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### Synopsis

### Addendum

### UNITED STATES

#### A. Area

##### A.1 Total area utilized for agriculture

	Unit	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
(a) Total land area (50 States)	bil. acres	2,264	2,264	2,264	2,264	2,264
(b) Area used for agriculture (includes only "land in farms"; excludes "grazing land", which occupies 12.7 per cent of total United States area.)						
(i) Quantity	bil. acres	1,123	1,117	1,110	1,093	1,090
(ii) Per cent of total area	per cent	49.6	49.3	49.0	48.3	48.2

##### A.2 Land utilization

Utilization of agricultural land						
(a) Under crops	per cent	27.1	27.3	28.4	27.9	30.3
1. Feedgrains	" "	10.3	10.6	11.5	10.5	11.2
2. Foodgrains	" "	5.3	4.9	5.5	5.5	6.0
3. Oilseeds	" "	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.5	5.6
4. Hay	" "	5.3	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.7
5. Cotton	" "	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.1
6. Other crops, failures	" "	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.7
(b) Pasture (includes cultivated pasture)		49.9	50.8	50.9	50.6	50.7
(c) Other	" "	23.0	21.9	20.7	21.5	19.0

### A.3 Area for potential utilization as agriculture land

About 1.4 billion acres are available for agricultural use, according to the 1969 Census of Agriculture: this includes 1.1 billion acres of "land in farms" and 0.3 billion acres of "grazing land". Since virtually all of this land is now in agricultural use (only 19 million acres were diverted in 1973) no additional "agricultural land" would appear to be readily available.

About 811 million acres are capable of bearing crops, according to a USDA soil survey made in 1967. While most of this potential crop land is already in "agricultural use," the 811 million acres is about double the area currently cropped (including cultivated pastures). Consequently any future addition to crop land would appear to require a reduction of pastureland and/or more intensive cultivation practices which would reduce land idled in crop rotation.

### B. Population

#### Percentage of total active population engaged in agriculture

	Unit	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
Total population (1 July)	mil. pers.	202,677	204,879	207,405	208,842	210,404
Per cent of active population engaged in agriculture	per cent	4.3	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.8

### C. Production

#### C.1 Production volume

Main agricultural commodities produced						
(a) Feedgrains	'000 MT	160,971	145,251	188,486	181,452	186,078
(b) Foodgrains	"	44,214	41,535	49,188	46,679	51,475
(c) Oilseeds	"	36,571	36,473	37,681	41,360	49,354
(d) Hay and silage	"	212,851	206,868	225,744	224,324	230,517
(e) Cotton	"	2,176	2,220	2,282	2,984	2,823
(f) Tobacco	"	818	865	774	794	802
(g) Sugar crops	"	45,694	45,714	46,526	51,493	47,264

#### C.2 Share of GNP derived from agriculture

	per cent	3.0	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.7
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D. ExportsD.1 Export volume

	Unit	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
Main agricultural exports (United States fiscal year)						
(a) Feedgrains	'000 MT	16,407	19,445	19,431	21,107	35,827
(b) Foodgrains	"	16,568	18,269	21,760	18,910	34,281
(c) Oilseeds and meals	"	11,030	14,731	15,738	15,771	18,802
(d) Cotton	"	612	623	808	726	1,030
(e) Fresh fruit	"	724	827	780	946	987
(f) Tobacco	"	259	268	265	253	268
(g) Animal fat	"	1,065	1,069	1,293	1,216	1,152
(h) Vegetable oils and waxes	"	549	841	1,065	1,103	1,059

D.2 Share of agricultural  
products in total  
exports

per cent	16	16	18	18	22
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E. ImportsE.1 Import volume

Main agricultural imports (United States fiscal year)						
(a) Coffee	'000 MT	1,336	1,317	1,215	1,289	1,394
(b) Bananas	"	1,750	1,671	1,931	1,831	1,933
(c) Cocoa beans	"	245	334	376	418	358
(d) Crude rubber	"	580	604	568	632	622
(e) Meat and meat products	"	735	826	810	842	910
(f) Sugar	"	4,406	4,557	4,807	5,078	4,596
(g) Vegetable oils, waxes, fats	"	446	472	499	578	634
(h) Copra	"	268	211	234	196	228

E.2 Share of agricultural  
products in total  
imports

per cent	14	15	14	12	12
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