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**CHAPTER 229**

**AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS**

**An Act to provide for the collection of agricultural statistics; to provide for the compilation and publication of statistics; and to provide for matters incidental to the foregoing.**

[13th March, 1919]

11 of 1916  
13 of 1994  
*Government Notices*  
319 of 1964  
497 of 1964

1. This Act may be cited as the Agricultural Statistics Act. Short title

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires- Interpretation

"statistics" means the information which may be collected of and incidental to matters specified in or prescribed under section *three*.

3. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act and to the directions of the Minister, statistics or estimates shall be collected from time to time in relation to all or any of the following matters: Statistics that may be collected

- (a) pastoral, agricultural, horticultural and dairying industries;
- (b) factories dealing with animal or vegetable products of the country;
- (c) land tenure and occupancy;
- (d) any other matter relating to rural industries prescribed by the Minister by statutory notice.

(2) The duty of collecting any such statistics shall be performed by such public officer or officers as the Minister may, by statutory notice, designate thereto, and all prescribed particulars shall be furnished to such officers.

*(As amended by G.N. No. 319 of 1964)*

4. (1) For the purpose of enabling the statistics to be collected, every prescribed person shall, to the best of his knowledge, when required by the prescribed officer so to do, fill up and supply, in accordance with the instructions contained in or accompanying the prescribed form, the particulars specified in that form. Obligation to make returns

(2) Such particulars may relate to estimates of probable production, as well as to actual facts and figures.

5. Every person shall to the best of his knowledge and belief answer when so required all questions asked of him by the prescribed officer, or by an officer authorised in writing by a prescribed officer, which are necessary to the obtaining of any information required for the collection of statistics.

Obligation to supply information

6. (1) For the purpose of making any inquiries or observations necessary for the carrying out of this Act, the prescribed officer, or any officer authorised by him in writing, may at all reasonable times enter upon any land on which any agricultural, horticultural, dairying or pastoral industry is carried on, and may enter any factory, workshop, dairy or other place where persons are employed or any such industrial undertaking is carried on, and may inspect any part of it, and all plant and machinery used in connection with it, and may make such inquiries as are prescribed or allowed by this Act.

Power of entry

(2) Any person who hinders, obstructs or delays any officer mentioned in subsection (1) in the execution of any power conferred by this section shall be guilty of an offence, and liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding three hundred penalty units.

*(As amended by Act No. 13 of 1994)*

7. Compilations of statistics or abstracts thereof shall be made and published in such manner as the Minister may direct:

Publication of statistics

Provided that no return of statistics furnished by any person shall separately and alone be made public without the consent of the person making the return.

*(As amended by G.N. No. 319 of 1964)*

8. Any officer who-

- (a) puts an improper or offensive question to any person;
- (b) asks, receives or takes, in respect of or in connection with his employment under this Act, from any person other than an authorised officer of the Government, any payment or reward;
- (c) divulges, except as allowed by this Act, the contents of any form or return filled up in pursuance of this Act, or any information furnished in pursuance of this Act;

Offences by officers and penalties

shall be guilty of an offence, and be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand five hundred penalty units, or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months in default of payment of any fine inflicted, or to the like imprisonment without the option of a fine, at the discretion of the court trying the offence.

*(As amended by Act No. 13 of 1994)*

**9.** Any person who makes, in any form or document filled up or supplied in pursuance of this Act or in answer to any question asked him under authority of this Act, any statement which is false in any material particular knowing the same to be false, shall be guilty of an offence, and be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand five hundred penalty units, or in default of payment of any fine inflicted to imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months, or to the like period of imprisonment without the option of a fine, at the discretion of the court trying the offence.

Penalty for false statements

*(As amended by Act No. 13 of 1994)*

**10.** Any person who forges any form or document which is used or prescribed under this Act, or utters such a document knowing it to be forged, shall be guilty of an offence, and be liable on conviction to the penalties prescribed by law for the crime of fraud.

Forgery

**11.** (1) The Minister may, by statutory instrument, make regulations-

Regulations

(a) prescribing the particulars and information to be furnished in relation to any matter in respect of which statistics may be collected under this Act;

(b) prescribing the manner and form in which, the times and places at which, and the persons by whom and to whom such particulars and information shall be furnished.

