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## Incroduction

The West European trade in cut flowers is part of a world-wide network in which supplying (export) countries are linked with consuming (importing) countries in an interdependent system. Changes in supply or demand conditions in any country in the system affects all market participants through changes in equilibrium market prices. The high value of flowers per unit weight makes air transport feasible worldwide and puts any potential supplying country in reach of any market. The principle supplying countries for world markets are the Netherlands, Italy, columbia, Kenya, Israel and Spain. Of these countries, the Netherlands, Israel and Columbia ship substantial quantities to the U.S. and all of Europe. The U.S. is an integral part of the world market as an importanl importer.

An adequate evaluation of potential entry of Egypt into the EEC market would require simultaneous consideration of the supply and demand for cut flowers in each participating country within an integrated trading framework. Such an evaluation is beyond the reach of research resources available for the present study.

The objectives of the present study are as follows:
(1) To present data on imports of cut llowers in the major West European importing countries.
(2) To estimate price responsivencss to changes in supply in West Germany of carnations, roses and chrysanthemums.

- (3) To describe production conditions in some of the major supplying countrics, namely Columbia and Kenya.
and (4) To describe the production and exporting sectors for cut flowers in Egypt.


## Western European Markels

Egypt's best potential for exporting cut flowers is in the November through May period when fuel costs are high in competing northern countries. Prices are higher during that period and lower in the summer when production becomes possible at more northern latitudes. However, some countries (Columbia) export to Europe the year round.

The important importing countries of Europe are given in Table 1 :
Table 1: Trends in imports of cut llowers in European Councries 1970-1978.

| Year | Annual lmports (motric lons) |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Germany | France | Austria | Sweden | Switzerland | U.K. |
| 1970 | 41,678 | 1,106 | 1.100 | 1,306 | 3,702 | 1,333 |
| 1975 | 104,994 | 4.592 | 2,331 | 1,897 | 5,632 | 2,078 |
| 1976 | 107,300 | 6,369 | 2,781 | 2,331 | 6,006 | 2,270 |
| 1.977 | 110,650 | 6,910 | 3,436 | 2,395 | 6.412 | 2,581 |
| 1978 | 123,251 | 9,696 | 3,860 | 2,638 | 7,250 | 5,125 |
| 1980 | -- | 13.591 | -- | -- | -- | 8.759 |

Source: Institut for Gartenbauokonamie der Technischen Universitat Hannover, Europan Horticultural Statistics-Non-edibles Hannover, Germany, 1977.

Germany is by far the largest impurter of iol flowers, but other countrites are increasing rapidly. France is increasing rapidly because of a change


#### Abstract

from being a net exporter to net importer. ${ }^{1}$ Per capita consumption in England is small, ${ }^{2}$ but can be expected to grow.


The three major flowers imported are carnations, roses and chrysanthemums. Tables 2-5 indicate imports of these threc flowers by west Germany, france, USA, and the U.K. by supplying country. West Gormany imports more carnations than roses or chrysanthemums. The carnations come primirily from the Netherlands, Israel, Columbia, Kenya, and ltaly. The UK. also imports principally carnations from lsrael, Columbia, ILaly and Kenya.

Western European countries also produce significant quantities of flowers, mostly in the warmer months. lmports are heavjer in the winter months, when local flowers must come from heated greenhouses. The Netherlands, West Germany, France and Italy are large flower producers. The area in each country dedicated to cut flowers under glass is given in Table 6.

Imports Into West Germany
West Germany is by far the largest imporier of cut flowers in Europe, importing over $26,000 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{t}$. of carnations, $12,000 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{t}$. of roscs and $6 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{t}$. of chrysanthemums during the November through Nay period (1980-81). The Netherlands is the principal supplicr of chrysanthemums. (Sce Table 2.) About half of the carnations (and a small part of the roses) arc imported to the Netherlands from Israel and re-exported.

1 However, of the 13,591 tons imported in 1980 , only 2,402 tons were roses, carnations and chrysanthemums. Evidently a large variety of other flowers are also popular in France. Carnations come from Israel, Kenya and Italy. Chrysanthemums come form the Netherlands and roses from the Netherlands and lsracl.

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U.N., A Survey of the Market for Floricultural Products in Western
Prepared for ESCAP Countries, 1979 . Europe Prepared Inr ESCAP Countries, 1979.

