

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Synopsis

Addendum

BOTSWANA

### A. Area

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

Botswana is approximately 570,000 km.<sup>2</sup> the bulk of which is semi-arid. It is estimated that there are 4.5 million hectares (07.8 per cent of country's total area) of land suitable for cultivation in the eastern side of the country; of these only 0.4 million hectares (about, 7 per cent of country's area) are under cultivation or recent fallow; some 0.2 million hectares (.3 per cent) are considered potentially irrigable. Most of the remainder of the country offers good grazing.

#### A.2 Land utilization

##### Area Under Crops: Percentage of Country's Total Area

	<u>1970/71</u>	<u>1971/72</u>	<u>1972/73</u>
Cereals	0.42	0.41	0.22
Other crops	<u>0.04</u>	<u>0.01</u>	<u>0.06</u>

Cereals include sorghum, maize, millet

Other crops: beans and cowpeas etc.

A.3. Area for potential utilization as agricultural landB. PopulationPercentage of total active population engaged in agriculture

In 1971 about 23.5 per cent of active population (cash earning population aged  $\geq 10$ ) was engaged in agriculture, hunting, fishing and forestry. The ratio of population economically active in agriculture to the total economically active population is estimated at 0.79.

C. ProductionC.1 Production volumePrincipal Agricultural Commodities Produced

('000 metric tons)

	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>
Beef	31.1	37.8	37.9	43.7
Offals	1.4	1.5	1.8	1.7
Hides and skins	29.8	33.3	18.5	..

C.2 Share of GNP derived from agriculture

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D. ExportsD.1 Export volumePrincipal Agricultural Export Commodities

('000 metric tons)

	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>
Beef	21.9	25.3	26.3	29.1
Offals	1.1	1.3	1.6	1.6

## D.2

### Share of Agricultural Products in Total Exports

(per cent)

1971/72

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1972/73

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### E. Imports

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