(2) Such regulations may provide that any person who, without reasonable cause, makes default in complying therewith shall be guilty of an offence, and be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand five hundred penalty units, or, in the case of a continuing default, to a fine not exceeding thirty penalty units for every day during which the default continues.

*(As amended by G.N. No. 319 of 1964,  
and by Act No. 13 of 1994)*

**12.** Every form, notice or other document given or issued by an officer under this Act shall be sufficiently authenticated if the name of the officer by whom it is given or issued has been printed or stamped thereon.

Authentication of forms

**13.** All letters, parcels and packets, and all telegraphic messages relating to the statistics, shall, if marked with the words "Statistics. On Government Service", and when transmitted to or by a prescribed officer, be free of postal, telegraphic or other charges made by the General Post Office.

Free postal service

**14.** No entry in any return, book, register or record made by an officer or by any person under this Act shall be admissible in any legal proceedings, civil or criminal, except upon a charge of an offence against this Act, anything to the contrary in the law of evidence notwithstanding.

Evidence

**15.** Whenever any fine has been imposed under this Act for an offence, and the person convicted thereof does not forthwith pay the fine, the court imposing the fine may in its discretion issue a warrant for the levy of the amount of the fine by seizure and sale of any movable property belonging to the offender, and the warrant shall authorise the seizure and sale of such movable property within the court's jurisdiction, and also outside its jurisdiction if the warrant be endorsed by the magistrate having jurisdiction where the property is situate.

Consequences of default in payment of fines

## **SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION**

### **AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS**

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*Act No.13 of 1994*

#### **SECTION 11-THE AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS REGULATIONS**

##### *Regulations by the Minister*

- 1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Agricultural Statistics Regulations.

Title
- 2.** Statistics relating to crops, areas of cultivation and stock shall be collected by Provincial Agricultural Officers on behalf of the Director of Agriculture.

Statistics relating to crops and stock
- 3.** (1) All persons in charge of farms or estates, whether owners, lessees, managers, servants or occupiers, or any persons acting on behalf of such persons, shall render a return in the form set out in the Schedule to the Provincial Agricultural Officer of the Province in which the farm or estate is situate.

Return to be rendered

(2) Returns under this regulation shall be made in respect of every twelve-month period ending on the 30th September in each year and shall reach the Provincial Agricultural Officer not later than the 31st October in the same year.
- 4.** Statistics relating to costs of agricultural production and agricultural prices shall be collected by the agricultural economist.

Costs of production
- 5.** Any person who, in the opinion of the agricultural economist, is able to furnish information which the agricultural economist desires to obtain for the purposes of determining the costs of agricultural production or agricultural prices shall, when required so to do by the agricultural economist, furnish such information.

Information to be supplied

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6. Any person who, without reasonable cause, makes default in complying with the requirements of regulations 3 and 5 shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand five hundred penalty units or, in case of a continuing default, to a fine not exceeding thirty penalty units for every day during which the default continues. Penalty

*(As amended by Act No. 13 of 1994)*

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SCHEDULE

(Regulation 3)

RETURN OF CROPS

Full Name of Owner .....

Full Name of Manager .....

Postal Address of Owner/Manager .....

Name(s) of Farm(s) .....

Land Survey Number(s) of Farm(s) .....

District .....

Area: (a) Freehold ..... acres

(b) Leased from State ..... acres

(c) Leased from Others ..... acres

(d) Managed ..... acres

TOTAL ..... acres

NOTE.-In this return the gross weight of bags is taken to be 90 kg., excepting groundnuts (shelled 81 kg.) and potatoes 67 kg. The ton is the short ton of 1000 kg.