Table 2: W. German imports of carnations, roses and chrysanthemums by supplying countries, 1980-811 (metric tons)

| Supplying Country | Nov. 80 | Dec. <br> 80 | Jan. 81 | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Feb } \\ 81 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Mar. } \\ 81 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Apr } \\ 81 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | May $81$ | TOTAL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Netherlands | 615 | 1,247 | 837 | 747 | 1,030 | 1,505 | 1,182 | 7,163 |
| Columbia | 531 | 671 | 730 | 561 | 517 | 464 | 400 | 3,874 |
| Kenya | 482 | 733 | 469 | 561 | 623 | 716 | -- | 3,584 |
| Isracl | 164 | 539 | 561 | 697 | 824 | 736 | 719 | 4,240 |
| Italy | 273 | 807 | 508 | 874 | 1,085 | 1,242 | 1,239 | 6,028 |
| Spain | 31 | 44 | 20 | 30 | 72 | 86 | 58 | 341 |
| Others | 79 | 121 | 121 | 151 | 210 | 144 | 151 | 977 |
| TOTAL: | 2.175 | 4,162 | 3,246 | 3,621 | 4,361 | 4,893 | 3,749 | 26,207 |


|  |  | Impor | of Ros (met | by Su tons) | ing |  | 81 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Notherlands | 988 | 1,597 | 1,038 | 1,010 | 1,368 | 1,875 | 1.820 | 9.696 |
| Isracl | 305 | 434 | 328 | 323 | 308 | 308 | 127 | 2,133 |
| Spain | 59 | 64 | 13 | 5 | 63 | 95 | 69 | 368 |
| Canary Is. | 35 | 32 | 24 | 21 | 31 | 27 | 36 | 206 |
| Italy | 8 | 100 | 4 | 22 | 16 | 20 | 24 | 194 |
| S. Alrica | 28 | 6 | 11 | 1 | 3 | -- | -- | 49 |
| Columbia | 1 | 5 | 12 | 4 | 19 | -- | -- | 41 |
| Brazil | 28 | 18 | 5 | 15 | 34 | -- | -- | 100 |
| Others | 18 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 41 |
| TOT^L: | 1.434 | 2.260 | 1.436 | 1,402 | 1,848 | 2,329 | 2,083 | 12,792 |

1 Assumes 25,000 roses and chrysanthemums and 26,000 carnations per metric ton.

Table 2: (continued)
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| Supplying <br> Country | $\begin{gathered} \text { Nov. } \\ 80 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Dec. 80 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Jan. } \\ 81 \end{array}$ | Feb. 81 | Mar. <br> 81 | Apr. <br> 81 | May | $\begin{gathered} \text { TOTAL } \\ 81 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |


| Netherlands | 627 | 1.062 | 796 | 740 | 660 | 1,115 | 1.051 | 6,051 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Italy | 62 | 1.062 | 11 | 5 | 1 | 1 | --- | 25 |
| Spain | -- | 8 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 33 |
| Israml |  | 8 | 23 | 19 | 6 | -- | -- | 56 |
| Others | -- |  |  | 3 | 2 | 1 |  | 6 |
| rorne: | 627 | 1,085 | 834 | 7.73 | 673 | 1,122 | 1,057 | 6.172 |

[^0]Table 3: U.K. Imports of Carnations, Roses and Chrysanthemums, by Supplying Countries, 1979-80. (tonnes)

|  | Nov. | Dec. | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | TOTAL |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1979 | 1979 | 1980 | 1980 | 1980 | 1980 | 1980 |  |
|  | 128 | 181 | 184 | 205 | 309 | 428 | 174 | 1,609 |
| Isracl | 150 | 180 | 151 | 161 | 212 | 165 | 107 | 1,126 |
| Columbia | 42 | 57 | 14 | 46 | 105 | 45 | 99 | 408 |
| Italy | 19 | 20 | 17 | 30 | 43 | 22 | 8 | 159 |
| Kenya | 39 | 11 | 12 | 16 | 15 | 12 | 28 | 133 |
| Others |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| TOTAL: | 378 | 478 | 378 | 458 | 684 | 672 | 416 | 3,435 |

U.K. Imports of Roses by Supplying Countries, 1979-80

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| Isracl | 51 | 54 | 50 | 55 | 114 | 93 | 19 | 436 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Netherlands | 12 | 8 | 6 | 12 | 9 | 4 | 7 | 58 |
| Columbia | 3 | 2 | - | 1 | 3 | - | - | 9 |
| Canary Is. | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 11 |
| TOTAL: | 67 | 65 | 57 | 69 | 130 | 99 | 27 | 514 |

U.K. Imports of Chrysanthemums by Supplying Countrics, 1970-80)

|  |  |  | tonn |  |  |  |  | 269 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Israel | 125 | 10 | 71 | 85 | 81 | 22 | 68 | 269 |
| Columbia | -- | -- | 4 | 17 | 18 | 2 | -- | 41 |
| Canary 1s. | 17 | 13 | 4 | 9 | 4 | 5 | -- | 52 |
| Others | 4 | 20 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 2 | 3 | 48 |
| TOTAL: | 146 | 161 | 125 | 157 | 210 | 106 | 71 | 976 |

