432 |
| No. of parcels for <br> which acreage data <br> were collected | 112 | 91 | 89 | 40 | 332 |
| Total Discrepancy | -5 | -17 | -48 | -30 | -100 |

Table 13 shows the distribution of the 332 parcels of land for which acreage data were collected by ropography and region. Forty-chree per cent of the parcels of land farmed was classified as flat and 41 per cent as hilly. These data emphasize the importance of contouring and terracing in agricultural production in order to reduce the risk of soil erosion, for over 57 per cent of the parcels of land under cultivation was classified as "not flat".

Table 13
Distribution of Parcels Farmed by Respondents by Topography and Region

| Topography | North | South | East | West | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Flat Land | 40 | 39 | 48 | 14 | 141 |
| Hilly Land | 33 | 39 | 38 | 26 | 136 |
| Flat + Hilly | 39 | 13 | 3 | nil | 55 |
| TOTAL | 112 | 91 | 89 | 40 | 332 |

Table 14 shows distribution of land farmed by parcel sizes, acreage and topography. The data show that 238 acres, ( 40.7 per cent of all land farmed) were flat land; that 246 acres (or 42.0 per cent) were hilly; and the remaining 101 acres (17.3 per cent) were clarified as flat and hilly. This further emphasizes the importance of land conservacion practices in farming, for over 59 per cent of the acreage under cultivation was classified as "not flat". Table 14 also shows that the total area farmed by those who responded to question B2 was 584.75 acres. This indicates that the acreage covered by the survey was 1.3 per cent of 46,577 acres of land in agricultural use, as estimated by the 1975 agricultural census.

Of the total number of parcels farmed, 42 ( 12.8 per cent) were I/4 acre or less and 245 ( 73.8 per cent) were 2 acres or less in size. This illustrates fairly accurately the small sizes of most small farm holdings in the country.

Table 14

## Distribution of Parcels Farmed by Size, Acreages and Topography

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Parcel } \\ \text { Size } \\ \text { (acres) } \end{gathered}$ | Flatland |  | Hilly |  | Flat + Hilly |  | TOTAL |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Par. | Acres | Par. | Acres | Par. | Acres | Pax. | Acres |
| 0.25 | 17 | 4.25 | 17 | 4.25 | 8 | 2.0 | 42 | 10.5 |
| 0.5 | 26 | 13.0 | 29 | 14.5 | 8 | 4.0 | 63 | 31.5 |
| 0.75 | 9 | 6.75 | 6 | 4.5 | - | - | 15 | 11.25 |
| 1.0 | 25 | 25.0 | 18 | 18.0 | 10 | 10.0 | 53 | 53.0 |
| 1.25 | 3 | 3.75 | 2 | 2.5 | 1 | 1.25 | 6 | 7.5 |
| 1.5 | 12 | 18.0 | 10 | 15.0 | 3 | 4.5 | 25 | 37.5 |
| 1.75 | 1 | 1.75 | 6 | 10.5 | 2 | 3.5 | 9 | 15.75 |
| 2.0 | 13 | 26.0 | 12 | 24.0 | 7 | 14.0 | 32 | 64.0 |
| 2.25 | 1 | 2.25 | 3 | 6,75 | 1 | 2.25 | 5 | 11.25 |
| 2.5 ' | 3 | 7.5 | 7 | 17.5 | 4 | 10.0 | 14 | 35.0 |
| 2.75 | 1 | 2.75 | 2 | 5.5 | - | - | 3 | 8.25 |
| 3.0 | 11 | 33.0 | 6 | 18.0 | 5 | 15.0 | 22 | 66.0 |
| 3. 25 | - | -. | 1 | 3.25 | - | - | 1 | 3.25 |
| 3.5 | 4 | 14.0 | 3 | 10.5 | 2 | 7.0 | 9 | 31.5 |
| 3.75 | 2 | 7.5 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 7.5 |
| 4.0 | 5 | 20.0 | 3 | 12.0 | - | - | 8 | 32.0 |
| 4.5 | 1 | 4.5 | 2 | 9.0 | 1 | 4.5 | 3 | 18.5 |
| 5.0 | - | - | 1 | 5.0 | - | - | 1 | 5.0 |
| 5.5 | - | - | 1 | 5.5 | - | - | 1 | 5.5 |
| 6.0 | 3 | 18.0 | - | - | 1 | 6.0 | 4 | 24.0 |
| 6.5 | 1 | 6.5 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 6.5 |
| 6.75 | 1 | 6.75 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 6.75 |
| 7.5 | 1 | 7.5 | 1 | 7.5 | - | - | 2 | 15.0 |
| 8.0 | - | - | 2 | 16.0 | 1 | 8.0 | 3 | 24.0 |
| 9.0 | 1 | 9.0 | 4 | 36.0 | - | - | 2 | 45.0 |
| 9.25 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 9. 25 | 1 | 9.25 |
| TOTAL. | 141 | 237.75 | 136 | 245.75 | 55 | 101.25 | 332 | 584.75 |
| \% |  | 40.7\% |  | 42.0\% |  | 17.3\% |  | 100.0\% |

Table 15 presents a breakdown by regicn and parcel size of flat land and acreages of such land farmed by respondents. Most flat land under cultivation ( 41.6 per cent) was in East Region, while the least was in West Region (11.4 per cent). The pattern of distribution of mini-farms in each Region was more or less the same as that for all flat-land farms taken together. In each region the relative acreage under farms of 2 acres and less was significantiy lowerthan the percentage of farms surveyed in this paxcel size. For example:

In North Region 75 per cent of the parcels in the survey accounted for 44 per cent of the acreage;

In South Region 87 per cent of the parsels in the survey accounted for 64 per cent of the acreage;

In East Region 64 per cent of the parcelis in the survey accounted for 39 per cent of the acreage;

In'West Region 74 -per cent of the parcels in the survey accounted for 35 per cent of the acreage.

These data show quite clearly that the incidence of flat land mini farms is high throughout the island, and therefore farm production policy must be concerned with the use to which these acreages are put in order to ensure mass parcicipation in programmes designed to increase commercial production.

## Tab1e 15

Regional Distribution of Parcel Sizes of Flat Land Farmed by Number of Parcels and Acreage

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Parce1 } \\ \text { Size } \\ \text { (acres) } \end{gathered}$ | Number of Parcels and Acreages |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | North |  | South |  | East |  | West |  | total |  |
|  | Par | Acres | Par | Acres | Par | Acres | Par | Acres | Par | Acres |
| 0.25 | 4 | 1.0 | 8 | 2.0 | 4 | 1.0 | 1 | 0.25 | 17 | 4.25 |
| 0.5 | 9 | 4.5 | 7 | 3.5 | 8 | 4.0 | 2 | 1.0 | 26 | 13.0 |
| 0.75 | 2 | 1.5 | 1 | 0.75 | 4 | 3.0 | 2 | 1.5 | 9 | 6.75 |
| 1.0 | 6 | 6.0 | 9 | 9.0 | 5 | 5.0 | 5 | 5.0 | 25 | 25.0 |
| 1.25 | - | - | - | - | 3 | 3.75 | - | - | 3 | 3.75 |
| 1.5 | 4 | 6.0 | 5 | 7.5 | 2 | 3.0 | 1 | 1.5 | 12 | 18.0 |
| 1.75 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1.75 | - | -' | 1 | 1.75 |
| 2.0 | 5 | 10.0 | 4 | 8.0 | 4 | 8.0 | - | - | 13 | 26.0 |
| 2.25 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 2.25 | - | - | 1 | 2.25 |
| 2.5 | 1 | 2.5 | - | - | 2 | 5.0 | - | - | 3 | 7.5 |
| 2.75 | 1 | 2.75 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 2.75 |
| 3.0 | 5 | 15.0 | 4 | 12.0 | 2 | 6.0 | - | - | 11 | 33.0 |
| 3.5 | 1 | 3.5 | - | - | 3 | 10.5 | - | - | 4 | 14.0 |
| 3.75 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 7.5 | - | $\because$ | 2 | 7.5 |
| 4.0 | 1 | 4.0 | 1 | 4.0 | 2 | 8.0 | 1 | 4.0 | 5 | 20.0 |
| 4.5 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 4.5 | - | - | 1 | 4.5 |
| 6.0 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 12.0 | 1 | 6.0 | 3 | 18.0 |
| 6.5 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 6.5 | - | - | 1 | 6.5 |
| 6.75 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 6.75 | - | - | 1 | 6.75 |
| 7.5 | - | - | - | - | - | , | 1 | 7.5 | 1 | 7.5 |
| 9.0 | - | 9.0 | - | - | - | - | - | $-$ | 1 | 9.0 |
| TOTAL | 40 | 65.75 | 39 | 46:75 | 48 | 98.5 | 14 | 26.75 | 141 | 237.75 |

Table 16 shows regional distribution of parcel sizes of hilly land farmed by number of parcels and acreage. As in the case of flat land under cultivation the number of parcels farmed of 2 acres and less is a high proportion of the total number of hilly farms surveyed in each region. They were 67 per cent in the North, 87 per cent in the South, 74 per cent in the East and 54 per cent in the West. And again, the acreage covered by these farms was, as in the case of flat land, significantly lower. In the North, it was 38 per cent; South, 65 per cent; East, 40 per cent and West, 19 per cent. These mini farms, each under individual management, provide evidence of the need for a programme aimed at consolidaing land under hillside cultivation and the adoption of soil conservation practices. These land reform programmes should be undertaken joincly and should aim at achieving cultivation under co-operative ownership.

Table 16

Regional Distribution of Parcel Sizes of Hilly Land Farmed by Number of Parcels and Acreage

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Parcel } \\ \text { Size } \\ \text { (acres) } \end{gathered}$ | Number of Parcels and Acreages |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | North |  | South |  | East |  | West |  | TOTAL |  |
|  | Par | Acres | Par | Acres | Par | Acres | Par | Acres | Par | Acres |
| 0.25 | 2 | 0.5 | - 6 | 1.5 | 5 | 1.25 | 4 | 1.0 | 17 | 4.25 |
| 0.5 | 9 | 4.5 | 11 | 5.5 | 5 | 2.5 | 4 | 2.0 | 29 | 14.5 |
| 0.75 | - | - | 2 | 1.5 | 3 | 2.25 | 1 | 0.75 | 6 | 4.5 |
| 1.0 | 5 | 5.0 | 6 | 6.0 | 6 | 6.0 | 1 | 1.0 | 18 | 18.0 |
| 1.25 | - | - | 1 | 1.25 | - | -- | 1 | 1. 25 | 2 | 2.5 |
| 1.5 | 2 | 3.0 | 4 | 6.0 | 4 | 6.0 | - | - | 10 | 15.0 |
| 1.75 | - | - | 1 | 1.75 | 2 | 3.5 | 3 | 5.25 | 6 | 10.5 |
| 2.0 | 4 | 8.0 | 3 | 6.0 | 3 | 6.0 | 2 | 4.0 | 12 | 24.0 |
| 2.25 | - | - | 1 | 2.5 | - | - | 2 | 4.5 | 3 | 7.0 |
| 2.5 | 4 | 10.0 | - | - | 3 | 7.5 | - | - | 7 | 17.5 |
| 2.75 | 1 | 2.75 | - | -- | 1 | 2.75 | - | - | 2 | 5.5 |
| 3.0 | 3 | 9.0 | 2 | 6.0 | 1 | 3.0 | - | - | 6 | 18.0 |
| 3.25 | - | - | 1 | 3.25 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 3.25 |
| 3.5 | - | - | 1 | 3.5 | - | - | 2 | 7.0 | 3 | 10.5 |
| 4.0 | 2 | 8.0 | - | - | 1 | 4.0 | - | - | 3 | 12.0 |
| 4.5 | 1 | 4.5 | - | - | 1 | 4.5 | - | - | 2 | 9.0 |
| 5.0 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 5.0 | - | - | 1 | 5.0 |
| 5.5 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 5.5 | - | - | 1 | 5.5 |
| 7.5 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 7.5 | 1 | 7.5 |
| 8.0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 16.0 | 2 | 16.0 |
| 9.0 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 9.0 | 3 | 27.0 | 4 | 36.0 |
| TOTAL | 33 | 55.2 | 39 | 45.4 | 38 | 68.9 | 26 | 77.4 | 136 | 245.75 |

Table 17 shows regional distribution of parcel sizes of flathilly land farmed by number of parcels and acreage. There were only three farms in this topographical classification in East Region and one in the West. The majority of the farms surveyed under this category were in the North, and 69 per cent of them were in parcel sizes of 2 acres and less. These 27 parcels had a total area of 26 acres - 40 per cent of the total acreage of flathilly farms in this region. In the South, 77 per cent of the parcels surveyed were of 2 acres or less and the total area under this category was 10 acres. As in the case of the other topographical groups, much land under this category is under mini farms which are too small to give the farm operator a satisfactory farm income under existing land use patterns. A programme for agricultural rehabilitation must therefore be many-sided in its approach in order to achieve the goal of higher income levels for the farming population. The main components of such a programme must be:-
(a) farm engrossment;
(b) co-operative activity as an essential part of the farm engrossment programme, in order to achieve the goal of communal ownership of economic farm units instead of individual ownership of uneconomic mini-farms;
(c) soil conservation;
(d) revision of land use patterns to ensure thac farmers grow high income crops.