ANNUAL CROPS

Kind of crop	Acres Planted	Total Crop Reaped	Acreage to be Planted Next Year
Maize (mealies) for grain .. .. .	.....	.....bags	.....
Maize (mealies) for silage .. .. .	.....	.....tons	.....
Wheat .. .. .	.....	.....bags	.....
Oats for grainz .. .. .	.....	.....bags	.....
Oats for fodder .. .. .	.....	.....tons	.....
Barley for grain .. .. .	.....	.....bags	.....
Barley for fodder .. .. .	.....	.....tons	.....
Rice (unhusked) .. .. .	.....	.....bags	.....
Groundnuts (shelled) .. .. .	.....	.....bags	.....
Potatoes (main crop) .. .. .	.....	.....bags	.....
Potatoes (irrigated) .. .. .	.....	.....bags	.....
Sunnhemp seed .. .. .	.....	.....bags	.....
Sunnhemp hay .. .. .	.....	.....tons	.....
Sunflower seed .. .. .	.....	.....bags	.....
Cowpeas and Beans seed .. .. .	.....	.....bags	.....
Cowpeas and Beans hay .. .. .	.....	.....tons	.....
Green manure crops ploughed in- Specify kinds: ..... ..... .....	..... ..... .....	..... ..... .....	..... ..... .....
Tobacco:			
Virginia (flue-cured) .. .. .	.....	.....lb.	.....
Virginia (air or sun cured) .. .. .	.....	.....lbs.	.....
Turkish .. .. .	.....	.....lbs.	.....
Burley .. .. .	.....	.....lbs.	.....

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Vegetables (for sale)	..	..	..	..	.....	.....tons	.....
Cultivated grass fodder crop:							
Irrigated	..	..	..	..	.....		.....
Unirrigated	..	..	..	..	.....		.....
Others-Specify:					.....		.....
.....					.....		.....
.....					.....		.....
.....					.....		.....
Total acreage under crops	..	..	..	..	.....		.....
Acres lying fallow	..	..	..	..	.....		.....
Veld grass cut for hay	..	..	..	..	.....		.....

ORCHARDS AND OTHER PERENNIAL CHOPS

Kind of Trees	No. of Trees Bearing	No. of Trees Not Bearing
Oranges	.....	.....
Other citrus	.....	.....
Other fruit trees-Specify:		
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
Other perennial crops-Specify:		
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....

WOODLAND

During Year	Acres Planted	Total Acreage
Natural	.....	.....
Artificially established-Specify:		
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....

MANAGEMENT AND LABOUR

<i>Management:</i>	<i>Labour:</i>
Owners or Occupies	On Agriculture
Managers	On livestock
Learners	General work
Other employees	
All other persons living on farm	

FERTILISERS AND MANURES

Kind and quantity of fertilisers used-Specify:

..... tons

..... tons

Acres manured with kraal manure or compost ..... acres

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SOIL CONSERVATION WORKS

Total area of cultivated land protected by contour ridges or broad base terraces ..... acres
Total area of cultivated land not protected by contour ridges or broad base terraces ..... acres

RAINFALL

Total rainfall 1st October, 19..... to 30th September, 19 ..... in inches .....

IRRIGATION

Source of water (spring, river, well, borehole or dam) .....
Pumping equipment (windmills, engine-driven pumps, etc.) .....
Horse-power of pump(s) .....
Total area irrigated by free flow water .....
Total area irrigated by borehole water .....
Kind of crops irrigated .....

EQUIPMENT

Lorries-number on farm .....
Make, type and year .....
Trailers-number on farm .....
Tractors-number on farm .....
Make, type and year .....
Combine harvesters-number on farm .....
Make, type and year .....
Maize pickers-number on farm .....
Make, type and year .....
Other heavy equipment (e.g. steam engines)-Specify:
.....
.....

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge the foregoing particulars of my farm or farms are correct and complete.

Owner/Occupier/Manager

Date .....

ANNUAL LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

For the Year Ending ..... 19 .....

Farm ..... Owner ..... Postal Address .....

	Bulls in Service	Bulls under 2 years old	Breeding and Heifers	Heifers over 1 year old not yet served	Culled Cows and Queens	Oxen over 3 years old	Steers and Tollies over 1 year old and under 3 year old	Bull Calves under 1 year old	Heifer Calves under 1 year old	
On Hand Beginning of Year ..										
Born .. .. .										
Purchased .. .. .										
Died .. .. .										
Sold .. .. .										
Slaughtered .. .. .										
On Hand End of Year ..										

No. of Dipping Tanks ..... Kind of Dip Used .....

CAUSES OF DEATHS:

(a) Cattle:

(b) Other Stock: