

INCOME FROM PEASANT HOLDINGS IN 1959/60

Summary

As each year, the present work contains the calculations of income from peasant holdings for 1959/60, in comparison with those of previous years. The calculations have been made on the basis of accounting carried on 1 200 private holdings.

In chapter I (page 3) examples are examined of holdings where accounting is carried on. They are reviewed from the point of view of the structure of the holdings and of their intensity of production.

In chapter II (page 15) is presented the method of calculating the earned and dispersed income of private holdings which engage in agricultural book-keeping. Special attention has been paid to the price system accepted for the calculations.

Chapter III (page 19) presents the earned and dispersed general income of holdings keeping books, during the years 1953/54—1959/60, calculated per single holding. Calculations have been made in current prices and in comparative prices for 1959/60. The real income for the period 1955/56—1959/60 has also been worked out.

Chapter IV (page 45) is concerned with the earning and dispersal of income for the years 1955/56—1959/60 according to the size of the holdings keeping books.

Chapter V (page 67) contains an analysis of the production and income of agricultural holdings of up to 3 hectares, which constitute a side-line in the family income. This has been compared with the production and income of holdings of various sizes from which the main income of the family is derived.

Chapter VI (page 73) outlines the investments on holding keeping accounts during the years 1952/53—1959/60. The investments are presented in relation to holdings grouped according to size and according to rural districts. Account has been taken of trends of investment and of its distribution on the purchasing market (state and private).

Chapter VII (page 78) shows how a trial calculation was made to estimate peasant income on a national scale on the basis of mass data from the Chief Statistical Office and on the book-keeping carried on private holdings.

Special attention has been paid in this chapter to an analysis of the dispersal of the earned income i.e. to an investigation of the consumption expenditure and to capital investment.

Chapter VIII (page 93) is devoted to calculating and analysing the budgets of peasant families. The budget has been presented of a peasant family of a medium standard of living, These budgets are compared with those of families of industrial workers.

Chapter IX (page 103) outlines the consumption of foodstuffs in Poland for the years 1947/48—1959/60 in comparison with data for the years 1935/36. There is an estimation of the amount of consumption on holdings of a medium standard of living and of the size of consumption of articles derived from the holding itself.

Chapter X (page 119) contains 43 tables displaying for comparison the results of book-keeping on private holdings for the period 1952/53—1959/60.