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FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY  
THE FEDERAL CHANCELLOR

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Dear colleague,

Your visit on 21 September 1983 gave me great pleasure, and I am delighted that you took back with you from Germany such positive impressions. I feel that our exchange of views was, as always, extremely useful and fruitful. At a time when we in the West must more than ever demonstrate our unity a short working visit, too, sends out a message that does not fail to have an effect.

In our conversation at table we discussed the problem of agriculture in Europe. I feel that the difficulty in reaching agreement in Brussels on this subject is due largely to the different agricultural structures of the individual countries. In this context I described to you the situation of German agriculture. I am now sending you the promised statistics.

Her Excellency  
Mrs Margaret Thatcher, M.P.  
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United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

London

Let me point out the following with regard to these statistics: All in all, about 5 % of the German population are directly engaged in agriculture. This figure does not of course reflect the relative economic importance of agriculture since related branches account for over another 10 % of the working population; the agricultural sector in general therefore provides a livelihood for over 15 % of the working population.

60 % of all farms over 1 hectare in size are a primary source of income for the owners, and the remaining 40 % a secondary source. 93 % of all primary-income farms are smaller than 50 hectares, which underscores the balanced medium-scale structure of German agriculture.

The same holds true of the data on dairy-farming. Three quarters of the dairy cattle in the Federal Republic of Germany are to be found on farms with a herd of between 10 and 49 cows, i.e. the typical farms. "Milk factories" as such are few and far between. In the Federal Republic of Germany there are only 408 farms with over 100 dairy cows and only 19 with over 200.

These figures illustrate our desire for a policy which - on this point we are agreed - restricts Community spending on agriculture without changing what we consider to be a socially and economically sound farming system.

Yours sincerely,

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Dairy Farming Classified by Herd Size

Item — Units	Year	Total	Dairy farmers owning .. to .. dairy cows or dairy cattle in herds of .. to .. head									
			1 - 911	10 - 1411	15 - 19	20 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50 - 59	60 - 99	100 - 199	200 und mehr
Farmers - 1,000s -	1973	630	41*	110	52	39	10	3	831*	634*	114*	13*
	1975	572	357	101	53	44	12	4	1 176*	810*	119*	9*
	1977	519	302	93	53	48	15	5	1 730*	1 228*	163*	10*
	1979	456	248	83	52	53	18	7	2 684*	2 056*	218*	14*
	1980	431	214	77	51	55	20	8	3 244*	2 603*	272*	15*
	1982	337	133	69	43	56	22	9	4 372*	3 827*	389*	19*
Dairy cows - in 1,000s -	1973	5 486	1 874	1 277	869	914	328	117	44	45	14	4
	1975	5 395	1 629	1 176	880	1 018	403	152	63	57	15	2
	1977	5 417	1 402	1 092	886	1 120	502	214	92	87	15	2
	1979	5 442	1 127	974	866	1 243	613	301	143	145	26	4
	1980	5 468	1 018	909	851	1 281	667	349	173	183	32	4
	1982	5 529	823	819	808	1 315	740	409	234	269	46	5
Farmers as %	Percentage of total											
	1973	100	65,8	17,4	8,3	6,3	1,6	0,4	0,1	0,1	0,0	0,0
	1975	100	62,4	17,6	9,2	7,7	2,1	0,6	0,2	0,1	0,0	0,0
	1977	100	58,1	17,9	10,2	9,3	2,9	1,0	0,3	0,2	0,0	0,0
	1979	100	52,2	18,1	11,3	11,7	4,0	1,5	0,6	0,5	0,0	0,0
	1980	100	49,7	17,9	11,8	12,7	4,6	1,9	0,8	0,6	0,1	0,0
Dairy cows as %	Percentage of total											
	1973	100	34,2	23,3	15,8	16,6	6,0	2,1	0,8	0,8	0,3	0,1
	1975	100	30,2	21,8	16,3	18,9	7,5	2,8	1,2	1,1	0,3	0,0
	1977	100	25,9	20,2	16,4	20,7	9,3	4,0	1,7	1,6	0,4	0,0
	1979	100	20,7	17,9	15,9	22,8	11,3	5,5	2,6	2,7	0,5	0,1
	1980	100	18,6	16,6	15,6	23,4	12,2	6,4	3,2	3,4	0,6	0,1
Head of dairy cattle per farmer	1973	8,7	5	12	17	23	33	43	53	71	125	271
	1975	9,4	5	12	17	23	33	43	53	71	122	250
	1977	10,4	5	12	17	23	33	43	53	71	118	241
	1979	11,9	5	12	17	23	33	43	53	70	120	259
	1980	12,7	5	12	17	23	33	43	53	70	119	254
	1982	13,9	5	12	17	24	33	43	53	70	119	245

\* Only figures without asterisk are in 1,000s

1) In 1981 the categories were 1 to 10 and 11 to 14 cows respectively.