[^1]Table 4: France Imports of Carnations, Roses and Chrysanthemums by Supplying Countries, 1981

|  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Jan. } \\ 81 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Feb. } \\ 81 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { March } \\ 81 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{Apr} \\ 81 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { May } \\ 81 \end{array}$ | June 81 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Nov. } \\ 81 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { TOTAL } \\ & 81 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 23.1 (Metrictons) 81 81 81 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Israel | 23.4 | 13.6 | 28.2 | 21.8 | 16.4 | -- | 5.1 | 108.5 |
| Netherlands | 11.7 | 5.7 | 19.4 | 8.3 | 8.9 | 19.4 | 8.3 | 81.7 |
| Kenya | 30.1 | 18.4 | 25.4 | 8.7 | 2.4 | -- | 8.4 | 93.4 |
| Columbia | 3.9 3.5 | 4.1 | 12.5 | 9.0 | 13.1 | 9.4 | 9.9 | 61.9 |
| Spain | 3.8 | 7. | 2.2 15.3 | . 3 | 1.1 | 5.8 | 5.2 | 19.6 |
| Others | 1.5 | 7. | 15.3 | 8.6 | 10.1 | . 6 | 13.6 | 59.4 |
|  | 1.5 | -- |  |  | 3.3 | -- |  | 4.8 |
| TOTAL: | 77.9 | 50.7 | 103.0 | 56.7 | 55.3 | 35.2 | 50.6 | 429.3 |

France Imports of Roses by Supplying Countries, 1981

| Israel | 13.5 | 11 | tric |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Netherlands | 13.4 | 25.3 | 11.3 | 14.5 | 9.2 | . 4 | 8.7 | 71.8 |
| Moroceo | 12.2 | 13.4 | 21.9 | 38.9 | 49.6 | 37.0 | 36.1 | 222.2 |
| Spain | 1.2 | 1.4 | 4.5 | 6.3 | 2.9 | 3.4 | 7.6 | 50.3 |
| Canary lis. | 3.1 | 2.8 | 6.1 | 6 | .$^{.6}$ |  | 2.5 | 7.4 |
| ltaly |  | -- | --. | 16 | 27.2 | 2.4 | 5.3 | 63.3 |
| Others | 2.0 | 1.2 | 1.6 | 1.0 | . 2 | 1.0 |  | 13.1 6.0 |
| TOTAL: | 45.4 | 61.0 | 46.6 | 86.3 | 96.0 | 46.1 | 61.1 | 434.1 |

France Imports of Chrysanthemums by Supplying Countries, 1981

| Netherlands | . 7 | 34.5 | tric |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Italy | 5.6 | 1.4 | 63.9 | 50.5 | 52.1 | 45.3 | 60.7 | 362.7 |
| Spain | . 8 | 1.4 | 2.4 | 1.4 | 3.7 | -- | 3.3 | 17.8 |
| Israel | . 5 | 2.0 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 2.7 |  | 6.8 | 11.8 |
| TOTAL: | 65.6 | 37.9 | 67.6 | 53.4 | 58.5 | 45.3 | 70.8 | 399 1 |

Source: Ministerre de l'Agriculture

Table 5: Import of Carnations into U.S., by Source, 1980 (Metric tons)
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|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & 1980 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb } \\ & 1980 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Mar. } \\ & 1980 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Apr. } \\ & 1980 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { May } \\ & 1980 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Nov. } \\ & 1980 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec } \\ & 1980 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { TOTAL } \\ 1980 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Columbia | 886 | 1,253 | 1,534 | 1,370 | 1,602 | 1,586 | 1,514 | 9,745 |
| Mexico | 27 | 39 | 71 | 50 | 42 | 36 | 40 | 305 |
| Others | 88 | 18 | 2 | 3 | 14 | 10 | 4 | 139 |
| TOTAL: | 1,001 | 1.310 | 1,607 | 1.423 | 1,658 | 1,632 | 1,558 | 10,189 |

Source: USDA, Markeiing Calfironia Ornamental Crops, 1980.

Table 6: Area of Cut Flowers Under Glass in European Countries

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Carna- } \\ & \text { tions } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Rosrs | Chry Small | ormums 1.arce | $\begin{aligned} & \text { All } \\ & \text { Hlowers } \end{aligned}$ | Year |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (Hectares) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Germany | 210 | 270 | 188 | 242 | 1,403 | $1975{ }^{\text {b }}$ |
| France | 520 | 671 | 204 |  | 3,582 | $1975{ }^{\text {b }}$ |
| Italy | 889 | 372 | 84 |  | 1,931 | $197.5^{\text {b }}$ |
| Netherlands | 443 | 123 | 503 |  | 2,352 | $1979^{\text {a }}$ |
| U.K. | 68 | 36 | 13 |  | 344 | $1979{ }^{\text {b }}$ |
| Denmark | 72 | 369 | 412 |  | 1.542 | $1975^{\text {b }}$ |

Sources:
${ }^{a}$ Landbouw-economisch institut, Tuinbouwcijfers 1980, The llague.
b Institut for Gartenbauokonomic der. Technischan Universitat Hannover, European Horticulture Statistiss, Volume 25, 1977.

