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PART I

INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVES OF THE SURVEY

1. INTRODUCTION

Agriculture contributes enormously to the Ethiopian economy. A significant amount of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is obtained from the agricultural sector of the economy while engaging the majority of the population. The collection of reliable, comprehensive and timely statistical information is thus essential for policy and decision making, as well as for other uses. In this regard, the Central Statistical Authority (CSA) has exerted every effort to provide policy makers and other users with reliable and timely agricultural data.

This report presents survey results on agricultural practices such as use of improved seeds, irrigation, application of pesticides and fertilizers within the private peasant sector of the economy. The report includes the objectives of this annual survey, while outlining the scope, coverage, and content of the survey; sample design; field organization; training of field staff; method of data collection; survey estimates of farm inputs applied to area as well as the quantity of inputs applied. Estimation procedures and formulations for estimates of totals and variance for the agricultural practices during the main (Meher) season are presented in Appendix I. Estimates of the standard errors with the corresponding coefficient of

variations (CVs) for farm inputs applied to area and quantity of inputs applied are presented in Appendix II and survey questionnaires in Appendix III.

2.OBJECTIVES OF THE SURVEY

The general objective of CSA's Agricultural Sample Survey (AgSS) is to collect basic quantitative information on the country's agriculture that is considered essential for development planning, socio-economic policy formulation, food assistance, etc. The AgSS is composed of four components: a forecast survey of ten households, a Meher season survey of twenty-five households, a livestock survey of forty households, and a survey of the Belg season crop area and production.

In particular, the objectives of the Meher season farm management practices survey are to estimate the total farm inputs applied area and quantity of inputs applied by type for major temporary and permanent crops. This report is based on the private peasant holdings in the sedentary rural areas of the country, further divided by regions and zones.

PART II

SURVEY METHODOLOGY, DATA COLLECTION AND PROCESSING

1. SCOPE, COVERAGE AND CONTENT OF THE SURVEY.

The 1997/98 (1990 E.C.) annual Agricultural Sample Survey used a sampling frame designed to cover the sedentary rural agricultural population in all regions of the country. Urban and nomadic areas were not included in the survey. Illustrated in Table A is a break down of the sample distribution as expressed by regions, zones and weredas. A total of 56 zones and 409 weredas were actually covered by the survey.

The lowest level sampling unit used for this survey is defined as an Enumeration Area (EA) as identified for the 1994 Population Census. For the AgSS a total of 1420 EAs were selected from all regions of the country. Due to various reasons, 71 of them were incompletely enumerated which resulted in covering 1349 EAs. From each of the selected EAs a representative sample of 40 agricultural households were selected to estimate the various agricultural population items of interest of the sampled EA.

Of these 40 agricultural households, the first 25 were used for obtaining information on area under crops, Meher and Belg season production of major crops, land utilization, agricultural practices, crop damage, and quantity of agricultural inputs used.