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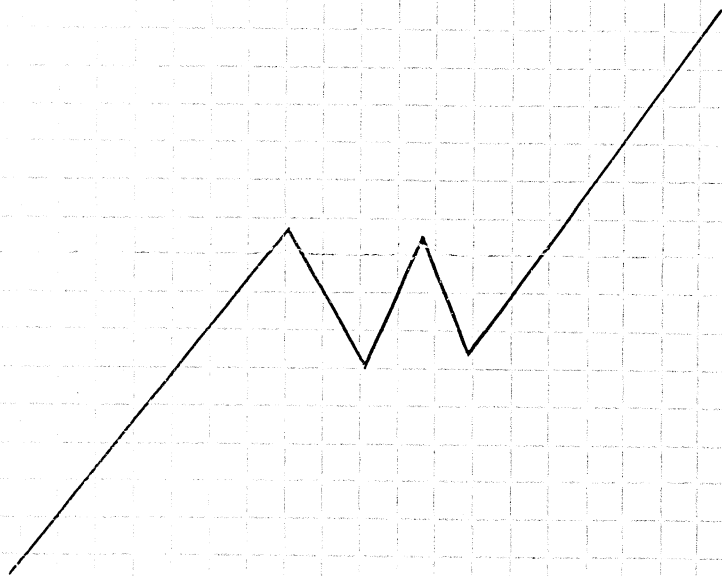
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## Some Important Developments in the Field of Agricultural Economics

Latest developments in specific directions in the field of agricultural economics are reflected in the accompanying graphs; these can briefly be summarised as follows:

### Physical volume

The past year (July 1961/June 1962) was favourable as far as agricultural production is concerned. The physical volume of production increased by about 4.9 per cent to a new record of 72 per cent above the base period 1947/48-1949/50. Maize, wine and wool were some of the products responsible for the increase.

### Value

The gross value (at farm prices) of the abovenamed production amounted to some R847 million. This is about 2.3 per cent more than that of the previous year. Compared to the total geographical income of the Republic, the net contribution of agriculture was about 10.6 per cent in 1960/61.

### Producers' prices

Taken together, prices of agricultural products during the past year were slightly higher than in the previous year. This increase is mainly due to an increase in the prices of pastoral products.

### Prices of farming requisites and equipment

The combined price index of farming requisites and equipment revealed an increase of 1.3 per cent, compared with 2.0 per cent the previous year. During recent years price indices in respect of requisites and equipment, as well as retail price indices, moved in harmony.

Prices of farming requisites increased by 2.9 per cent, as compared to 1.5 per cent the previous year. The most important increases occurred in the case of fuel (3.5 per cent), bags and twine (4.3 per cent) and building materials (2.9 per cent).

Prices of farm implements and machinery had shown no important change.

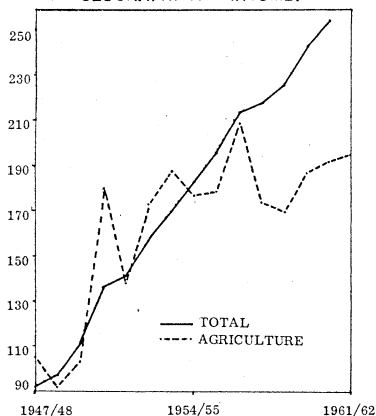
### Exports

During 1961 the value of total exports of South African products (excluding gold) revealed an increase of R51.5 million. This is an increase of about 6.4 per cent. Agricultural exports showed an increase of R44.9 million and amounted to about 41 per cent of total exports. The total value of agricultural exports amounted to R349.9 million (f.o.b.), as compared to R852.8 million (f.o.b.) in total exports (excluding gold).

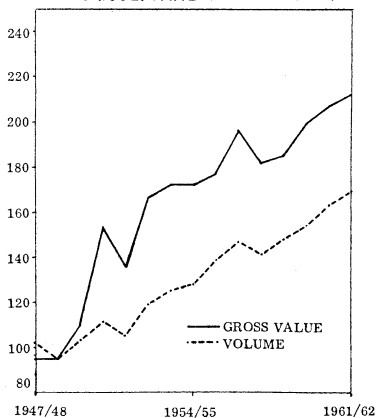
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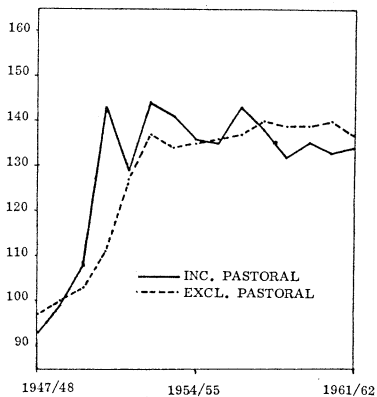
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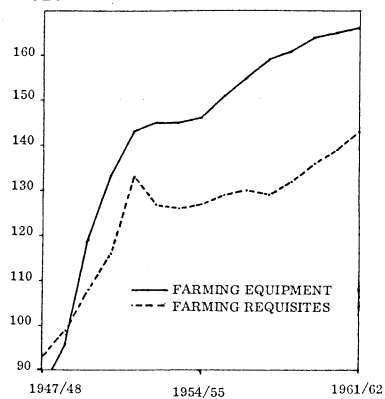
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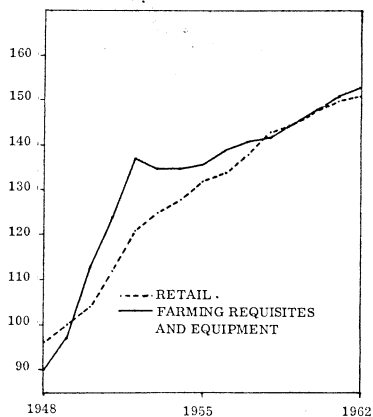
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