Other important suppliers of carnations to $h$. Germany and Italy, Israel, Kenya, and Columbia. Columbia ships the year around, while the other three countries reduce shipments in the summer months.

Germany imports slightly more than $6,000 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{t}$. of chrysanthemums duirng the November-May period, which represents less reliance on forcign suppliers for chrysanthemums than for the other llowers. This is because Germany has a larger area of grecnhousc area devoldd lo chrysanthemum (Table 7). This is favarable (ofypl's export poicntial, since there

Table 7: Area of Cut Flowers Under Glass in Wist Germany (hectares)

|  | Ciarnatinns | Rnscs | Chrysanthemums |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1975 | 210 | 270 | 430 |
| 1978 | 161 | 251 | 426 |
| 1979 | 117 | 234 | 338 |
| Source: | 2MP Bilanz, Bonn, Germany. |  |  |

presently are no important tropical countries supplying the German chrysanthemum market. The major competilors are Germany herself and the Netherlands, both suffering from high fucl and labor costs with heated greenhouse production.

## Supplying Conutrios

Columbia: ${ }^{3}$
There are three production areas in Columbia:
(1) Bogota, at 8,000 fect clevation and temperatures in the high 50's, produces rases and carnations.
${ }^{3}$ Source: Carol Morgan, "Flowers from Columbia," Alribusiness Worldwide, (Inter Continental Publications, Inc: 解osit 1982 .
(2) Medellin, at 5,000 fect and tomperatures in the hiph fo's produces chrysanthemums, carnations, and statice.
(3) Cali, at 4,000 fect, with tomperolures in lhe mid 70 's produces pompom chyrsanthemums and statice.

The area around Bogota has 120 firms with l, oul hectares of flowers. Only 23 percent of the firms have more than 5 hectares. Must firms grow only une type of flower.

Labor requirements average 11 workers per hectare and constitute about 50 percent of total costs. Wages are $\$ 150$ por month in salary and another 150 in benefits. No heat is required in greenhouses.

Total costs are $\$ 80,000$ per hectare for carnations. Observors feel that labor costs have risen to level that makes it difficult to masintain Columbia's role as a world supplicr. The rapid expansion $n$ l Columbia's production secms to be leveling off.

Kenva: ${ }^{4}$
In Kenya production is largely carried on by large farms (corporate) with additional small farmers on contract. Production is located within 80 miles of Nairobi. Much of it is open air production, but some is produced under plastic-covered shade houses. Production is lacated at 5,000 feet altitude with a 23-26 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ daytime temperature and a 12-14 " C nightime Lemperature.

Yields of large flowering carnations arc around 200-300 flowers per square meter, with a plant dinsity of 46 plants por square meter, yididing about four to six flowers per plant.

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Source: Dicter M. Hormann, Export Orient callloritioulture in Liveloping Countries--Kenya, Institut fur Cort conbaboknomic der Universitat Mannover, April 1981.

Aside from three large farms, production is by small holders of .5 to 2 hectares, most of whom produce vegotables as well. Many of the outgrowers are located up to 10 kilometirs from the plant, and carry their flowers by hand or on bicyele to the plant.

The three large producers have considerable investment in cold storage and modern packing plants, and a closed cold chain is maintained throughout loading at the Nairobi airport.

## Transportation

Most of the flowers arriving in Europe from Spain and Italy have the advantages of road transportation. Flowers arriving from other countries go by air. Some typical air freight rates for flowers are given in Table 8. Distances are given in Table 9.

## Estimation of Demand Parameters

## Previous Research

Drs. Kleyn and Tap ${ }^{5}$ estimated price-qunatity equations for Dutch flower auctions using monthly data from 1909-1977, and found price elasticities ranging from -2.9 to -10.0 tor standard carnations, -1.1 to -6.25 for spray chrysanthemum, and -1.3 in -3.4 fur large-bloom roses. Since auctions represent a residual market for supplies from many countries which are re-exported to other countries, the auction price-quantity functions do not accuratcly represent demand conditions in any particular country or region. An important segment of the flower trade by-passes the auction and gocs directly from exporter to importer.

Tablé 8: 1982 IATA Transport Rates for Cut Flowers, per kg. ${ }^{\text {a }}$

| Destinations |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sources | Miami | Montreal | Paris | NYC | London | W. Berlin |
| (dollars per kg.) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bogota | . 87 | 1.45 | 3.68 | ) | -- | -- |
| Tel Aviv |  | 3.55 | 1.40 | 3.29 | 1.61 | 1.59 |
| Amsterdam |  |  |  | 1.96 | . 75 |  |
| Mexico |  | .91 |  |  | 3.41 |  |
| Madrid |  | 1.56 |  | 1.58 | . 79 | . 77 |

Source: KLM rate schedule.
${ }^{\text {a }}$ Assumes 100 kg . minimum shipment.

