



Agricultural Statistics Act 1979

1979 CHAPTER 13

1 Power to obtain agricultural statistics.

- (1) Where it appears to the appropriate Minister expedient so to do for the purpose of obtaining statistical information relating to agriculture, he may serve on any owners or occupiers of land used for agriculture, or of land which he has reason to believe may be so used, notices requiring them to furnish in writing, in such form and manner and to such person as may be specified in the notice, and within such time and with respect to such date or dates or such period or periods as may be so specified, the information referred to in the notice (including, as respects paragraphs (d) to (f) of this subsection, the information referred to in the notice as to quantities, values, expenditure and receipts) relating to—
- (a) the situation, area and description of relevant land owned or occupied by them, the date of acquisition of the land, and the date at which so much of it as is comprised in any agricultural unit became comprised in that unit, and the rates payable in respect of the land,
 - [^{F1}(b) any person who is an owner or occupier of the land or any part of it and the terms on which, and arrangements under which, the land or any part of it is owned, occupied, managed or farmed by any person;]
 - (d) the character and use of different parts of the land, the time at which any use of such parts was begun or will become fully effective, and their produce at any time during the period beginning one year before, and ending one year after, the time at which the information is required to be furnished,
 - (e) fixed and other equipment, livestock, and the stocks of agricultural produce and requisites held in respect of the land, and the provision and maintenance of such equipment, livestock and requisites and the provision of agricultural services for the benefit of the land,
 - (f) the methods and operations used on the land, the marketing or other disposal of its produce, any payments received under any enactment in respect of such produce, and the provision of agricultural services otherwise than for the benefit of the land,
 - (g) the number and description of persons employed on the land, or employed by the occupier in disposing of its produce, and the remuneration paid to,

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and hours worked by, persons so employed or such persons of different descriptions.

- (2) For the purpose of obtaining statistical information relating to agriculture, any person authorised by the appropriate Minister in that behalf may, after giving not less than 24 hours notice and on producing if so required evidence of his authority to act for the purposes of this subsection, orally require the owner or occupier of land to furnish to him within a reasonable time, and either orally or in writing as the said owner or occupier may elect, such information, whether or not specified in the notice, as the said person authorised by the appropriate Minister may require, being information which the owner or occupier, as the case may be, could have been required to furnish under subsection (1) above.
- (3) References in subsections (1) and (2) above to the owner of land include references to a person exercising, as servant or agent of the owner, functions of estate management in relation to the land, and references in those subsections to the occupier of land include references to a person responsible for the control of the farming of the land as servant or agent of the occupier of the land.
- (4) No person shall be required under this section to furnish any balance sheet or profit and loss account, but this subsection shall not prevent the requiring of information by reason only that it is or might be contained as an item in such a balance sheet or account.
- (5) F2

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 1(1)(b) substituted by [Agriculture \(Amendment\) Act 1984 \(c. 20, SIF 2:1\)](#), s. 2(1)

F2 S. 1(5) repealed by [Agriculture \(Amendment\) Act 1984 \(c. 20, SIF 2:1\)](#), s. 2(2)

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