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FOREWORD

The Statistical Development Series is a sequence of comprehensive technical manuals on the various aspects of the statistical programmes which make up a national information system for food and agriculture. The publication "Food and Agricultural Statistics in the Context of a National Information System", "Programme for the 1990 World Census of Agriculture", and its supplements for Africa and Europe", "Microcomputer Based Data Processing and Sampling Methods for Agricultural Surveys", have already been published.

In the Statistical Development Series, emphasis is placed on the need to conceptualize data sources within the framework of a national information system in which the concepts are standardized and duplication of effort minimized.

This publication on livestock statistics is intended to assist statisticians in their work in a particularly difficult and varied area. Users of this manual are kindly invited to communicate to FAO their comments and suggestions for the improvement of subsequent editions.

The Director
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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Livestock

The term 'livestock' used in this report refers to animals kept or reared mainly for agricultural purposes including cattle, buffaloes, sheep, goats, mules and hinnies, asses, camels, poultry, deer, rabbits, llamas, yaks, as well as animals reared in captivity for agricultural purposes.

Livestock farming is recognized as an activity distinct from growing of crops. In the 1988 revision of the International Standard Classification of Economic Activities (ISIC), the structure of the Category A, Agriculture, Hunting and Fishing, is as follows: 1/

| AGRICULTURE, HUNTING AND FISHING | |
|----------------------------------|--|
| DIVISION 01 | AGRICULTURE, HUNTING AND FISHING ACTIVITIES |
| 011 | Growing of crops; horticulture |
| 0111 | Growing of cereals and leguminous crops |
| 0112 | Growing of vegetables, specialties and nursery crops |
| 0113 | Growing of fruit, nuts, and other crops |
| 012 | Farming of livestock and other animals |
| 0121 | Farming of cattle, sheep, asses, mules and hinnies |
| 0122 | Other livestock farming and animal products n.e.c. |

1/ ISIC, classifies all economic activities in Tabulation Categories, Divisions (three digits), Classes (four digits) and Groups (five digits) in order of generality.

2/ n.e.c.: not elsewhere classified.

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