Table 9: Mileage Transportation Chart Airways Mileage

|  | Frankfurt | London | Paris | Now York | Miami |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (miles) |  |  |  |  |
| Bogota | 5,651 | 5,283 | 5,372 | 2,487 | 1.513 |
| Luxemburg |  |  | 180 |  |  |
| Amsterdam | 228 | 230 |  | 3,639 |  |
| Rome | 598 | 892 | 688 |  |  |
| Canary Is. |  | 1,796 | 1,728 |  |  |
| Rabat |  |  | 1,126 |  |  |
| Tel Avia | 1,836 | 2,222 | 2,044 | 5,672 |  |
| Madrid | 884 | 765 | 649 | 3,588 |  |
| Nairobi | 3,925 | 4,239 | 4,032 |  |  |
| Athens | 1,123 |  | 289 |  |  |
| Lima |  |  |  | 3,651 |  |
| Guatemala |  |  |  | 2,064 | $1,022$ |
| Paris | 289 | 209 |  |  | 1,022 |
| Sofia | 868 |  |  |  |  |
| Johanesburg | 5,400 |  |  |  |  |
| Buckarest | 903 |  |  |  |  |

Seasonal fluctuation in supplices moving through auctions tunds to be greater than variation in volume moving throush the direct-sale segment of the market. However, both auction pricos and direct-sale prices move together, due to comprtisive market forres. Volume changes that are larger than corresponding price changes toud lo make costimated price-quantity relations in auction markels morr whas ic than estimated demand functions in specific countries. Consequently, the kleyn and Tap estimates of price elasticity may tend to be on the high side. It must be remembered, however, that they were interested only in price flexibility in auction market--not demand parameters in any individual country.

Paqoulatos ${ }^{6}$ estimated the demand for carnations, standard chrysanthemums pompom chrysanthemums for the U.S. using annual data from 1901 to 1978. He obtained a price clasticity of -3.55 lor carnations. Results for the other two flowers were not statistically acceptable.

## Demand Model for West Germany

The import demands for caranations, roses and chrysanthemums in West Germany for the months Novemher through Miy were cstimaled by the equation:
log PRICE $=a-b_{1} \log$ QUANT $+b_{2}$ DIDDEC $b_{3}$ DUNOV
where PRICE = price per kg., deflated by CPI
QUANT = imports in hundred me:ric tons

[^2]```
    DUDEC = dummy intercept variablc for Decomber
    DUNOV = dummy intercept for November
    Income was included in the initial lormulatiun but was omitled
because of statistical insignificance. Dummy intercept variables were
included for November and December for carnations and roses because
import demand is greater for December and lower for November than the
other months. It was not possibli}t0 seasonally shift the function
for chrysanthemums because of insufficient number of observations.
    Data for carnations and roses included the period 1970 to 1981,
but data for chrysanthemums was not published until 1980, so the analysis
for chrysanthemums covered only 1980 and 1981.
    Resulting estimates are given in Table 10. Data used in the analysis
are given in Appendix Tables 1-3.
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Table 10: Estimated Demand Parameters for Cut Flowers in West Germany.

| Flower | Intercept | QUANT | DUDEC | DUNOV | $\mathrm{R}^{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Carnations | 3.504 | $\begin{aligned} & -0.457 \\ & (12.01) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.165 \\ & (4.22) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} -.185 \\ (4.58) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | . 72 |
| Roses | 3.260 | $\begin{aligned} & -0.440 \\ & (12.69) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} .097 \\ (2.48) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -.149 \\ & (-3.95) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | . 71 |
| Chrysanthemums | 2.239 | $\begin{aligned} & -.370 \\ & (2.75) \end{aligned}$ | -- | -- | . 41 |

* Numbers in parentheses are t-ratios.

Coefficients were all significallt at the 9 j percent level and signs
were appropriate. Price elasticitics were -2.2. -2.3 and -2.7 for
cargations, roses and chrysanthemums repsectivoly. Price elasticities
were not as high as many of the kleyn-Tap costimates ior the reasons
discussed above. However, elasticities are high enough to allow Egypt to export significant quantities without causing severe price cffects.

## Cut Flower Production and Marketing in Egypt

Cut Elower production is a small industry in Egypl, with about 10 principal producers. The larger producers sell flowers both for domestic consumption and for export. The gladiolus is the principal flower exported, but some carnations, roses, tuber roses and bird-ofparadise are also exported. The gladiolus is increasing in importance relative to the other flowers. About 411 tons of gladioli were exported in 1980, with most of the sales gring 10 Lebanon $(56$ percent of the total) and Russia (16 percent of lotal). Leballese importers re-sell to other Arabian countries. Ninor quantities are sold to Western European markets, primarily through the Alsmecr auction in the Netherlands. Only grades $\# 1$ and $\# 2$ are sent to Europe, with the lower qualities going to Arabian countries and into domestic channels. European markets prefer colored varieties, while domestic markets prefer white, a factor not conducive to complimentarity between the two markets.