Table 17

Regional Distribution of Parcel Sizes of Flat/ Hilly Land Farmed by Number of Parcels and Acreage

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Parcel } \\ & \text { Size } \\ & \text { (acres) } \end{aligned}$ | Number of Parcels and Acreages |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | North |  | South |  | East |  | West |  | TOTAL |  |
|  | Par | Acres | Par | Acres | Par | Acres | Par | Acres | Par | Acres |
| 0.25 | 7 | 1.75 | 1 | 0.25 | - | - | - | - | 8 | 2.0 |
| 0.5 | 6 | 3.0 | 2 | 1.0 | - | - | - | - | 8 | 4.0 |
| 1.0 | 5 | 5.0 | 5 | 5.0 | - | - | - | - | 10 | 10.0 |
| 1.25 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1.25 | - | - | 1 | 1.25 |
| 1.5 | 3 | 4.5 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 4.5 |
| 1.75 | 2 | 3.5 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 3.5 |
| 2.0 | 4 | 8.0 | 2 | 4.0 | 1 | 2.0 | 1 | 1. 0 | 8 | 15.0 |
| 2.25 | - | - | 1 | 2.25 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 2.25 |
| 2.5 | 4 | 10.0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | 10.0 |
| 3.0 | 4 | 12.0 | - | - | 1 | 3.0 | - | - | 5 | 15.0 |
| 3.5 | 2 | 7.0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 7.0 |
| 4.5 | 1 | 4.5 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 4.5 |
| 6.0 | 1 | 6.0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 6.0 |
| 8.0 | - | - | 1 | 8.0 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 8.0 |
| 9.25 | - | - | 1 | 9.25 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 9.25 |
| total | 39 | 65.25 | 13 | 29.75 | 3 | 6.25 | 1 | 1.0 | 56 | 102.25 |

Replies to Question B3 are shown in Table 18.

Table 18
$\frac{\text { Regional Land Tenureship by Type of }}{\text { Tenure, Number of Parcels and Acreage }}$

| Tenureship | North |  | South |  | East |  | West |  | total |  | \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | No. | Acres | No. | Acres | No. | Acres | No. | Acres | No. | Acres |  |
| Owned | 71 | 133.75 | 47 | 87.5 | 90 | 122.25 | 26 | 54.0 | 234 | 397.5 | 65.2 |
| Leased | 19 | 39.25 | 2 | 1.5 | 24 | 30.0 | 5 | 22.0 | 50 | 92.75 | 15.2 |
| Rented | 11 | 12.25 | 4 | 5.25 | 4 | 4.0 | 8 | 11.75 | 27 | 33.25 | 5.5 |
| Managed | 6 | 14.25 | 7 | 9.25 | 18 | 22.25 | 3 | 5.5 | 34 | 51. 25 | 8.4 |
| Other | - | - | 17 | 18.0 | 6 | 2.75 | 12 | 14.5 | 29 | 35.25 | 5.8 |
| TOTAL | 107 | 199.5 | 71 | 121.5 | 142 | 181.25 | 54 | 107.75 | 374 | 610.0 | 100.0 |

The total acreage for which information on tenureship was received was greater than the acreage which, according to questions B1 and B2, was under cultivation. The difference was 25.25 acres.

Table 18 shows that 65.2 per cent of the acreage cultivated by respondents was owned by them, 15.2 per cent was leased, 5.45 per cent rented, 8.4 per cent was managed for absentees and the remaining 5.8 per cent was under other kinds of tenureship. A high percentage of utilized land under ownershíp of ten indicates that collateral requirements for long and medium term loans can be met, but absence of clear title to land in Grenada is a common barrier to credit-worthiness. Land owned was a hígh percentage of tenureship in all regions - 66 per cent in both North and South, 63 per cent in the East and 48 per cent in the West.

Table 19 relates parcel.size of land cultivated to number of parcels, acreage and tenureship. Of. the 234 parcels under ownership, 126 ( 53.8 per cent) were 1 acre and less but accounted for only 82.5 acres or 20.7 per cent of che owned acreage under cultivation. At the other extreme, 8 parcels of land of 6 acres and more, that is 3.4 per cent of the parcels owned accounted for

Table 19
Distribution of Acreage by Parcel Size,
Number of Parcels, Acreage and Land Tenureship

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Parcel } \\ & \text { Size } \\ & \text { (acres) } \end{aligned}$ | Owned |  | Leased |  | Rented |  | Managed |  | Other |  | TOTAL |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | P | Acres | P | Acres | P | Acres | P | Acres | P | Acres | P | Acres |
| 0.25 | 25 | 6.25 | 5 | 1.25 | 6 | 1.5 | 6 | 1.5 | 11 | 2.75 | 47 | 13. 25 |
| 0.5 | 40 | 20.0 | 12 | 6.0 | 8 | 4.0 | 7 | 3.5 | 1 | 0.5 | 68 | 34.0 |
| 0.75 | 19 | 14.25 | 2 | 1.5 | 2 | 1.5 | 2 | 1.5 | 1 | 0.75 | 26 | 19.5 |
| 1.0 | 42 | 42.0 | 7 | 7.0 | 5 | 5.0 | 8 | 8.0 | 12 | 12.0 | 74 | 74.0 |
| 1.25 | 7 | 8.75 | 2 | 2.5 | - | - | 1 | 1.25 | - | - | 10 | 12.5 |
| 1.5 | 15 | 22.5 | 5 | 7.5 | 1 | 1.5 | 2 | 3.0 | 5 | 7.5 | 28 | 42.0 |
| 1.75 | 6 | 3.0. 5 | - | - | - | - | - | - | ? | 1.75 | 7 | 12.25 |
| 2.0 | 25 | 50.0 | 4 | 8.0 | - | - | 2 | 4.0 | 3 | 6.0 | 34 | 68.0 |
| 2.25 | 3 | 6.75 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 6.75 |
| 2.5 | 6 | 15.0 | - | - | 1 | 2.5 | 1 | 2.5 | - | - | 8 | 20.0 |
| 2.75 | 2 | 5.5 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 5.5 |
| 3.0 | 10 | 30.0 | 3 | 9.0 | 2 | 6.0 | - | - | - | - | 15 | 45.0 |
| 3.25 | 1 | 3.25 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 3.25 |
| 3.5 | 10 | 35.0 | 2 | 7.0 | - | - | 1 | 3.5 | - | - | 13 | 45.5 |
| 3.75 | 1 | 3.75 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 3.75 |
| 4.0 | 6 | 24.0 | 2 | 8.0 | 1 | 4.0 | 1 | 4.0 | 1 | 4.0 | 11 | 44.0 |
| 4.5 | 2 | 9.0 | 2 | 9.0 | - | - | 1 | 4.5 | - | - | 5 | 22.5 |
| 5.0 | 4 | 20.0 | 1 | 5.0 | - | - | 1 | 5.0 | - | - | 6 | 30.0 |
| 5.25 | 1 | 5.25 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 5.25 |
| 5,5 | 1 | 5.5 | 1. | 5.5 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 11.0 |
| 6.0 | 3 | 18.0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 18.0 |
| 6.5 | - | - | 1 | 6.5 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 6.5 |
| 7.0 | 1 | 7.0 |  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 7.0 |
| 7.25 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 7. 25 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 7.25 |
| 8.0 | 1 | 8.0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 8,0 |
| 9.0 | 2 | 180 | 1 | 9.0 | - | - | 1 | 9.0 | - | - | 1 | 9.25 |
| total | 234 | 397. 5 | 50 | 92.75 | 27. | 33.25 | 34 | 51. 25 | 29 | 35,25 | 374 | 610.0 |

60.25 acres or 15.1 per cent of the acreage owned. This muitiplicicy of owned mini farms indicates yer another dimension of the problems of agricultural development. Each of these uneoonomic farm unite contributes in some way to livelihood requirements of a household, but size is a severe limitation to the standard of living which a farm household can atcain. Even if, cherefore, farm operators have undispured rights to ownership, such rights must in some way be made subordinate to the national good, so that these mini farms can be engrossed into large economic productive units which could raise living standards.

Questions B4 and B5.sought to establish the atitiudes of farmers with only one parcel of land towards the sizes of their agriculiural units: Did they want larger units or were they satisfifed with what they had? Replies were recorded from 112 of the 212 farmers incerviewed. They are shown in Tables 20 and 21. The former table shows that 69 ( 61.6 per cent) of those who answered the question wanted larger acreages than those they were cultivating. The acreages which farmers wanted to cultivate are shown in Table 20. The farm sizes for which distinci preterences were shown are $2,3,4$ and 5 acres. The percentages of replies in favour of these acreages were respectively 23.2 per cent, 15.9 per cent, 21.7 per cent and 11.6 per cent. No farmer indicated preference for a farm of less than 1 acre. This raises an important question with respect to farm settlement policy. Though this question was addressed to only 0.6 per cent of the estimated farm population size of 11,309 (estimated from returns of 1975 Farm Survey conducted by BDD), the replies ought to raise serious doubis about the practice of distributing quarter (1/4) and half (1/2) acre farm units to the rutal population.

Table 20

Regional Distribution of Farmers ' Atticudes to Sizes of Farm Units

| Would you Iike a <br> larger parcei of <br> land? | North | South | East | West | roral |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 24 | 15 | 25 | 18 | 69 |
| No | 14 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 31 |
| Don'r know | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 12 |
| TOTAL | 44 | 25 | 25 | 18 | 112 |

Table Z
Regional Distribution of Farm Stze Aspirations
of Farmers with only one parcel of land

| Farm Size <br> (acres) | NUMBER OF FARMERS |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | North | South | East | West | TUTAL |
| 1.0 | - | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| 1.5 | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| 2.0 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 16 |
| 2.75 | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| 3.0 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 11 |
| 3.75 | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| 4.0 | 5 | 2 | 8 | - | 15 |
| 5.0 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 6.0 | 2 | - | 1 | - | 8 |
| 6.5 | 1 | - | - | - | 3 |
| 7.0 | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| 8.0 | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| 9.0 | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| 10.0 | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 14.0 | 2 | - | - | - | 2 |
| 15.0 | 1 | - | - | - | 2 |
| TOTAL | 23 | 15 | 21 | 9 | 1 |

Question B6 aimed at finding out how the respondent saw his farm as an operational unit. Was he going to work it. with his own labour, with family labour, or was he going to employ labour? The replies to this question are given in Table 22 for only 68 of the 69 respondents who answered question B5. The highest preference is shown for family labour with 54 per cent of the respondents saying that this was the kind of labour they wanted to cultivate the farm size to which they aspired. Thirty-two per cent wanted paid labour, while in the remaining 13 per cent of cases the farmer was going to cultivate the farm with his own labour. It might be injudicious to formulate a national policy of creating family farms on the basis of these replies, but it would also be unwise to ignore them in planning long term organization of the agricultural sectc. The obvious preferences for family farms in north and west replies are possibly very significant.

Table 22

Regienal Distribution of Attitudes of Single Pancel Farm Operators to Supply of Farm Labour

| Source of Labour | North | South | East | West | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Faxmer himself | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 9 |
| Family labour | 15 | 10 | 11 | 1 | 37 |
| Paid labour | 8 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 22 |
| ToTaL | 25 | 15 | 20 | 8 | 68 |

Questions 7, 8 and 9 sought to find out from farmers who had more than one parcel of land whether having more than cne parcel of land was important, and if it was, what weight did the farmer put on differences in location and topography. Table 23 gives replies by farmers who had more than one parcel of land to their preferences for only one parcel. Of the 130 respondents who gave replies to this question, 94 ( 72 per cent) expressed preference for one parcel, 18 per cent did not want their land consolidated into one parcel while the remainder were uncommitted. The high proportion of farmers in the first category suggest that a programe of consolidation of farmers will meet with a good response.

Table 23

Regional Preferences for Consolidated Farms

| Do you prefer all your <br> land to be in one place? | North | South | East | West | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 27 | 22 | 31 | 14 | 94 |
| No | 7 | 11 | 2 | 4 | 24 |
| Don't Know | 5 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 12 |
| TOTAL | 39 | 36 | 35 | 20 | 130 |

Table 24 shows that of the 94 who said that they wanted 1 parcel, only 92 gave replies to the question on topography of the parcel they wanted. Number one preference was for land which was both flat and hilly. Sixty-two per cent of respondents expressed this preference, while 36 per cent said that they preferred flat land. Only 2 persons were interested in hillside farms. The high option for farms with both hilly and fiat land possibly reveals consciousness on the part of farmers of the need to reduce risks by having farms on which they can plant crops suitable to both topographical characteristics. This is not surprising since the island occasionally suffers from natural disasters.

Table 24
Regional Preferences for Topographical

## Characteristics of Farm Units

| Topographical <br> Preferences | North | South | East | West | Tocal |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hill land | 1 | 1 | - | - | 2 |
| Flat land | 9 | 12 | 10 | 2 | 33 |
| Hill/Flat land | 17 | 9 | 20 | 11 | 57 |
| TOTAL | 27 | 22 | 30 | 13 | 92 |

Table 25 shows acreage preferences for those respondents who wanted consolidated farms. Replies were recorded for only 84 of the 94 persons who gave affirmative replies to Q.7. The most frequent farm size indicated was 3 acres, which was preferred by 25 per cent of the respondents. Nineteen per cent of the respondents aspired to ownership of parcels of 5 acres. Question B. 10 asked whether multiple parcel owners who wanted a consolidated acreage were going to work it alone, with family labour or with paid labour.

The replies which are shown in Table 26 indicace that 53 per cent of those who gave replies intended to work their farms with

Table 25

Regional Distribution of Farm Size Aspirations of Farmers with More than One Parcel of Land

| Faxm Size (acres) | Number of Farmers |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | North | South | East | West | Total |
| 1.0 | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| 1. 25 | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| 1. 5 | 1 | 1. | 1 | - | 3 |
| 2.0 | 2 | 8 | 1 | - | 1.1 |
| 3.0 | 4 | 10 | 5 | 2 | 21 |
| 3.5 | 1. | - | - | - | 1. |
| 3.75 | - | 1 | I | 1 | 3 |
| 4.0 | 2 | 3 | 2 | - | 7 |
| 5.0 | 9 | 3 | 4 | - | 16 |
| 6.0 | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| 7.0 | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| 7.75 | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| 8.0 | 2 | - | 2 | - | 4 |
| 10.0 | 3 | - | 4 | - | 7 |
| 12.0 | 1 | - | 1 | - | 2 |
| 15.0 | 1 | - | 1 | - | 2. |
| 25.0 | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| 50.0 | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 29 | 28 | 23 | 4 | 84 |

Table 26
Regional Distribution of Attitudes of Multiple Parcel
Operators who opted for Consolidated Farms to Supply Farm Labour

| Source of <br> Labour | North | South | East | West | Tota1 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Farmer himself | - | 2 | 2 | - | 4 |
| Family labour | 5 | 20 | 11 | - | 36 |
| Paid labour | 7 | 6 | 10 | 4 | 27 |
| TOTAL | 12 | 28 | 23 | 4 | 67 |

family labour. Forty per cent said that they would use paid labour, and the remaining 4 farm-operators indicated that they would use their own labour. These replies provide further evidence that there is fertile ground for the development of family farms.

Respondents who said that they did not want their land in one location were asked why in Question 11. Only 7 replies to this question were recorded. They were as follows:

- Some plants thrive weil according to location
- Want to grow cash crops
- To have lívestiock fodder at ail times
- Because I get different results
- I like mountain for nutmeg and flat for corn and peas and other cxops
- I like it as it is
- I do not like my animals to damage my property e.g. poultry.

These replies reveal concern among farm operacors for a regular income. This could be assured by so-torspeak, not putting ail their eggs in one basket. Multiple locations reduce risk.

## C - FARM INPUTS

Question 1 in Section C of the questionnaire sought information on expenditure on farm operations in 1975. Regional distribucion of farmers who paid for farm operations and costs of such operations are shown in Table 27. The operation which most farmers (89) employed labour for was "brushcutting" and the average expenditure per farmer was \$79.00. More than 50 per cent of the farmers who employed this type of labour were in North Region. Seventy-seven farmers employed labour for planiing and spent on average $\$ 77.00$. Other operations for which most farmers replying to this question employed labour were ploughing, weeding, fertilizer application, harvesting and transport. This information on farmer expenditure related to production can serve as a guide to subsidy schemes for farmers. For example, a group of faxmers can be encouraged to form a co-operative which can purchase appropriate machinery for performing such operations as brushcutting, ploughing, planting, etc. The purchase of such machinery by the co-operative can be subsidised by the government.

Table 27
Regional Distribution of Farmers who paid for Farm Operations and Costs of such Operations

| OPERATIONS | North |  | South |  | East |  | West |  | Total |  | Average Cost Per Farmer for Operation Value: EC\$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | No. | Cost | No. | $\operatorname{Cos} t$ | No. | Cost | No. | Cost | No. | Cost |  |
| Brushcutting | 47 | 2,112 | 16 | 479 | 23 | 3,981 | 3 | 420 | 89 | 6,992 | 79 |
| Ploughing | 27 | 1,129 | 20 | 575 | 12 | 699 | 1 | 20 | 60 | 2,423 | 40 |
| Banking | 12 | 323 | 3 | 190 | 2 | 50 | 1 | 10 | 18 | 573 | 32 |
| Bed formation | 12 | 219 | - | - | 2 | 25 | 1 | 20 | 15 | 264 | 17 |
| Planting | 38 | 992 | 11 | 342 | 23 | 4,045 | 5 | 517 | 77 | 5,896 | 77 |
| Propagating | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 13 | 2 | 13 | 6 |
| Weeding | 33 | 1,247 | 11 | 431 | 18 | 1,770 | 3 | 380 | 65 | 3,828 | 59 |
| Applying Insecticides | 3 | 36 | - | - | 1 | 20 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 58 | 11 |
| Fertilizer Application | 32 | 685 | 2 | 20 | 21 | 172 | 1 | 8 | 56 | 885 | 16 |
| Harvesting | 26 | 1,047 | 6 | 385 | 18 | 2,270 | 2 | 280 | 52 | 3,982 | 77 |
| Transport | 26 | 334 | 11 | 477 | 17 | 2,360 | 5 | 75 | 59 | 3,246 | 55 |

Additional information collected from replies to Question 1 is given in Table 28, which records regional distribution of farmers who purchased inputs, showing number of farmers and quantities and value of inputs purchased. Fifty-three per cent (113) of farmers interviewed purchased fertilizer. This is a marked contrast to the small number of farmers, 19 and 13 respectively, who used weedicides and insecticides.

Unfortunately, data on quantities of inputs used was not provided by all respondents and therefore this table does not provide as much information as was expected.

Table 28
Regional Distribution of Farmers who purchased inputs showing number of farmers and quantity and value of inputs purchased

| Regions | Weedicides | Insecticides | Fertilizer | Bags | Baskets |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| North |  |  |  |  |  |
| Farmers | 2 | 3 | 33 | 3 | - |
| Quantity | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | - |
| Value | 110 | 148 | 7,658 | 1 | - |
| South |  |  |  |  |  |
| Farmers | 1 | 4 | 37 | - | - |
| Quantity | 1/2 gal. | 126 1bs. | 83 bags) | - | - |
|  |  |  | 2,476 lbs.) |  |  |
| Value | 30 | 155 | 1,450 | - | - |
| East |  |  |  |  |  |
| Farmers | 13 | 4 | 36 | 1 | 1 |
| Quantity | $10 \mathrm{l} / 2 \mathrm{gal}$. | 14,013 1bs. | 156 bags) | n.a. | 250 |
|  |  |  | 40,332 lbs.) |  |  |
| Value | 1,437 | 197 | 12,547 | 25 | 30 |
| West |  |  |  |  |  |
| Farmers | 3 | 2 | 7 | - | - |
| Quantity | $41 / 2 \mathrm{gal}$. | $21 / 2 \mathrm{lbs}$. | 3 tons) | - | - |
| Value | 291 | 117 | $\underset{2,055}{ } 348 \mathrm{lbs}$. | - | - |
| Total |  |  |  |  |  |
| Farmers | 19 | 13 | 113 | 4 | 1 |
| Quantity | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 250 |
| Value | 1,868 | 616 | 23,710 | 26 | 30 |
| Average Value |  |  |  |  |  |
| Per Operation (Value: ECS) | 98 | 47 | 210 | 7 | 30 |

Table 29 records information given by farmers with respect to loans. Most farmers raised loans from friends and credic unions, but the source of most loans was commercial banks which lent a total of $\$ 94.00$ to 5 farmers.

Sources of Credit, Numbers of Borrowers
and Sizes of Loans by Region

| Area | North |  | South |  | East |  | West |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Source of Credit | No. | Loans | No. | Loans | No. | Loans | No. | Loans | No. | Loans (EC\$) |
| Friend | 6 | 1,407 | 1 | 200 | 2 | 400 | - | - | 9 | 2,007 |
| Agricultural Bank | - | - | 1 | 550 | 2 | 170 | - | - | 3 | 720 |
| Credit Union | 7 | 1,875 | 2 | 650 | - | - | - | - | 9 | 2,525 |
| Banana Society | - | - | - | - | 4 | 957 | - | - | 4 | 957 |
| Cocoa Association | - | - | - | - | 4 | 964 | - | - | 4 | 964 |
| Government | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1,600 | - | - | 1 | 1,600 |
| Commercial Banks | 1 | 2,400 | - | - | 4 | 6,000 ${ }^{1 /}$ | 1 | 1,000 | 5 | 9,400 |
| Other | 10 | 800 | 1 | 500 | 1 | n.a. | - | - | 12 | n.a. |
| TOTAL | 24 | 6,482 | 5 | 1,900 | 18 | 10,091 | 1 | 1,000 | 48 | 18,173 |

1/ For three borrowers only

D - FARM PRODUCE
Table 30 shows crops and their combinations grown in each parcel of land by farmers interviewed by region. Data was received for 376 of the 432 parcels which respondents said were under cultivation. The particular relevance of this data is that it shows the extent to which multiple cropping is practised by farmers. There were only 30 parcels of land under monoculture, while there were 8 parcels of land each with more than 10 crops. Table 31 shows a breakdown of the data by number of crops per parcel and number of parcels with each crop combination. Patterns of multiple cropping revealed by the survey are possibly due to:-
(1) The farmer's desire to insure himself against crop failure;
(2) The farmer's tendency towards subsistence agriculture.

These legitimate concerns of the farmer cannot be ignored but the country will not attain high levels of production for domestic consumption unless the farmer is given incentives to produce specific commodities on minimum acreages. Such a policy will give the farmer an assured level of income and also raise domestic food production.

Table 30
Crops and their Combinations grown on Each Parcel of Land by Farmers interviewed by Region

## Crop Code

| av - avocado pear | ed - eddoes | pf - passion fruit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ba - bananas | fc - French cashew | pl - plantain |
| be - beans | ft - fruit trees | pm - plums |
| bf - breadfruit | ga - golden apple | pn - pineapple |
| bl - bluggoe | gf - grapefruit | pu - pumpkin |
| cas - cassava | gg - ginger | pt - potato |
| cb - cabbage | gn - groundnuts | sa - sugar apple |
| ch - chive | le - lemon | sc - sugarcane |
| ci - cinnamon | lm - limes | sd - sapodilla |
| cl - cloves | It - lettuce | sh - shallot |
| cn - corn | ma - mangoes | sp - spices |
| co - cocoa | md - mandarine | ss - soursop |
| cot - coconut | ml - melongene | sw - sweet pepper |
| cr - earrots | mo - meion | th - chyme |
| ct - citrus | nm - nutmeg | to - tomato |
| cu - cucumber | ok - ochro | tm - immarind |
| CW - cashew | or - oranges | tn - tannia |
| da - dasheen | pa - peas | ve - vegetables |
|  |  | ym - yam |


| $\cdots$ Crops and their Combinations | North | South | East | West | No. of Parcels |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| nm | 3 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 9 |
| co | 2 | - | 4 | 1 | 7 |
| ba | - | - | 1 | 10 | 11 |
| c1 | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| bf | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| Sc | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| co, ba | 2 | I | 3 | 1 | 7 |
| cn, pa | 3 | - | 3 | - | 6 |
| ba, nm | 3 | - | - | - | 3 |
| $\mathrm{nm}, \mathrm{co}$ | 7 | 9 | 6 | - | 22 |
| $\mathrm{nm}, \mathrm{da}$ | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| co, ym | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| co, or | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| co, cot | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| nm, ba | - | - | 4 | - | 4 |
| $\mathrm{ba}, \mathrm{ct}$ | - | - | - | 1. | 1 |
| ym, pa | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| bl, ba, cn | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| co, nm, ba | 15 | 4 | 15 | 4 | 38 |
| nm, ba, pt | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| cn, pa, ym | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| pt, to, cb | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |

Table 30 (continued)

| Cropz and their Combinations | North | South | East | West | No. of Parcels |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{nm}, \mathrm{bl}, \mathrm{ba}$ | 1 | - | 1 | - | 2 |
| co, bf, nm | 1 | - | 1 | - | 2 |
| cn, pa, cas | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| ba, nm, cn | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| $\mathrm{nm}, \mathrm{co}$, cot | 1 | 1 | - | - | 2 |
| pa, cn, av | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| ba, tn, pt | 1 | - | - | - |  |
| $\mathrm{nm}, \mathrm{co}, \mathrm{c} 1$ | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| co, bia, tn | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| co, tn, bl | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| cn, pa, cil | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| bf, bl, cas | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| b1, ym, pt | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| co, pl, ba | - | 1 | 1 | - | 2 |
| tn, ym, to | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| cas, tm , en | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| co, bf, bl | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| co, cot, sc | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| cn, pa, da | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| co, $\mathrm{nm}, \mathrm{sp}$ | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| $\mathrm{sp}, \mathrm{mn}$, cu | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| cas, tn, da | - | - | 2 | - | 2 |
| ple co, ct | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| ba, nm, da | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| cn, pa, tn | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| co, nm, pt | - | - | 2 | - | 2 |
| nm , ba, cot | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| or, av, ga | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| ba, co, pt | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| co, $\mathrm{ym}, \mathrm{pt}$ | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| ba, da, tn | - | - | 2 | - | 2 |
| $\mathrm{nm}, \mathrm{ct}, \mathrm{ba}$ | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| $\mathrm{nm}, \mathrm{ba}, \mathrm{pa}$ | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| cn, pa, pt | - | - | 2 | - | 2 |
| co, tn, pa | - | $\sim$ | 1 | - | 1 |

Table 30 (continued)

| Crops and their Combinations | North | South | East | West | No. of Parcels |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ba, co, ve | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| cn , nm, ma | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| co, nm , ct | - | - | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| ym, da, tn | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| co, ba, to | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| ba, cas, cot | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| co, ct, ma | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| co, ba, ct | - | - | - | 1 |  |
| co, ba, pa | 1 | - | - | 1 | 2 |
| to, pu, pl | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| co, ba, to, cb | 1 | - | -: | - | 1 |
| $\mathrm{b} \in$, pt, tn, ym | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| tn, ml, av, ct | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| co, ba, nm, bl | 2 | - | - | - | 2 |
| co, bl, ba, pa | 2 | - | - | - | 2 |
| co, pa, ma, or | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| cn, pa, ba, bl | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| co, $\mathrm{nm}, \mathrm{ba}, \mathrm{ct}$ | 2 | - | - | - |  |
| co, nm, ba, to | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| cas, pa, en, ym | 1 | 1. | - | - | 2 |
| co, cl, nm, ba | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| $\mathrm{pt}, \mathrm{tn}, \mathrm{cn}, \mathrm{pa}$ | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| co, cn, pa, bl | 1 | - | - | - |  |
| co, nm, ba, cil | - | 3 | - | - | 3 |
| pa, co, bl, ym | - | 3 | - | - | 3 |
| ba, tn, pt, to | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| ba, co, pa, cn | - | 1 | 3 | - | 4 |
| $\mathrm{ba}, \mathrm{nm}, \mathrm{ci}, \mathrm{cb}$ | - | 1 | - | - |  |
| co, 1m tn, ba | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| co, nm, ba, cot | - | 1 | 4 | - | 5 |
| ym, bl, ba, co | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| 1t, to, $\mathrm{cb}, \mathrm{sp}$ | - | 2 | - | - | 2 |
| co, tn, ym, pa | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| $\mathrm{nm}, \mathrm{cl}, \mathrm{ci}, \mathrm{co}$ | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| co, nm, bt, ym | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| cn, pa, tn, ym | - | 1 | - | 2 |  |
| cn, pa, pt, cas | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| m1, pa, on, ba | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| cn, pa, pt, p1 | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| co, ba, pl, pa | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |

Table 30 (continued)

| Crops and their Combinations | North | South | East | West | No. of Parcels |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ba, ym, da, be | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| co, cot, ma, bf | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| co, $\mathrm{nm}, \mathrm{ym}$, tn | - | - | 2 | - | 2 |
| $\mathrm{nm}, \mathrm{co}, \mathrm{ba}, \mathrm{bf}$ | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| nm, co, cot, ma | - | - | 2 | - | 2 |
| pa, cn, ba, pt | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| pl, bf, to, ba | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| co, pt, ba, bl | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| cn, pa, ym, pt | - | - | 2 | - | 2 |
| cn, pa, ym, ok | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| $\mathrm{nm}, \mathrm{ba}, \mathrm{ct}, \mathrm{av}$ | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| ba, y:n, pa, cot | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| ch, cr, cb, pa | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| ywin, bl, pl , cot | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| cot, pa, p1, pu | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| tn, ym, $\mathrm{pt}, \mathrm{cn}, \mathrm{pa}$ | 2 | 4 | - | 1 | 7 |
| be, cn, pa, cas, co | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| to, pt, cas, cn, pa | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| $\mathrm{cn}, \mathrm{bl}, \mathrm{co}, \mathrm{ba}$, to | 1 | $\sim$ | - | - | 1 |
| co, cn, pa, to, cb | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| pa, pt, cn, ml, pu | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| co, nm, ba, bl, tn | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| co, cn, $\mathrm{nm}, \mathrm{pa}, \mathrm{bl}$ | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| cn, pa, nm, ba, ym | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| co, $n m, b a, y m, a v$ | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| $1 \mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{cn}, \mathrm{pa}, \mathrm{da}, \mathrm{cl}$ | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| sc, tn, ym, pa, cn | - | 3 | - | - | 3 |
| co, $\mathrm{nm}, \mathrm{tn}, \mathrm{ba}, \mathrm{cb}$ | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| $\mathrm{nm}, \mathrm{ba}, \mathrm{cl}, \mathrm{pt}, \mathrm{co}$ | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| $\mathrm{bl}, \mathrm{ft}, \mathrm{ch}, \mathrm{th}, \mathrm{ym}$ | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| ym, tn, cn, pt, cas | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| cn, pa, ba, eot, pt | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| to, $\mathrm{sp}, \mathrm{cr}, \mathrm{cb}, \mathrm{lt}$ | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| co, nm 1m, ma, sd |  | - | 2 | - | 2 |
| co, cn, pa, tn, ym | - | - | 2 | - | 2 |
| co, $\mathrm{nm}, \mathrm{gf}, \mathrm{bf}, \mathrm{cot}$ | - | - | 1 | - |  |
| da, ba, cn, cas, pa | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| nm , ba, co, ym, pt | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| $\mathrm{nm}, \mathrm{cn}, \mathrm{pa}, \mathrm{ba}, \mathrm{bl}$ | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| pa, ym, da, tn, pu | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |

Table 30 (continued)

| Crops and their Combinations | North | South | East | West | No. of Parcels |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| co, cn, pa, ym, be | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| co, nm, cas, cw, cot | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| nm, co, ba, tn, cas | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| $\mathrm{ba}, \mathrm{nm}, \mathrm{co}, \mathrm{b1}$, | - | - | 2 | - | 2 |
| ym, pt, pa, ba, b1 | - |  | 1 | - | 1 |
|  | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| ma, ym, tn, ba, or | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| $\mathrm{nm}, \mathrm{co}, \mathrm{sp}, \mathrm{cot}$, | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| tn, da, ct, pl, nm | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| be, pt, cb, cn, pa | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| nm, ba, tn, pt, da | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| av, ct, cn, pa, cu, pu | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| co, ba, bl, pa, cn, bf | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| pt, ym, cas, pa, cn, sa | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| co, nm, ba, pa, pt, av | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| cn, sa, pa, ym, cas, cu | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| $\mathrm{nm}, \mathrm{sp}, \mathrm{co,g} \mathrm{ga}, \mathrm{ba}, \mathrm{av}$ | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| co, ba, ma, bf, md, fc | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| co, nm, pa, md, gf, cot | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| co, nm, ba, pt, en, pa | 1 | - | - | - | I |
| co, nm, tn, ba, bl, av | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| co, nm, ba, cn, av, tn | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| ym, en, pa, tn, pri, ba | - | 2 | - | - | 2 |
| nm, ba, pl, cb, to, bf | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| ym, co, bl, to, sc, cn | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| co, ym, nm, ba, pa, tn | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| co, ct, cot, bl, ba, sc | - | 10 | - | - | 10 |
| or, gf, lif, pm, ma, bf | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| ba, nm, tn, bl, co, cot | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| pa, cn, pn, ym, tn, da | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| co, bf, cot, ba, or, ma | - | - | 2 | - | 2 |
| ym, tn, cn, pa, ok, bl | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| sc, ym, tn, pa, cn, pt | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| cot, ct, sp, ma, nm, co | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| be, ch, ok, pu, da, pt | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| cb, 1t, cr, to, pt, cas | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| $\mathrm{nm}, \mathrm{ct}, \mathrm{ci}, \mathrm{bf}, \mathrm{tn}, \mathrm{ba}$ | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| $\mathrm{nm}, \mathrm{ba}, \mathrm{co}, \mathrm{pa}, \mathrm{bf}$, | - | - | - | 1. | 1 |
| cn, pa, cas, pu, cu, ml | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| cn, pa, cb, cu, ym, tn, da | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |

Table 30 (continued)

| Crops and their Combinations | North | South | Easi | West | No. of Parcels |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| cn, pa, bl, pt, ml, pu, cas | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| $\mathrm{nm}, \mathrm{ba}, \mathrm{co}, \mathrm{cn}, \mathrm{pa}, \mathrm{bl}, \mathrm{av}$ | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| $\mathrm{pa}, \mathrm{cn}$, cas, tn, ym, pt, to | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| to, cb , be, $\mathrm{gg}, \mathrm{pl}, \mathrm{ym}$, tn | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| $\mathrm{nm}, \mathrm{ba}, \mathrm{co}, \mathrm{cn}, \mathrm{pa}, \mathrm{cas}$, | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| ba, pa, b1, pt, ym, cn, tn | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| co, ba, nm, bl, cn, pa, ym | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| co, $\mathrm{cn}, \mathrm{tn}, \mathrm{nm}, \mathrm{pf}, \mathrm{pa}, \mathrm{ym}$ | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| $\mathrm{nm}, \mathrm{ga}, \mathrm{lm}, \mathrm{av}, \mathrm{ba}, \mathrm{co}$, | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| co, pa, ba, cn, pt, cas, in | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| to, cb, it, sp, pa, cr, ba | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| ym, cn, pa, sa, tn, ml, pt | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| co, ym, tn, ed, pa, cn, cas | - | 1 | - | - | 1. |
| ym, co, pa, nm, bl, ta, da | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| da, ym, pt, nm, ba, pl, co | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| da, nm, cb, Lt, ym, cn, pa | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| $\mathrm{md}, \mathrm{sp}, \mathrm{cot}, \mathrm{nm}, \mathrm{ba}, \mathrm{bf}$, co | - | - | - | 1 | 1. |
| $\mathrm{nm}, \mathrm{ct}, \mathrm{ma}, \mathrm{bf}, \mathrm{tn}, \mathrm{ym}, \mathrm{da}$ | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| ct, ym, tn, $=\mathrm{b}, \mathrm{pt}, \mathrm{cn}$, pa | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| pa, ym, tn, cn, pa, cu, ba | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| to, $\mathrm{pr}, \mathrm{cn}, \mathrm{pa}, \mathrm{bl}, \mathrm{cas}, \mathrm{ba}, \mathrm{p} 1$ | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| co, ba, nm, pt, bl, cn, pa, ym | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| $\mathrm{pt}, \mathrm{pu}, \mathrm{ml}, \mathrm{lo}, \mathrm{bf}, \mathrm{cas}, \mathrm{cn}$, | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| $\mathrm{nm}, \mathrm{ba}, \mathrm{co}, \mathrm{tn}, \mathrm{sc}, \mathrm{ym}, \mathrm{ca}, \mathrm{av}$ | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| $\mathrm{ba}, \mathrm{cr}, \mathrm{cn}, \mathrm{pt}, \mathrm{ym}, \mathrm{tn}, \mathrm{co}$, to | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| bl, av, ba, co, ym, pa, cas, cn, cot | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| bl, co, tn, be, to, cas, pa, ym, pl | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| co, pa, av, nm, to, pt, cn, cot, ma | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| co, $\mathrm{nm}, \mathrm{in}$, cot, pu, bf, av, ma, bl | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| co, nm, en, pa, lm, bf, cot, cas, tn | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| to, $\mathrm{cb}, \mathrm{sp}, \mathrm{ml}, \mathrm{cu}, \mathrm{mn}, \mathrm{pu}, \mathrm{ok}, \mathrm{pt}$ | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| ba, pl, bl, pa, cn, tn, pt, cb, to | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| co, ba, bl, cn, ym, pa, tn, ma, cot | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| bl, ml, ba, cb, pl, pa, cas, cn, ym to | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| co, to, or, pr, ba, ml, nm, cb, pa, ok | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| co, bf, $5 \mathrm{p}, \mathrm{pa}, \mathrm{nm}, \mathrm{cn}, \mathrm{cu}, \mathrm{av}$, pa, to | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| pl, ba, tn, da, pt, to, cn, pa, sd, be | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| pl, ba, tn, cw, pt, to, cn, pa, sp, be | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| da, ym, ba, cn, bl, ma, pa, cb, co, nm | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| co, nm, cr, sp, ma, ym, tn, cu, da, ba | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |

Table 30 (continued)

| Crops and their Combinations | North | South | East | West | No. of Parcels |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{nm}, \mathrm{co}, \mathrm{ba}, \mathrm{to}, \mathrm{cb}, \mathrm{da}, \mathrm{ch}, \mathrm{th}, \mathrm{sp}, \mathrm{pt}$ | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| co,ym, cu, ba, da, pu, ok, nm, pt, av, be | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| to, cb, ym, pa, da, cas co, nm, ci, baj, cn | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| co,nm, ba,bf,or,gf, pa, av,ym,tn,da | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| ym,gn,sh, da, tn, pt,ba, pl, bl, cas, pa | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| to, cb,ym, co, nm, pa, cl, gg, ba, cn, pa, av | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| $\mathrm{cn}, \mathrm{pa}, \mathrm{cu}, \mathrm{cb}, \mathrm{le}_{\mathrm{e}}, \mathrm{ml}, \mathrm{pu}, \mathrm{pt}, \mathrm{ym}, \mathrm{sd}$, to, be, 1 m | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| co,ba,or,gf, cot, pm, cw, av, pl,ok, pt, to, da | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| bf, cot, pa, bl, nm, co, ss, pa, sp,pl,ma,tm,ga,sa | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |

Table 31

Data showing multiple crop patterns on parcels of iand cultivated by farmers interviewed

| Number of crops | Number of parcels <br> under crops |
| :--- | :---: |
| Single crop | 30 |
| Two crops | 48 |
| Three crops | 97 |
| Four crops | 66 |
| Five crops | 47 |
| Six crops | 39 |
| Seven crops | 21 |
| Eight crops | 5 |
| Nine crops | 8 |
| Ten crops | 8 |
| Eleven crops | 2 |
| Twelve crops | 2 |
| Thirteen crops | 1 |
| Fourteen crops | 376 |
| ToTAL | 2 |

Question D2 asked farmers if any of their land was in fallow at the time of the survey. Replies are shown in Table 32. Thirty per cent of the farmers interviewed reported that they had land in fallow. This indicates that some farmers follow the practice of allowing the land to rest. In planning production schedules for crops this must be taken into consideration to ensure that the land is not over-worked.

