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ECONOMIC TENDENCIES IN SOUTH AFRICAN AGRICULTURE

The price trends are shown in the accompanying graphs. These may be summarised as follows:

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Producers' prices of agricultural products in general increased by 3.7 per cent during the 1966/67 season. This increase is slightly more than that of the previous season when it was 2.7 per cent. Excluding pastoral products the increase amounted to 4.9 per cent. In comparison with 1965/66 the prices of pastoral products declined by 8 per cent.

BUTTERFAT, CHEESEMILK, CONDENSING MILK AND EGGS

Producers' prices of butterfat declined by 2 per cent and cheesemilk by 1.5 per cent during 1966/67 in comparison with the previous year.

Prices of condensing milk declined by 3.8 per cent, while prices of eggs declined by 5.9 per cent during 1966/67. The decline in the prices of dairy products coincided with an increase in output following favourable weather conditions.

MAIZE, WHEAT AND KAFFIRCORN

Producers' prices of maize declined by 6.1 per cent during 1967/68 in comparison with 1966/67 prices. For the corresponding period prices of wheat increased by 4.1 per cent. Prices of grain sorghum increased by 6.8 per

cent during 1966/67 in comparison with 1965/66.

CATTLE, SHEEP, PIGS AND WOOL

During 1966/67 producers' prices of slaughter cattle were 8.2 per cent higher than during 1965/66. Prices of slaughter sheep increased by 11.0 per cent and those of slaughter pigs by 4.1 per cent. Wool prices declined by 5.6 per cent in comparison with 1965/66.

FARMING REQUISITES

During 1966/67 prices of machinery, tools and implements increased by 1.2 per cent while the 1965/66 increase was equal to about 1.3 per cent. Prices of tractors were 1.2 per cent higher, those of implements 2.2 per cent while prices of spare parts declined by 0.5 per cent. Prices of requisites like fertilizers, fuel, feeds and packing materials were 3.5 per cent higher than during the previous year. Prices of packing materials were 3.2 per cent higher, those of fertilizers 3.6 per cent and feeds 5.6 per cent.

CONSUMER AND WHOLESALE PRICES

Consumer prices of all items were 3.3 per cent higher during 1967 than during the previous year. During the corresponding period food prices increased by 3.5 per cent. Wholesale prices of all items increased by 2.4 per cent during 1967 while prices of South African goods showed an increase of 3.2 per cent.

EKONOMIESE TENDENSE IN DIE SUID-AFRIKAANSE LANDBOU

ECONOMIC TENDENCIES IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN AGRICULTURE

1947/48 - 1949/50 = 100

BRON: AFDELING LANDBOUBEMARKINGS-NAVORSING

SOURCE: DIVISION OF AGRICULTURAL MARKETING RESEARCH