While some of the larger producers expirt their own flowers and establish their own overseas contacts, the smaller producers sell thrugh some 49 exporters. The exporters are not specialized in flowers, but handle vegetables and other products as well. All flowers areflown from Cairo airport, at a cost of $330-i(1)$ l.. F. per lou 10 Europe.

There are three public-sectur organizations associated with the cut flower exporting indusiry.

- (1) Public Union of Producers and Exporters of llori icultural

Products. This organization is supposed to serve many functions
in support of the industry, but at present only helps with importing gladioli from Holland.
(2) Public Agency for Controlling lmports and Exports. This organization sets minimum prices for each quality of flower exported. Minimum prices are set at the beginning of the season and remain unchanged during the whole season. The organization also controls the quality of flowers exported.
(3) Center for Developing Exports. This oratnizaltion has the function of doing research on export markets.

In addition to private exporters El Nil Company also exports flowers for the smaller producers. Proviuusly El Nil produced and exported flowers frum their own farms, but they no longer have the farms. The government is now starting a flower farm on new lands in Ismailia, and it is intended that El Nil company will serve as exporting agency.

Most of the flower production in Ehypt is open air, although there is some production under plastic. Actual producifon cost data are very difficult to find and are fragmentary. The Department of Horticuliure at Zagazig University has estimated the costs il production as follows:

Open-air Roses: 5,000 L.E. per feddar. Assumed 8, oon bushes per feddan. Each bush gives 10 Ilowers for export or 100 flowers for local prodnction. Cost of roit stock is 120 l..E. per 1 .000 plants. Cost of cutting and packaging flowers is about 1.200 L.E. per feddan.

- Gladioli: $\quad 7,000$ L.F. per feddan, assuming 40.000 plants per feddan. The corms was foon l.E. or 10 pias:crs each.

Carnations: $\quad 6,000$ L.E. per feddan, assuming 60,000 plants per feddan.

Cultivation and field uperations cost about 3,000 L.E. per fiddan.

Bird of Paradise: 8,000 L.E. per feddan, assuming 8,000 plants per feddan. Each plant yields 10 flowers.
The cartons for all types of flowere are the stand.rd $115 \times 40$ $x 20 \mathrm{~cm}$. in size and cost 3.05 L.E. each, which is aiout 0 p. per flower for roses, and 1.53 p . per gladiclus.

Some of the problems perceived by producers and exporters are the following:
(1) Help is noeded to establish contacts in uutside markets.
(2) Flexibility to use airlines other than Eqypt Air is needed to oblain better shipping availability and possibly lower handling and shippilig costs.
(3) Exporters would like to exchange currency at the same rate as other "encouraged" industries rather than the lower official rate.
(4) Producers would like to import production equipment free of tariff.
(5) Minimum prices set by the Public Agcncy for Controlling impose added restrictions on the flexibility of busincss operations.

Appendix Table 1: Data on Carnations Used in the Demand Analysis.
Quantity of Carnations lmporled lnto hest Germany
( 100 kg .)

| Year | Jan. | Fcb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | Nov. | Dec. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1970 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 12,697 | 15,559 |
| 1971 | 12,172 | 14,018 | 12,935 | 16,618 | 17,689 | 13,034 | 17,186 |
| 1972 | 14,704 | 16,349 | 20.708 | 19.323 | 21,648 | 18,676 | 20,603 |
| 1973 | 17,019 | 17,822 | 22,619 | 18.468 | 25,870 | 24,131 | 18,193 |
| 1974 | 18,101 | 23.066 | 16,520 | 30,200 | 29,313 | 20,295 | 26,134 |
| 1975 | 12,177 | 42,234 | 27,393 | 31,049 | 35,88.3 | 12,804 | 33,949 |
| 1976 | 21,355 | 28,107 | 33,359 | 31.343 | 32,367 | 25.665 | 28,776 |
| 1977 | 19,724 | 29,022 | 32,063 | 17,650 | 34,104 | 2n,664 | 37,443 |
| 1978 | 22,411 | 38,517 | 44,801 | 41.379 | 38.099 | 31. 280 | 31,831 |
| 1979 | 25,288 | 29,049 | 42,350 | 46.389 | 37.142 | 23,646 | 37,342 |
| 1980\% | 32,442 | 40, 1,08 | 43,147 | 50,420 | 47,328 | 21,75. | 41,620 |
| 1981* | 32,459 | 36,215 | 43,606 | 48,933 | 37,487 | 38,585 | -- |