Tab1e 32

Number of Farmers who had Land
lying fallow at time of Survey by Region

| Region | Yes | No | No <br> Reply | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| North | 27 | 32 | 1 | 60 |
| South | 15 | 37 | 9 | 61 |
| East | 7 | 41 | 12 | 60 |
| West | 15 | 11 | 5 | 31 |
| ToTAL | 64 | 121 | 27 | 212 |

Tables 33 and 34 record respectively, by region, the volume of crops reaped by farmers in 1975 and the crops which in their opinion they found it profitable to grow. The importance of the first table lies not so much in the volume of crops produced, since by the very limitations of the survey they cannot be used to estimate national production, but in the distribution of production between regions. Cocoa, banana and nutmeg production is more predominant in the North and East. than in the South and West. All regions produce fair quantities of ground provisions, therefore a programme for increased domestic food production can be spread over the whole country to ensure close juxtaposition between producer and consumer. Green vegetable production seems to be most predominant in the South, while the West seems to be the Region which will have to be fed by the other regions with these commodities.

Table 33
Crops Reaped by Farters im 1975 by Quintity amd iny Region

| Crop | Umit | Worth | Southa | East | Hest | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| cocoa | 1b | 36,940 | 14,297 | 37,165 | 8,648 | 97.050 |
| banamas | Ib | 67,230 | 2,230 | 255,579 | 14,380 | 339,419 |
| mutmegs | 1 b | 117,703 | 9,414 | 55,395 | 3,000 | 185,512 |
| mace | 1b | 1,195 | 97 | 620 | 605 | 2,517 |
| clove | 16 | 120 | 26 | - | - | 146 |
| cimnamon | 1 b | 1. 142 | - | - | - | 1,142 |
| ather spices | 1b | - | - | 50 | - | 50 |
| copra | 1b | 920 | 246 | 4,375 | - | 5,541 |
| sugar cane | 1 b | - | 112,296 | - | - | 112,296 |
| tammias | 1 b | 3,855 | 3,680 | 1,440 | 1,025 | 10,000 |
| yams | 1 b | 5,509 | 8,989 | 1,735 | 4,350 | 20,583 |
| potatoes | Ib | 6,585 | 4,250 | 3,845 | 220 | 14,900 |
| cassava (bitter) | 13 | 100 | - | - | - | 100 |
| cassawa (sweet) | 1 b | 1,245 | 450 | 935 | 85 | 2,315 |
| plantain | Ib | 1,100 | 70 | 9,210 | 900 | 11,280 |
| bluggoe | $1{ }^{1}$ | 5,920 | 490 | 2,030 | 15 | 8,455 |
| purapkin | 1 B | 1,000 | - | - | 1.450 | 2,450 |
| Breadfruit | IIb | 1,090 | - | 5,800 | - | 6,890 |
| dasheen | Ib | 1.140 | 450 | 1,395 | 2,115 | 5,100 |
| eddoes | Ib | - | 250 | - | - | 250 |
| corn | 1b | 11,968 | 5,170 | 2,880 | 130 | 20, 148 |
| peas | 1b | 10,825 | 4,075 | 2,305 | 875 | 18,080 |
| tomatoes | 1b | 3,909 | 2,570 | 2,610 | 100 | 9,189 |
| beans | Ib | 650 | 250 | 80 | 40 | 1,020 |
| ginger | Ib | 200 | - | - | - | 200 |
| welongene | 1 b | 40 | 900 | 700 | - | 1,640 |
| sweetpepper | Ib | 40 | 600 | 130 | - | 770 |
| cucumber | 1b | 335 | - | 1,000 | - | I, 335 |
| carrots | Ib | 60 | - | 1,000 | - | 1,060 |
| cabbage | Ib | 490 | 4,510 | 1,270 | 80 | 6,350 |
| chive | lb | - | 50 | - | - | 50 |

Table 33 (continued)

| Crop | Unit | North | South | East | West | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| thyme | lb | - | 25 | - | - | 25 |
| lettuce | lb | 5 | 650 | 600 | - | 1,255 |
| ochro | lb | - | - | 15 | 6 | 21 |
| avocado pears | lb | 4,150 | - | 1,300 | - | 5,450 |
| citrus | lb | 800 | 200 | 9,900 | 2,000 | 12,900 |
| oranges | lb | 400 | - | - | - | 400 |
| limes | lb | 500 | 1,205 | - | - | 1,705 |
| melon | lb | 100 | - | 300 | - | 400 |
| soursop | lb | 20 | - | - | - | 20 |
| mango | lb | 400 | 150 | 100 | - | 650 |
| golden apple | lb | 5,000 | - | - | - | 5,000 |
| sapodilla | tins | - | - | 600 | - | 600 |
| cashew nuts | lb | 750 | - | - | - | 750 |

Data in Table 34 indicate that, as expected, the most profitable crops are those exported, but the list also contains some commodities consumed locally. The inclusion of potatoes, tannias, cassava and plantain, which are all part of staple diet is a pointer to the programme for increasing production of domestic foods.

Table 34
Showing Crops and numbers of Farmers who found it Profitable to grow them by region

| Crop | North | South | East | West | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mainly export |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cocoa | 26 | 18 | 19 | 6 | 69 |
| Nutmegs | 15 | 13 | 13 | 3 | 44 |
| Bananas | 4 | 2 | 14 | 1 | 21 |
| Clove | 1 | 1 | - | - | 2 |
| Mainly for domestic use |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tomatoes | 4 | 8 | - | - | 12 |
| Peas | 7 | - | 1 | - | 8 |
| Cane | - | 6 | - | - | 6 |
| Corn | 1 | 2 | 1 | - | 4 |
| Cabbage | - | - | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Potatoes | - | - | 3 | - | 3 |
| Tannias | 1 | 1 | - | - | 2 |
| Yams | - | 1 | - | 1 | 2 |
| Cassava | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| Plantain | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| Sweetpeppers | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| Copra | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| Carrots | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| Pumpkin | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |

Table 35 shows collecting points for main export crops by region and the number of farmers using them. This information was collected to find out to what extent there is inter-regional movement of crops. The data show that such movement does occur and therefore in devising a food production programme on a regional basis, the fact that there already is a pattern. of inter-regional movement production must be taken into account.

| Crop | Collection Points and Number of Farmers using them | Regions |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cocoa | Ramdhanny (13); Nyack (33) ; McIntosh (2); Grenville Agent (2) ; | North |
|  | Regis (4); Mitchell (9); Sargeant (4); Rush (9); St. David's Fermentary (1); Purcell (8); | South |
|  | Miginon, Paradise (1); Nyack, Grenville (7) ; Rush (2); | East |
|  | Grenviile Cocoa Association (5); La Fillette Buying Agent (2); <br> Grenville Receiving Centre (17); Sargeant, St. David (1); Charles (1); <br> John, Grenvi11e (2); Noel (2); Ramdhanny (3); Purce11 (2); <br> J. Branch (1); Gibbs (3); St. Paul (2); W. Branch (2) | West |
| Bananas | Samaritan Boxing. Plant (17); Nyack (1); | North |
|  | Poms Field (6); Palmiste (8) ; Bailles Bacale Boxing Plant (3) ; | South |
|  | Banana Association (3) ; Mirabeau Boxing Plant (17) ; | East |
|  | Palmiste Boxing Plant (5) | West |
| $\text { Nutmeg }+$ Mace | Sauteurs Receiving Station (10) ; Union Station (7) ; | North |
|  | ```Lalsee's Station (3); Grenville Station (5); Morne Fondue (2); Marlie.Station (2); Victoria Station (12); St. Mark (1); St. Paul's (4); La Tante (13); Vincennes (12);``` | South |
|  | Nutmeg Pool, St. David (6); La Fillette Station (26); | East |
|  | Grand Roi (4); Concord (5); Gouyave (5) | West |
| Cinnamon | Union Processing Station (1); Irene Flemming (1); Victoría (1) ; | North |
|  | Inter-Church Council (3) ; St. George Co-operative (1) ; Sargeant (4); | South |
|  | Nutmeg Association (3) | East |

Banana Association (3); Mirabeau Boxing Plant (17);

Nutmeg +
Sauteurs Receiving Station (10); Union Station (7);
Lalsee's Station (3); Grenville Station (5); Morne Fondue (2); Marlie.Station (2); Victoria Station (12); St. Mark (1); St. Paul's (4); La Tante (13); Vincennes (12);

Nutmeg Pool, St. David (6); La Fillette Station (26);
Grand Roi (4); Concord. (5); Gouyave (5)
Union Processing Station (1); Irene Fleming (1); Victoría (1); Nor th
Inter-Church Council (3); St. George Co-operative (1); Sargeant (4); Nutmeg Association (3)

Questions D6 and D7 sought to collect information on disposal practices of farmers with respect to food crops. The interviewers did not deal with these 2 questions satisfactorily and therefore the data collected will not be reproduced here. The general impression gathered from the data, however, is that a high proportion of production is kept for family use.

Question D8 sought to find out how flexible farmers were in their crop production pattern.. At the time of the survey, 76 farmers were growing crops which. they did not grow in 1978. This is recorded in Table 36 and Table 37 shows replies of farmers to the question: "If they would plant a new crop if advised by the Ministry of Agriculture to do so".

One hundred and sixty-two farmers ( 76 per cent) replied in the affirmative and 36 of these gave conditional replies. This indicates that there is a high degree of flexibility in farmers' behaviour. The main requirement is to find the appropriate package of incentives.

Table 36
Showing Response of Farmers to the Query -
"If they were planting a crop at survey time which they did not plant in 1975"

| Replies | Number of Farmers |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | North | South | East | West | Total |
| Yes | 27 | 8 | 27 | 14 | 76 |
| No | 24 | 52 | 33 | 14 | 113 |
| No Reply | 9 | 1 | - | 3 | 13 |
| TOTAL | 60 | 61 | 60 | 31 | 212 |

Table 37
Showing Response of Farmers to the Query "If they would plant a new crop if advised

| Replies | Number of Replies |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | North | South | East | West | Total |
| Yes | 49 | 44 | 57 | 12 | 162 |
| No | 11 | 2 | 1 | - | 14 |
| Don't know | - | 4 | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| Depends on what it is * | 9 | 11 | 1 | 15 | 36 |

* Some farmers gave this as the condition under which they answered "yes".

Question Dll to D19 dealt with farm animals and their production.
Table 38 records the number of farmers who kept animals. Pigs and poulry were kept, respectively, by 39 per cent and 46 per cent of the farmers interviewed. Cattle and goats were kept by 28 per cent and 24 per cent of farmers respectively.

Table 38
Showing Number of Farmers keeping Animals

| Animals | Number of Farmers |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | North | South | East | West | Total |  |
| Cattle | 20 | 16 | 15 | 8 | 59 |  |
| Goats | 15 | 10 | 17 | 8 | 50 |  |
| Sheep | 11 | 12 | 11 | 4 | 38 |  |
| Donkeys | 16 | 10 | 20 | 4 | 50 |  |
| Pigs | 18 | 31 | 20 | 14 | 83 |  |
| Poultry | 31 | 34 | 21 | 12 | 98 |  |
| Rabbits | 4 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 22 |  |
| Other | 2 | 1 | - | 2 | 5 |  |

Table 39 shows information given by farmers about disposal of milk from their farms. Seventy-four per cent of them said that they consume the milk produced, "and only 21 per cent said that they sell to neighbours and to the general public. Four persons gave away milk to friends.

