

## MALAWI - Agricultural Survey 1993 - Explanatory Notes

### **Historical outline:**

The National Sample Survey of Agriculture (NSSA) 1968/1969 was the first nation-wide agricultural survey conducted in Malawi. A second NSSA was conducted in 1980/81, and the third, to which data here presented refer, in 1992/93.

### **Organization:**

The survey was conducted on a collaborative basis between the Ministry of Agriculture and the National Statistics Office (NSO). Field work involved 600 Enumerators and 100 Supervisors.

### **Enumeration period:**

The survey was conducted in three rounds: The first round took place in October 1992, the second and third were carried out in February and June 1993, respectively.

### **Reference date:**

Information on inventory items refers to the day of enumeration. Other data refer to the agricultural season October 1992 to September 1993.

### **Definition:**

Holding is defined as a unit of agricultural production comprising all land cultivated by a household during 1992/93 agricultural season (October 1992 to September 1993). All land belonging to the household which is not cultivated is excluded. The definition of "garden" corresponds to "parcel" as defined in the WCA Programme of FAO.

### **Coverage:**

The Survey covered the entire country.

### **Frame:**

The eight Agriculture Development Divisions (ADDs) which were divided into 30 Rural Development Projects (RDPs) were used as frame. The primary sampling units were the Enumeration Areas (EAs), while the secondary sampling units were households.

### **Methods:**

The Survey was organized on a sampling basis using a two-stage stratified sample design. The sample consisted of 600 EAs and 12 000 households. Data were collected through personal interviews and the objective measurement was used for measuring the area of parcels.

### **Data source:**

Malawi Government. National Sample Survey of Agriculture 1992/93. Vol. 1, 2, 3 and 4

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