Value of Carnations Imported (1,000 DM)

| 1970 | -- | -- | - | - | 11,767 | 19,585 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1971 | 15,387 | 14,724 | 14,708 | 16,581 | 16,786 | 12,327 | 23,209 |
| 1972 | 16,584 | 17,828 | 17,569 | 15,709 | 21,619 | 16,900 | 23,893 |
| 1973 | 18,671 | 19,364 | 21,309 | 18,060 | 27,616 | 21,290 | 23,551 |
| 1974 | 21,082 | 23,882 | 15,181 | 24,394 | 26,381 | 22,211 | 32,422 |
| 1975 | 13,086 | 40,727 | 30,521 | 29,057 | 35,086 | 12,353 | 39,746 |
| 1976 | 23,652 | 27,866 | 34,167 | 28,468 | 31,067 | 22,949 | 30,413 |
| 1977 | 21,765 | 35,867 | 30,837 | 20,176 | 39,116 | 19,015 | 41,221 |
| 1978 | 25,475 | 37,487 | 40,304 | 33,205 | 35,320 | 26,194 | 32,820 |
| 1979 | 24,110 | 27,479 | 40,327 | 39,603 | 35,357 | 20,284 | 37,688 |
| 1980 | 29,160 | 43,111 | 35,997 | 42,617 | 38,990 | 18,147 | 35,809 |
| 1981 | 28,155 | 33,423 | 35,903 | 40,030 | 38,266 | 28,645 | - |

Average Price of Carnations Imported (Bim per kg.)

| 1970 | - | -- | -- | -- | - | 9.27 | 12.59 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1971 | 12.64 | 10.50 | 11.37 | 9.98 | 9.44 | 9.45 | 13.50 |
| 1972 | 11.28 | 10.90 | 8.49 | 8.10 | 9.49 | 9.05 | 11.60 |
| 1973 | 10.97 | 10.87 | 9.42 | 9.78 | 10.67 | 8.86 | 12.95 |
| 1974 | 11.65 | 10.35 | 9.19 | 8.08 | 9.00 | 10.94 | 12.41 |
| 1975 | 10.75 | 9.64 | 11.14 | 9.34 | 9.78 | 9.65 | 11.71 |
| 1976 | 11.08 | 9.91 | 10.24 | 9.08 | 9.60 | 8.94 | 10.57 |
| 1977 | 11.03 | 12.36 | 9.62 | 11.43 | 11.27 | 0.20 | -11.01 |
| 1978 | 11.37 | 9.73 | 9.01 | 4.19 | 9.27 | 8.61 | 10.31 |
| 1979 | 9.53 | 9.27 | 9.52 | 8.54 | 9.52 | 8.58 | 10.09 |
| $1980 \%$ | 11.12 | 10.00 | 9.34 | 8.45 | 8.24 | 8.34 | 8.60 |
| $1981=$ | 8.67 | 9.23 | 8.23 | 8.18 | 10.21 | 7.42 |  |

Source: Statistisches Bundesant. Bona. Cicrmany.




Appendix Table 2: Data on Roses Used in the lemand Estimation
Quantity lmported (100 kg.)

| Year | Jan. | Feb. | March | April | May | Nov. | Dec. |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1970 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 7,101 |
| 1971 | 4,925 | 4,720 | 6,956 | 7,798 | 7,062 | 6,881 | 8,494 |
| 1972 | 5,875 | 7,163 | 9,284 | 10,937 | 11,363 | 9,339 | 9,575 |
| 1973 | 7,987 | 7,993 | 10,654 | 9,745 | 12,586 | 16,982 | 9,012 |
| 1974 | 12,157 | 11,104 | 13,095 | 13,695 | 17,112 | 13,206 | 10,491 |
| 1975 | 7,220 | 17,164 | 12,370 | 14,885 | 23,834 | 7,848 | 19,227 |
| 1976 | 10,787 | 13,629 | 14,641 | 15,581 | 20,569 | 14,044 | 14,767 |
| 1977 | 9,668 | 13,118 | 14,921 | 13,381 | 19,441 | 12,792 | 19,316 |
| 1978 | 8,222 | 15,691 | 19,828 | 17,520 | 17,883 | 18,869 | 15,110 |
| 1979 | 13,802 | 14,892 | 18,620 | 23,211 | 17,498 | 15,261 | 18,383 |
| $1980 \div$ | 13,455 | 18,129 | 17,809 | 26,299 | 20,976 | 12,575 | 19,821 |
| $1981 \%$ | 12,598 | 12,302 | 16,208 | 20,433 | 18,276 | 18,886 | - |