Table 39

Showing Response of Farmers to Query "What do you do with your milk?"

| Rep1ies | Number of Farmers |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | North | South | East | West | Total |
| Use it | 28 | 7 | 19 | 19 | 64 |
| Sell it | 2 | 4 | - | 12 | 18 |
| Give it away | 3 | - | - | 1 | 4 |
| TOTAL | 33 | 11 | 19 | 23 | 86 |

Table 40 shows the number of bottles of milk sold per day by some farmers and the price per 26 oz . bottie. All data relating to milk production, disposal and market price are important if the Government wants to increase milk-production with a view to improving nutritional standards.

Table 40
Volume and.Price. of Milk sold per day by Respondents who kept cows and goats

| Number of bottles sold per. day | Price per 26 oz bottle |
| :---: | :---: |
| 7 | 30 cents |
| 4 | 30 cents |
| 5 | 50 cents |
| 6 | 40 cents |
| 6 | 50 cents |
| 2 | 50 cents |
| 8 | 50 cents |
| 10 | 50 cents |

Table 41
Showing Disposal Practices of Farmers with respect to small stock

| Disposal Practice | Number of Farmers |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | North | South | East | West | Total |
| Sell | - | 6 | 4 | 2 | 12 |
| Family use | 26 | 17 | 24 | 11 | 78 |
| Both | 12 | 13 | 5 | 6 | 36 |

Table 42 records stock and meat sold in 1978 and payments received by respondents who kept farm animals.

Table 42
Showing Stock and Meat sold in 1978 and Payments received by Respondents

| Stock | Unit | North |  | South |  | East |  | West |  | Total (EC\$) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | No | \$ | No | \$ | No | \$ | No | \$ | No | S |
| Goats | no. | 25 | 2,296 | 2 | 60 | 12 | 468 | 1 | 46 | 40 | 2,870 |
| Pigs | no. | - | - | 13 | 1,024 | 30 | 955 | - | - | 43 | 1,979 |
| Poultry | no. | - | - | 35 | 140 | - | - | - | - | 35 | 140 |
| Piglets | no. | - | - | 22 | 620 | - | - | 18 | 430 | 40 | 1,050 |
| Pork | 1 bs | - | - | 150 | 225 | - | - | - | - | 150 | 225 |
| Sheep | 1 bs | - | - | 10 | 356 | 20 | 709 | - | - | 30 | 1,065 |
| Cattle | 1 bs | - | - | 1 | 650 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 650 |
| Rabbits | no. | - | - | - | - | 1 | 50 | - | - | 1 | 50 |

Table 43 records the quantity of meat consumed by these farm families in 1978. These data suggest that animals are reaxed mainly for domestic consumption and not for sale, for the numbers of animals sold were relatively low.

Table 43
Showing amount of meat consumed by respondents in 1978

| North | South | East | West | Total Ibs |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1,577 | 2,564 | 1,105 | 1,035 | 6,281 |

## E - FARM EXTENSION SERVICE

Section $E$ in the questionnaire asked questions relating to the Agricultural Extension Service and mass communications. Table 44 shows regional distribution of respondents who saw extension officers in 1975 and the number of occasions on which they saw them. One hundred and sixty-six ( 78 per cent) respondents replied in the affirmative and reported having seen them 607 times. Forty-two respondents ( 20 per cent) did not see an extension officer during the year, and 4 could not remember having done so.

Table 44
Showing Number. of Respondents who saw Extension Officers in 1975 and number of times they saw them

| Response | Norch |  | South |  | East |  | West |  | Totail |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Res | No of cimes | Res | No of times | Res | No of times | Res | No of times | Res | No of ìmes |
| Yes | 43 | 297 | 58 | 199 | 34 | 111 | 3.1 | - | 166 | - |
| No | 14 | - | 3 | - | 25 | - | - | - | 42 | - |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Can't } \\ & \text { Remember } \end{aligned}$ | 3 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 31 | * | 4 | - |
| TOTAL | 60 | 297 | 61 | 199 | 60 | 111 | 31 | n.a. | 212 | n.a. |

* Can't remember number of times.

Table 45 shows attendance at field demonstrations. One hundred and fifty-six respondents, that is 74 per cent of the number of farmers interviewed said that they did not attend farm demonstrations in 1975. The 31 farmers who replied in the affirmative attended 64 demonstrations.

Table 45
Showing attendance at Field Demonstrations in 1975

| Category | North | South | East | West | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No. who attended demonstrations | 9 | 9 | 9 | 4 | 31 |
| No. who did not attend | 41 | 48 | 43 | 24 | 156 |
| demonstrations | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | 3 |
| No. who could not remember | 9 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 22 |
| No reply | 13 | 27 | 22 | 2 | 64 |

Table 46 shows the demand for extension services. One hundred and sixty-four respondents, that is 75 per cent of those interviewed wanted to see an agricultural extension officer.

Tab1e 46

## Showing Demand for-Agricultural Extension Services

| Category | North | South | East | West | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No. who wanted to see AEO | 48 | 52 | 35 | 29 | 164 |
| No. who did not want to see AEO | 12 | 9 | 23 | 2 | 46 |
| No reply | - | - | 2 | - | 2 |
| TOTAL | 60 | 61 | 60 | 31 | 212 |

Table 47 shows that, of these 78, that is 47 per cent waited for one to turn up. Forty-two showed some initiative and went to see one, 29 told a friend that he wanted to see one, while 15 took no action.

These data relating to farmers' use of and attitude to the agricultural extension service indicate that:
(a) farmers are too lackadaisical in their attitude to the service, and
(b) the Ministry of Agriculture needs to examine the service in order to ascertain to what extent it is meeting the needs of farmers.

Tab1e 47
Showing Action taken by Farmers who wanted to see Agricultural Extension Officers

| Category | North | South | East | West | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Told a friend | 15 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 29 |
| Waited for one | 20 | 35 | 13 | 10 | 78 |
| Went to see one | 10 | 12 | 5 | 15 | 42 |
| Nothing | 3 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 15 |
| TOTAL | 48 | 52 | 35 | 29 | 164 |

Table 48 records replies to the question: "Do you listen to radio programmes on agriculture?" One hundred and seventy-two ( 81 per cent) of those interviewed reporced that they listen to such programmes. When asked however about viewing films on agriculture shown by the agricultural extension service, only 20 farmers said that they had seen such films during 1975. This is recorded in Table 49.

Table 48
Showing Respondents.' Radio Listening Behaviour

| Listening.Attitude | North | South | East | West | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 46 | 49 | 50 | 27 | 172 |
| No | 10 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 29 |
| No Reply | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 11 |
| TOTAL | 60 | 61 | 60 | 31 | 212 |

Table 49
Showing Respondents' Viewing of Films on Agriculture

| Film Viewing | North | South | East | West | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 6 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 20 |
| No | 50 | 55 | 51 | 18 | 174 |
| Can't remember | 3 | - | - | 3 | 6 |
| No reply | 1 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 12 |
| TOTAL | 60 | 61 | 60 | 31 | 212 |

One hundred and seventy-four. ( 82 per cent) said that they had not seen any. On the general question of whether farmers were satisfied with the extension service, 127 ( 60 per cent) said that they were, while 58 ( 27 per cent) said that they were not. These data are in Table 50.

Table 50
Showing Response to Question
"Are you satisfied with the Extension Service?"

| Responses | North | South | East | West | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 34 | 48 | 42 | 3 | 127 |
| No | 14 | 6 | 12 | 26 | 58 |
| Don't know | 12 | 7 | - | 2 | 21 |
| No reply | - | - | 6 | - | 6 |
| TOTAL | 60 | 61 | 60 | 31 | 212 |

The final question in Section $E$ asked farmers what improvements they wanted in the agricultural extension service. Respondents gave broad replies which covered not only this service, but also other aspects of agricultural production. Replies are shown in Table 51. The single items for which there was much demand was agricultural subsidies and most of the farmers requesting this assistance were from the West Region. There were also requests for improvement in the agricultural extension service.

Table 51
Showing-Responses to Query about Improvements
wanted in Agricultural Extension Service

| Responses | North | South | East | West | Tota1 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| More loans | 1 | - | 1 | - | 2 |
| Land reform | 1 | - | - | 1 | 2 |
| More planting material | 5 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 11 |
| Schemes to increase livestock |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ production | 6 | - | - | 4 | 10 |
| Fully trained extension staff | 1 | - | - | 2 | 3 |
| More tours and demonstrations | 5 | - | 2 | - | 7 |
| More farmer training | 2 | - | - | - | 2 |
| Free planting material | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| More efficient extension service | 5 | 3 | 6 | - | 14 |
| Ready markets | 2 | - | - | - | 2 |
| Good roads | 2 | - | - | - | 2 |
| Canning industry | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| More radio programmes | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| Agricultural subsidies | - | 2 | - | 17 | 19 |
| District Agricultural Committees | - | - | - | 2 | 2 |
| More disease control | - | - | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| More farmer incentives | - | - | 1 | 1 | 2 |

An agricultural extension service is a vehicle through which government and farmers establish connecting links for their mutual benefit. The farmer is at the demand end of the chain and the government agricultural service is at the supply end. It will be difficult however, for farmers if they only operated individually, for then government, in order to meet farmer needs, will have to provide a very large extension service at very high cost. The first requirement therefore, in so far as the farmers are concerned is that they should be organized into groups. These should be small, comprising not more than 10 farmers and there should be regular periods when extension officers covering a particular district meet with these farming groups. This structure will enable all farmers throughout the country to keep in close touch with extension officers. In cases where particular farmers are constantly absent from these meetings, extension officers should. visit these farmers to make sure that they are not in need of farming advice. The end purpose of such visits, however, should be to get these individual farmers to take part in group activity. In the final_analysis farmers.can be denied agricultural subsidies and other kinds of assistance if they refuse to participate in co-operative activity.

At the supply end, the government extension service must use mass media facilities to keep the farming community interested in utilizing the service. All farming groups should be informed by radio of the days on which theix area will be visited by extension officers and there should be radio programmes specially designed to inform and educate the farming community. The role of radio and other mass media cannot be over-emphasized, for it is through. these means that the Ministry of Agriculture can make services of the extension staff effective.

## F - FARMERS' SOCIAL ATTITUDES

Questions in this section aimed at finding out farmers' attitudes towards one another and towards farming. Table 52 shows that 65 of the farmers interviewed, that is 31 per cent of the sample, revealed that they work on other farmers' lands for no payment, while 144 said that they did not.

Table 52
Showing Responses to Question
"Do you work on other farmers' lands for no payment?"

| Responses | North | South | East | West | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 17 | 23 | 18 | 7 | 65 |
| No | 43 | 38 | 42 | 21 | 144 |
| No reply | - | - | - | 3 | 3 |
| TOTAL | 60 | 61 | 60 | 31 | 212 |

Table 53 shows the kind of work done by respondents for no payment. The most common free servicesperformed are tilling, cutlassing and sowing.

Table 53
Showing Kinds. of Farm Work done by respondents for other Farmers for no payment and numbers of respondents who worked

| Kind of Work Performed | Number of Respondents |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | North | South | East | West | Total |
|  | 11 | 15 | 11 | 3 | 40 |
| Cutlassing | 11 | 15 | 11 | 2 | 39 |
| Carpentry | 2 | - | - | - | 2 |
| Pruning | 1 | 3 | 5 | - | 9 |
| Harvesting | 1 | 7 | 2 | - | 10 |
| Sowing | 1 | 11 | 10 | 5 | 27 |
| Burning Coal | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Draining | - | 2 | 5 | - | 7 |
| Weeding | - | 2 | 2 | 3 | 7 |

Table 54 shows that 65 farmers said that other farmers also work on their lands for no payment and Table 55 shows that tilling, cutlassing and sowing are the most frequent services performed.

Table 54
Showing Response to Question
"Do other Farmers work on your land for no Payment?"

| Responses | Number of Farmers |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | North | South | East | West | Total |  |
| Yes | 18 | 22 | 18 | 7 | 65 |  |
| No | 41 | 38 | 42 | 19 | 140 |  |
| No reply | 1 | 1 | - | 5 | 7 |  |
| TOTAL | 60 | 61 | 60 | 31 | 212 |  |

Tab1e 55
Showing kinds of farm work done by Farmers on Respondents' Lands for no payment and numbers of respondents who had such work done for them

| Kind of Work Performed | Number of Respondents |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | North | South | East | West | Total |
| Tilling | 12 | 17 | 10 | 3 | 42 |
| Cutlassing | 10 | 14 | 12 | 4 | 40 |
| Pruning | 1 | 2 | 2 | - | 5 |
| Harvesting | 4 | 4 | 3 | - | 11 |
| Sowing | 4 | 10 | 6 | 7 | 27 |
| Burning coal | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Draining | - | 1 | 7 | - | 8 |
| Weeding | 5 | - | 2 | 4 | 11 |
| Fertilizing | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |

Table 56

Showing Attitudes of Respondents to Co-operative Full-time activity and individual part-time activity

| Choices | Number of Respondents |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | North | South | East | West | Total |
| Owning a small piece of land alone and working it parttime | 51 | 44 | 42 | 19 | 156 |
| Working in a large acreage with other farmers fulltime | 8 | 10 | 15 | 7 | 40 |
| No choice | 1 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 16 |
| TOTAL | 60 | 61 | 60 | 31 | 212 |

Table 56 shows that 156 farmers preferced owning a small piece of land and working it alone instead of working co-operatively with a group of farmers on a large acreage. This shows that individualistic tendencies are still very dominant in the farming community. Table 57 shows the reasons given by some farmers for wanting to work alone and jointly. Fifteen farmers thought that it was more profitable to work alone.

Table 57

Remarks supporting preference shown in Question 5

| Supporting Sole Action |  | Supporting Joint Action |  |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| More profitable being alone | 15 | Cannot work alone | 1 |
| Work at leisure | 6 | Lot to learn working jointly | 4 |
| Want to be sole owner of land | 9 | If farmers are co-operative | 2 |
| Depends too much on others | 9 | Too much time wasted | 1 |
| More productive | 1 | Because of age | 1 |

Table 58 shows how respondents working part-time on a small parcel of land would spend their spare time. One hundred and fifteen, that is 54 per cent said that they would work somewhere else during their spare time. Only 5 said that they would do nothing while 30 said that they did not know how they would spend their time. Sixty of the respondents gave no reply. These replies show how dominant is the attitude of farming as a part-time activity in the society. There is nothing wrong with this when it does not perpetuate land fragmentations but in the present situation in Grenada, continuation of farmlets puts severe limitations on the development of commercial farming. The policy should be to work towards farm consolidation. Where groups of people in a village are employed in non-farm activities, but want to do hobby or subsistence farming, communal land should be made available in plots.

Table 58

Showing how Respondents working part-itime on a small parcel of land would spend their spare time

| Alternatives | Number of Respondents |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | North | South | East | West | Total |
| Work somewhere else | 46 | 30 | 27 | 12 | 115 |
| Do nothing | 1 | - | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| Don't know | 7 | 7 | 10 | 8 | 32 |
| No reply | 6 | 24 | 21 | 9 | 60 |
| TOTAL | 60 | 61 | 60 | 31 | 212 |

Table 59 shows replies to Question E7 which sought to find out the attitudes of respondents to house location relative to farm holding. Sixty-two per cent of respondents said that they prefer to own $1 / 4$ acre of land and live on it instead of owning 2 acres of land and living away from it. The main reason given for wanting to live in close proximity to the land they cultivated was to exercise surveillance over their crops.

Table 59

Showing Preferences relating to close proximity to Farm Holding

| Alternatives | Number of Respondents |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | North | South | East | West | Total |
| a. Owning $1 / 4$ acre of land and living on it | 39 | 43 | 25 | 24 | 131 |
| b. Owning two acres of land and living away from it | 16. | 7 | 31. | 4 | 58 |
| c. Unable to decide on a. or b. | 5 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 18 |
| d. No reply | - | 3 | 2 | - | 5 |
| TOTAL | 60 | 61 | 60 | 31 | 212 |

Table 60 shows attitudes of farmers towards taking co-operative action against praedial larceny. One hundred and two (48 per cent) said that they would be prepared to act jointly, while 74 ( 35 per cent) said that they would not participate in joint action.

Table 60
Showing-Attitudes to Farmers towards taking Co-operative action against. Praedial Larceny

| Attitude | Number of Farmers |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | North | South | East | West | Total |
| Yes | 34 | 24 | 22 | 22 | 102 |
| No | 17 | 32 | 19 | 6 | 74 |
| Don't know | 7 | 5 | 10 | - | 22 |
| No reply | 2 | - | 9 | 3 | 14 |
| TOTAL | 60 | 61 | 60 | 31 | 212 |

Question F9 sought to find out.further the degree of individualism among farmers, and.. replies to this question are shown in Table 61. Of the 212 farmers interviewed, 137 ( 64 per cent) said that they do not attend.farmers' meetings. But Table 62, which shows attitudes of farmers towards membership of co-operatives, reveals that 147 ( 70 per cent) respondents would join a co-operative.

Table 61

Showing Respondents' Attitude to attending common-interest meetings

| Replies to "Do you attend <br> farmers' meetings?" | Number of Farmers |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | North | South | East | West | Total |
| Yes | 17 | 31 | 9 | 10 | 67 |
| No | 43 | 26 | 51 | 17 | 137 |
| No reply | - | 4 | - | 4 | 8 |
| TOTAL | 60 | 61 | 60 | 31 | 212 |

Table 62

Showing Attitudes of Respondents
to Membership of a Co-operative

| Would you join <br> a co-operative? | Number of Respondents |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | North | South | East | West | Total |
| Yes | 38 | 44 | 45 | 20 | 147 |
| No | 19 | 4 | 5 | - | 28 |
| Don't know | 3 | 11 | 10 | 6 | 30 |
| No reply | - | 2 | - | 5 | 7 |
| TOTAL | 60 | 59 | 60 | 31 | 212 |

The reasons given against membership are listed in Table 63. Some of them reveal that ignorance is a.factor militating against membership.

Table 63

Reasons given for not wanting to be members of a co-operative

| Reason | Number of Farmers |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | North | South | Bast | !est | rotal |
| Against saving money with others | 2 | - | - |  | 2 |
| Too old to be in a co-operative | 1 | - | 1 |  | 2 |
| Co-operatives in Grenada no good | 2 | - | 1 | No | 3 |
| Membership brings no benefit | 1 | 1 | - | reas- | 2 |
| Ignorant of the advantages | 1 | - | 2 | recor- | 3 |
| Want to be in business alone | 2 | - | - | ded | 2 |
| Have no spare time | 1 | - | - |  | 1 |
| No funds to be a member | - | 1 | - |  | 1 |

Table 64 shows how respondents think they could benefit from membership.

## Table 64

Showing how Respondents think they can benefit from Membership of a Co-operative

| Replies | Number of Respondents |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | North | South | East | West | Total |
| Can learn from one another | 7 | 1 | 17 | 1 | 26 |
| Can create enthusiasm | 1 | 10 | - | - | 11 |
| Enable you to enter business | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Can educate its members | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Can easily obtain loans | 16 | 15 | 7 | 4 | 42 |
| Promote savings for farmers | 2 | 1 | - | 2 | 5 |
| Can promote unity | 3 | - | 22 | - | 25 |
| Self-help | - | 8 | - | - | 8 |
| Better advice | - | 8 | - | - | 8 |
| Sell jointly | - | - | 2 | - | 2 |
| Greater productivity | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |

The indications are therefore, that though there seems to be a general tendency towards individualism, a characteristic which is not surprising given the region's historical background, there is sufficient consciousness of the advantages to co-operate action to justify concerted effort on co-operative development. This will require a down-to-earth educational programme accompanied by films showing achievements of co-operatives in other parts of the world. In short; farmers have to be made to understand how, through cooperate action, they can achieve improvements in their livelihood and general living standards.

Table 65 shows response to the question "In what way do you think your living conditions.can be improved?" These are categorized under the following headings:
(a) Agricultural cost factors
(b) Agricultural revenue factors
(c) Co-operative factors
(d) Non-agricultural factors

Respondents showed.greater concern with increasing revenue returns from their farms, but they were also interested in reduction in production costs. The replies give helpful pointers to how agricultural policy can be geared to meet-farmers' needs.

Table 65

Showing how Respondents think their Living Conditions can be Improved

|  | North | South | East | West | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agricultural Cost Factors |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lower cost of living | 3 | 28 | - | 7 | 38 |
| Better agricultural infrastructure | - | 8 | 3 | - | 11 |
| Fertilizer subsidy | - | 4 | 13 | - | 17 |
| Getting financial aid | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| Reducing cost of labour | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| Agricultural Revenue Factors |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gerting ready market | 16 | 5 | 15 | 1 | 37 |
| Getting better price | 20 | 7 | 9 | - | 36 |
| Having more land | 7 | 2 | 19 | - | 28 |
| Working harder | 15 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 27 |
| Keeping livestock | 7 | - | 2 | 1 | 10 |
| Grow more food | - | 13 | 7 | 1 | 21 |
| Co-operative Factors |  |  |  |  |  |
| Protection from theft | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| Co-operative activity | 1 | - | 5 | 1 | 7 |
| Non-agricultural factors |  |  |  |  |  |
| Getting a job |  |  |  |  |  |
| Getting better wages |  | - | - | 3 | 5 |

## G - CONSUMPTION IN FARM HOUSEHOLDS

The questions in this section of the questionnaire aimed at getting insight into consumption habits of farm households. The first question, the replies to which are shown in Table 66, sought to find out the frequency with which respondents received food items as gifts.from other farmers. Information on this was thought important because one tends to make a general assumption that ability to purchase is the only factor determining living standards in rural life. It is clear.from the data in Table 66 that there is much interchange of foodstuff among farmers and that most of this interchange is in staple foods such as breadfruit, ground provisions, sweet potatoes and bananas.

Table 67 showed food items which respondents bought from other farmers. Here again staples figure very predominantly, but there was also a fair amount of exchange of vegetables such as carrots, tomatoes, lettuce and cabbage. A common feature of both Tables 66 and 67 is that.less interchange takes place in South and West than in North and.East. . The reasons for this are not apparent and further studies should.be undertaken before.it is assumed that this information reflects significant differences either in production or in farmer behaviour. The level of trade between farmers shown in Table 67 indicate that there is a fair amount of marketing of agricultural production at regional levels. In a programme to develop selfsufficiency in food, attention has to be focussed therefore on regional as well as inter-regional marketing.

Tab1e 66

Regional Distriburion of Food Items which Respondents received as Gifts from Friends and the Number who received them

| Items | Number of Respondenṫs |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | North | South | East | West | Total |
| ground provisions | 15 | 9 | 21 | 9 | 54 |
| breadfruit | 18 | 17 | 14 | - | 49 |
| bananas | 11 | 13 | 15 | 3 | 42 |
| sweet potatoes | 6 | 2 | 12 | 4 | 24 |
| bluggoes | 5 | 1 | 12 | - | 18 |
| cabbage | 8 | 1 | 12 | - | 21 |
| tomato | 4 | - | 16 | - | 20 |
| plantain | 2 | 3 | 8 | - | 13 |
| coconuts | 9 | 1 | - | - | 10 |
| carrots | 1 | - | 8 | - | 9 |
| lettuce | 2 | - | 7 | - | 9 |
| peas | 4 | - | 5 | - | 9 |
| sea foods | 7 | - | - | - | 7 |
| fruit | 6 | - | - | 1 | 7 |
| callaloo | 4 | - | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| corn | 1 | 2 | - | 3 | 6 |
| cucumbers | - | - | 5 | - | 5 |
| beet | - | 1 | 1 | - | - |
| water cress | - | - | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| christophene | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| beans | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| milk | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| rice | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| flour | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| avocado pears | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| ground nuts | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |

Table 67
Regional Distribution of Food Items which Respondents buy from other Farmers

| Items | Number of Respondents |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | North | South | East | West | Total |
| ground provisions | 30 | 10 | 39 | 14 | 93 |
| carrots | 20 | 4 | 21 | 6 | 66 |
| cabbage | 20 | 5 | 26 | 3 | 54 |
| tomatoes | 14 | 3 | 26 | 3 | 46 |
| 1ettuce | 17 | 1 | 13 | 3 | 34 |
| sweet potatoes | 7 | 3 | 15 | 3 | 28 |
| beans and peas | 9 | 3 | 10 | - | 22 |
| bluggoes | 7 | 5 | 9 | - | 21 |
| bananas | 8 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 19 |
| plantain | 4 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 12 |
| chive and thyme | 4 | - | 6 | - | 10 |
| breadfruit | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 7 |
| cucumbers | 4 | - | 3 | - | 7 |
| fruits | 6 | - | - | 1 | 7 |
| avocado pears | 1 | - | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| beets | 3 | - | 2 | - | 5 |
| callaloo | 5 | - | - | - | 5 |
| coconuts | 3 | - | 1 | - | 4 |
| egg plant | 1 | - | 3 | - | 4 |
| pumpkin | 2 | - | 1 | - | 3 |
| onion | 1 | - | 1 | - | 2 |
| ochro | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |

Question G3 aimed at finding out how dependent consumers were on supplies of food available mainly from shops. This information was required in order to get an idea of how much imported food had penetrated into consumption patterns of rural population. Both respondents and interviewers were most likely suffering from fatigue during the final section of the questionnaire and information recorded is somewhat patchy. Table 68 shows, however, recorded food items and the numbers of respondents who said that they purchased them. It is quite likely that some of the items listed under "50 or less" purchasers should be placed in other categories, for example, matches. Again, it is likely that "sugar" is purchased by more than the 167 respondents who mentioned this item. It is important to note, however, the heavy dependence on flour and rice, both of which are imported, the former, from non-regional sources, and the latter, mainly from within the region. Data on consumption of tinned foods were collected separately and are recorded in Table 69. Tinned meat, fish and milk feature very prominantly in consumers' purchases. Generally the data in. Table 68 and 69 show that dependence on non-domestic supplies of food is so great that entry of such supplies in the economy must be monitored where there is likelihood that oversupply of a given commodity may dampen prices of locally grown produce.