Value of Rases Importad (1,000) DM)

| 1970 |  |  |  |  | 8,729 | 9,677 |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1971 | 7,065 | 7,067 | 8,927 | 9,502 | 8,376 | 7,152 | 12,571 |
| 1972 | 7,366 | 9,893 | 9,214 | 9,801 | 13,023 | 9,407 | 12,068 |
| 1973 | 9,313 | 10,230 | 10,482 | 9,982 | 12,871 | 15,212 | 10,762 |
| 1974 | 13,601 | 10,511 | 13,324 | 13,051 | 14,556 | 14,140 | 11,266 |
| 1975 | 8,420 | 19,300 | 15,590 | 15,356 | 26,878 | 7,630 | 21,011 |
| 1976 | 13,784 | 18,641 | 17,228 | 15,166 | 21,909 | 14,136 | 17,316 |
| 1977 | 11,208 | 18,854 | 16,509 | 16,563 | 23,980 | 13,563 | 24,717 |
| 1978 | 10,943 | 20,025 | 26,216 | 18,097 | 19,641 | 17,967 | 19,203 |
| 1979 | 15,506 | 17,794 | 21,591 | 23,072 | 19,822 | 14,064 | 22,687 |
| 1980 | 18,507 | 22,582 | 17,348 | 23,038 | 22,470 | 12,100 | 24,571 |
| 1981 | 16,088 | 16,325 | 19,997 | 24,406 | 23,398 | 20,898 | - |

Price

| 1970 | - | - | - | -- | - | 12.29 | 14.80 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1971 | 14.35 | 14.97 | 12.83 | 12.19 | 11.86 | 10.39 | 13.98 |
| 1972 | 12.54 | 13.81 | 9.92 | 8.96 | 11.46 | 10.07 | 12.60 |
| 1973 | 11.66 | 12.80 | 9.84 | 10.24 | 10.23 | 8.96 | 11.94 |
| 1974 | 11.19 | 9.47 | 10.17 | 9.53 | 8.51 | 10.71 | 10.74 |
| 1975 | 11.66 | 11.28 | 12.25 | 10.32 | 11.28 | 9.72 | 10.93 |
| 1976 | 12.78 | 13.68 | 11.77 | 9.73 | 10.65 | 10.07 | 11.73 |
| 1977 | 11.59 | 14.37 | 11.06 | 12.38 | 12.03 | 10.60 | 12.79 |
| 1978 | 13.31 | 12.76 | 13.22 | 10.33 | 10.98 | 9.52 | 12.71 |
| 1979 | 11.23 | 11.95 | 11.60 | 9.94 | 11.33 | 9.22 | 12.34 |
| $1980 \approx$ | 13.75 | 12.46 | 9.74 | 8.76 | 10.71 | 9.62 | 12.40 |
| $1981 *$ | 12.77 | 13.27 | 12.34 | 11.94 | 12.80 | 11.07 | - |

Appendix Table 3: Data on Chrysanthomums Usod in Domand Analysis
Quantity, Value and Price of Chrysanthemums Imported into West Germany, by Month, 1980-81

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Quanlily } \\ (1,000 \text { stems }) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Valuc } \\ (1,000 \mathrm{DM}) \end{gathered}$ | Price (DM per 10 Stems) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jan. 1980 | 8,872 | 6,388 | 7.20 |
| Feb. | 12,388 | 9, 702 | 7.83 |
| Mar. | 12,605 | 6,482 | 5.54 |
| Apr. | 27,806 | 12,506 | 4.50 |
| May | 29,823 | 13,943 | 4.67 |
| June | 14,603 | 7,329 | 5.02 |
| July | 18,916 | 6,468 | 3.42 |
| Aug. | 23,025 | 8,323 | 3.61 |
| Sept. | 25,397 | 5,948 | 2.34 |
| Oct. | 21,413 | 8,933 | 4.17 |
| Nov. | 15,680 | 5,877 | 3.75 |
| Dec. | 27,155 | 10,878 | 4.00 |
| Jan. 1981 | 20.855 | 11,369 | 5.45 |
| Feb. | 19,315 | 8,475 | 4.39 |
| Mar. | 16,825 | 9,842 | 5.85 |
| Apr. | 28,046 | 15,160 | 5.41 |
| May | 26,426 | 16,038 | 6.07 |
| June | 12,697 | 5,800 | 4.57 |
| July | 21,160 | 9,604 | 4.54 |
| Aug. | 20,735 | 6,610 | 3.19 |
| Sept. | 21,415 | 8,281 | 3.87 |
| Oct. | 23,666 | 10,079 | 4.26 |
| Nov. | 34,191 | 13,947 | 4.08 |


[^0]:    Source: Slatistichre Bundesamt, Wiesbaden. 'i. Enrmany, varicus issues.

[^1]:    Source: Customs and Excise Tabulation Sheets, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, London.

[^2]:    - 6 Paqoulatos, Emilio, "Intcrnational and Interregional Competition in the U.S. and Florjda Cut Flower Markets." Institut of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida, August 1980.