Table 68
Showing Food Items purchased from Shops. by Respondents

| Number of Purchasers. | Items purchased by Respondents |
| :--- | :--- |
| More than 200 | Flour, rice <br> 100 to 200 <br> 50 to 100 <br> 50 and less |
|  | Sugar |
|  | White potatoes, onions, saltfish, butter |
|  | Macaroni, cornmeal, chicken, peas, garlic, <br> beans, split peas, milk, bread, cheese, <br> biscuits, salt meat, soda, sweet potatoes, <br>  <br> salt fish, mutton, meat, yeast, cooking <br> oil, matches, lard, ham, bluggoe, kerosene, <br> curry, cakes, sweets, eggs, olive oil, sweet <br> drinks, tomato paste, fruit, soap, pepper, <br> cocoa, smoked herring, tomatoes, pickled <br> meat, tea, cereal preparations, pork, pig |
|  | snout, baking powder, bacon, mackerel. |

Table 69
Showing Tinned Foods purchased from Shops by Respondents

| Number of Purchasers | Items purchased by Respondents |
| :--- | :--- |
| More than 200 |  |
| 100 to 200 | Corned beef, sardines |
| 50 to 100 | Herring, mackerel, tinned milk <br> 50 and less <br> Luncheon meat, ham, bacon, fruit juice, <br> sausages, curried mutton, beans and peas, <br> butter, salmon, beet, chicken, nuts, cocoa <br> powder, ovaltine. |

The final question aimed at finding out the incidence of farmers who lived on parcels of land which they cultivated as opposed to those who resided away from their parcels. Table 70 shows that 71 ( 33.5 per cent) of respondents resided away from their farms while 129 ( 61 per cent) lived on parcels which they farmed. Twelve cases were not recorded.

Table 70

Regional Distrîbution of Respondents by Place of Residence in relation to farm parcel

| Respondent's Residence | Number of Respondents |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | North | South | East | West | Total |
| Residing on farm | 34 | 37 | 43 | 15 | 129 |
| Residing away from farm | 24 | 16 | 16 | 15 | 71 |
| No reply | 2 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 12 |
| TOTAL | 60 | 61 | 60 | 31 | 212 |

## CONCLUSION

The main policy recommendations arising from this survey were made in the "Agricultural Sector Plan for Grenada 1977-1981". They will not be repeated here in detail, bui it is pertinent to make a general statement about agricultural development in Grenada and in the English-speaking Caribbean as a whole. The outward-oriented nacure of the agricultural economy and the almost exciusive interest of private entrepreneurs in export production rather than in production for domestic consumption have, over the years, left the latier activity in the hands of a multipilcity of small peasant producers cultivating thousands of farmlets. Now that there is regional interest in a "basic needs" strategy, there must be a realistic appraisal of the region's agricultural production structure and recognition of its limatations. A clear dastinction must be drawn berween hobby and commercial farmers, and conditions must be created which give the latter incentives to produce, Land has to be viewed as a vital national asser, and much thought given co its use before it is irrevocably alienaced from the agricultural sector. In this sector, it múst be given as viable economic units only to registexed commercial farmers who should concinue to have title as long as they meet national farming standards.

The long traditional individualistic attitude to. land which grew, in part, out of the urge to escape from plantation agriculture, needs nor to be destroyed, bur to be channelled cowards national interest. Care should be taken therefore to ensure chat the defunct private plantation system is replaced by one which leaves room for farmer incentive and initiative racher than having the perpetuation of the same system under the state. Towards this end, the Agricultural Sector Plan places great weight on internal regional organization of commereial farmers into groups, with group-interest through co-operative activity.

## FAPM SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

THE MINISTRY IS CONDUCTING THIS SURVEY TO FIND OUT THE NEEDS AND PROBLFMS OF SMALL FARMERS. WILL YOU PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY.

## ABOUT FARMER

A。 $\quad 1 . \quad$ In what year were you born? $\qquad$
2. TICK APPROPRIATE BOX MALE FEMALE
3. Whom do you live with? Tick approximate boxes $a$ ALONE

Ages

4. How old were you when you left school? $\qquad$
5. In what year did you start farming? $\qquad$
6. Do you do any other work now? LYES/ LNO/
7. If answer to (6) is YES give details.
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
8. Are you a member of a

CO=OPERATIVE
VILLAGE GROUP BUYING CLUB
CREDIT UNION NOTHING
9. Do you save any money? YES NNO

THAT'S MY BUSINESS
10. If answer to (9) is YES, where do you put your savings?
$a_{\theta}$ POST OFFICE
b. $\quad$ BANK
c. $\mathrm{SOU-SOU}$
$d_{\alpha}$ OTHER
11. Do you keep a record of your farm operations?

## WHAT YOU PLANT?

## HOW MUCH YOU REAP?

## HOW MUCH MONEX YOU SPEND?

## WHAT YOU SPEND IT ON?

HOW MUCH MONEY YOU BORROW?
NO RECORD
12. Would you keep records if the extension officer showed you how to keep them?


## ABOUT FARMER 'S LAND

Bo $\quad 1 . \quad$ How many parcels of land do you farm?

2. Give the acreage of each:
a. LON FLAT LAND
b. LON_BILLSIDE
3. Give the following information about each parcel of land:

STATUS Acreage: Payments made or received: Period of Lease

| OWNED | A | ) | B | ( | ) | C | ( | ) | D | ( | ) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Leased | E | ( ) | F | $($ | ) | G | ( | ) | H |  | ) |
| RENTED | I | ( ) | J | ( | ) | K | ( | ) | L |  | ) |
| MANAGED <br> FOR SOMEONE | M | ( ) | N | ( |  | 0 | $($ |  | p |  | ) |
| OTHER | Q | ( ) | R | ( | ) | S | ( | ) | T | ( | ) |

IF THE FARMER HAS ONLY ONE PARCEL OF LAND。 ASK HIM:
4. Would you like your parcel of land to be bigger than it is?


IF YES
5. What acreage would you like it to be?

6. Will you be able to work that acreage alone, with your family, or will you have to employ labour?

ALONE]
WORK WITH FAMILY
EMPLOY LABOUR
IF THE FARMER HAS MORE THAN ONE PARCEL OF LAND. ASK HIM:
7. Would you prefer all your land to be in one place?

YES
NO
DON T KNOW

## IF/YES

8. Where would you like it to be?
$\mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{a}}$ ONA BILLSIDE]
b. ON FLAT LAND
c. LONBOTH
9. What acreage would you like it to be?

10. Will you be able to work that acreage alone, with you family, or will you have to employ labour?

ALONE
WORK WITH FAMILY
EMPLOY IABOUR
IF NO TO QUESTION 7, THEN ASK:
11. Why not?

ABOUT FARM INPUTS
IN THIS SECTION WE WANT INFORMATION ON WHAT INPUTS THE FARMER USED IN 1975 AND THEIR COSTS.
C. $1_{0}$ TICK OFF THE OPERATIONS AND INPUTS WHLCH THE FARMER PAID FOR IN 1975: GIVE COST OF EACH TO HIM AND QUANTITY WHERE APPLICABLE.

| Operations and Inputs | Tick here | Cost | Quantity | Source of Input where applicable |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Brushcutting |  |  |  |  |
| Ploughing |  |  |  |  |
| Rotating |  |  |  |  |
| Harrowing |  |  |  |  |
| Banking |  |  |  |  |
| Bed format |  |  |  |  |
| Planting |  |  |  |  |
| Propagating |  |  |  |  |
| Weeding |  |  |  |  |
| Weedicides |  |  |  |  |
| Insecticides |  |  |  |  |
| Applying Insecticide |  |  |  |  |
| Fertilizer |  |  |  |  |
| Fertilizer Application |  |  |  |  |
| Harvesting |  |  |  |  |
| Bags |  |  |  |  |
| Transport |  |  |  |  |

2. ASK FARMER FOR INFORMATION ON CREDIT AND FTNANCING USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION:

| Source | Size of <br> Loan | Interest <br> Paid | Amount of <br> Credit | Interest <br> Paid |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

Ftiend
Agricultural
Bank
Credit Union
Banans Society
Nutmeg Assoc. $\qquad$
Cocoa Assac.
Government
Comacerial Bank
OTHER $\qquad$
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## ABOUT FARM PRODUCE

$D_{a} \quad$ 1. What crops are on each parcel of land now:
Nos of acreage* Crops

* Use lettering system established in reply to Question $\mathrm{B}_{\mathrm{B}} 3$.

2. Does any land lie fallow now?

YES
NO
3. Give name and amount of each crop reaped in 1975.

| $\substack{\text { Name of } \\ \text { Crop }}$ |
| :---: |

4. Which of these crops did you find it most profitable to grow?
5. If you had cocoa, bananas, nutmeg or other spices, to which collecting point did you take them?

| Produce |
| :--- | :--- |
| Cocoa |
| Bananas |
| Putmeg |
| Mace |
| Cinnamon |
| Other |

6. How much of the other crops did you (a) keep for yourself; (b) sell off farm; (c) sell at a market?

7. What price per $1 b_{0}$ did you get for each crop sold?

| Name of <br> Crop | Average price <br> at farm gate |
| :---: | :---: | | Per 1b, or per unit |
| :---: |
| sold at market |

8. Are you planting any crop now which you did not plant in 1975 ?


9。 Would you plant a new crop if the Ministry advised you to do so?


Other comments: $\qquad$

IF NO]
10. Why?
11. What animals do you keep?


IF FARMER KEEPS COW AND/OR GOAT, ASK HIM:
12. What, do you do witte the milk from your cor and/or geat?


IF FARMER SELLS HIS MILK, ASK HIM:
13. To whom do you sell your milk?
14. How many bottles ( 26 oz 。) do you sell per day?
15. How much do you charge for a bottle of milk?

IF FARMER KEEPS SMALL STOCK, ASK HIM:
16. Do you SELU your small stock, keep it for FAMiILY USE or BOTH?

IF HE SELLS -
17. How much did you sell last year?
18. How much money did you get from sale?

IF KEPT FOR FAMILY USE =
19. How much meat did your family consume from the farm last year?

ABOUT FARM EXTENSION SERVICE
E. I. Did you see an Agricultural Extension Officer last year?

YES/
NO
CANT REMEMBER
IF YES
2. How many times?


CANT REMEMBER
3. Did you attend any field demonstrations last year?

YES


CAN T REMEMBER
IF YES
4. How many?

5. Have you ever wanted to see an Agricultural Officer for advice? YES
NO
IF [YES
6. What did you do about it?
a. Tell a friend to tell the Extension Officer

bo Waited until Extension Officer came $\square$
c. Went to see Extension Officer
$\mathrm{d}_{\mathrm{a}}$ Did nothing about it
7. Do you listen to radio programmes on agriculture? YES $[\mathrm{NO}$
8. Did you see any film on agriculture shown by the Extension Service last year?

9. Are you quite satisfied with the Extension Service?


IF NO
10. What improvement would you like to see?
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## ABOUT FARMER'S SOCIAL ATTITUDES

Fo 1. Do you work on any other farmer's land for no payment?
YES N0)

## IF YES

2. What kind of work do you do?
3. Do other farmers work on your land for no payment?

YES
NO
IF YES
4. What kind of work do they do?
5. If you had to choose between:
a. Owning a small piece of land alone and working it by yourself partotime
AND
Owning a large piece of land with a number of other farmers and working it with the other farmers full-time Which would you choose?

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\frac{\boxed{\mathrm{a}}}{\boxed{b-1}}
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Other remarks: $\qquad$
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IF. THE FARMER PREFERS (a) IN QUESTION 5. ASK HIM:
6. What would you do with the rest of your time?

WORK SOMEWHERE ELSE
NOTHING.
DON KNOW
Other remarks: $\qquad$
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$\qquad$
7. If you had to choose between:
a. Owning $\frac{1}{4}$ acre of land and living on it

AND
b. Owning 2 acres of land and living away from it in a village with other farmers

Which would you prefer?


Other remarks: $\qquad$
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8. Would you join a night-watch gang with other farmers to prevent thieves from reaping your crop or stealing your animals?

9. Do you go to meetings to talk with other farmers about your problems?


IF IN ANSWER TO qUESTION As 8 THE FARMER SAID HE WAS NOT IN A C0 $=0$ PERATIVE, ASK HIM:
10. Would you like to be a member of a co-operative?

> YES

NO
DONT KNOW
IF ANSWER TO qUESTION 10 IS 2 NO , ASK WHY.
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11. How do you think being in a comperative can help a farmer?
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12. In what way do you think your living conditions can be improved?
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## CONSUMPTION IN FARM HOUSEHOLD

$G_{*} \quad l_{\text {. What }}$ items of food do you eat in your household which you get for nothing from friends?
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2. What items of food do you eat in your household which you buy from other farmers?
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3. What items of food do you eat in your houseratid which you buy from a shop?
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4. What tinned food do you buy in shops?
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5. Name all the food items including fruit eaten in your home yesterday, the quantity and the price of each which you had to pay foro
Item

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