Landwirtschaftliche Betriebe nach Erwerbscharakter und Größenklassen in 1982

Gliederung Category		Farms size from to below... Betriebsgröße von bis unter ha LF hectares agricultural area						ab 1 ha LF zusammen	unter 1 ha LF <sup>1)</sup>		
		1 bis 2	2 bis 5	5 bis 10	10 bis 20	20 bis 30	30 bis 50			50 und mehr	total above one hectare
		1. Zahl der Betriebe a) in 1000				1. Number of Farms a) in 1000s					
Full-time farm	Vollerwerb	9,1	16,6	36,4	124,8	91,3	71,1	27,8	377,3	9,2	
Part-time farm	Zuerwerb	4,3	17,6	22,8	19,8	6,6	3,4	4,9	79,4	2,8	
Main occupation	Haupterwerb	13,4	34,2	59,2	144,6	97,9	74,8	32,7	456,8	12,0	
Secondary occupation	Nebenerwerb	81,0	111,9	81,3	27,5	0,8	1,0	0,8	307,4	27,2	
total	zusammen	97,5	146,1	140,5	172,1	98,7	75,8	33,5	764,1	39,2	
		b) in %		b) in % terms							
Full-time farm	Vollerwerb	9	11	26	73	93	94	83	49	24	
Part-time farm	Zuerwerb	4	12	16	11	7	4	15	11	7	
Main occupation	Haupterwerb	14	23	42	84	99	99	98	60	31	
Secondary occupation	Nebenerwerb	86	77	58	16	1	1	2	40	69	
total	zusammen	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
		2. Fläche der Betriebe a) in 1000 ha LF				2. Area of farms a) in 1,000 hectares agricultural land					
Full-time farm	Vollerwerb	13,8	57,1	276,4	1 819,0	2 238,9	2 705,3	2 226,8	9 337,2	6,6	
Part-time farm	Zuerwerb	6,3	59,4	169,7	286,2	156,2	121,1	338,7	1 137,7	1,5	
Main occupation	Haupterwerb	20,1	116,5	446,1	2 105,2	2 395,1	2 826,4	2 565,4	10 474,9	8,1	
Secondary occupation	Nebenerwerb	116,8	369,3	577,8	397,7	18,6	36,0	54,4	1 570,6	11,9	
total	zusammen	136,9	485,8	1 023,9	2 502,9	2 413,7	2 862,3	2 619,9	12 045,6	20,0	
		b) in %		b) in % terms							
Full-time farm	Vollerwerb	10	12	27	73	93	95	85	78	33	
Part-time farm	Zuerwerb	5	12	17	11	6	4	13	9	7	
Main occupation	Haupterwerb	15	24	44	84	99	99	98	87	41	
Secondary occupation	Nebenerwerb	85	76	56	16	1	1	2	13	59	
total	zusammen	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
		3. Durchschnittgröße je Betrieb in ha LF				3. Average farm size in hectares agricultural land					
Full-time farm	Vollerwerb	1,52	3,44	7,59	14,58	24,53	37,90	80,15	24,74	0,72	
Part-time farm	Zuerwerb	1,46	3,38	7,43	14,48	23,71	35,71	68,75	14,33	0,53	
Main occupation	Haupterwerb	1,50	3,41	7,53	14,56	24,48	37,80	78,43	22,93	0,68	
Secondary occupation	Nebenerwerb	1,39	3,30	7,11	14,45	23,45	35,19	68,40	5,11	0,44	
total	zusammen	1,40	3,32	7,29	14,55	24,47	37,77	78,19	15,76	0,51	

Farms  
classified by  
gainfully  
productive  
character  
and size  
in 1982

1) Einschließlich Betriebe ohne LF, deren Erzeugungseinheiten mindestens dem durchschnittlichen Wert einer jährlichen landwirtschaftlichen Märkterzeugung von 1 ha LF entsprechen.

1) includes farms with no agricultural land whose production figures are at least equivalent to the average annual market produce of one hectare of agricultural land.

Anteil der Erwerbstätigen in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland,  
in der Landwirtschaft und in den der Landwirtschaft vor-  
und nachgelagerten Wirtschaftsbereichen - 1983 -

	1.000	
Landwirtschaft	1.250	= 5,0 % der Erwerbstätigen
der Landwirtschaft vor- und nachgelagerte Wirt- schaftsbereiche (Schätzung)	2.700	=10,7 % der Erwerbstätigen
Summe	3.950	=15,7 % der Erwerbstätigen
Erwerbstätige insgesamt	25.200	

Percentage of persons employed in the Federal Republic of Germany in  
agriculture and in agriculture-related industries (1983)

Figures in 1,000s

Agriculture	1,250	= 5% of all persons employed
Agriculture-related industries (estimated)	2,700	= 10.7% of all persons employed
Total	3,950	= 15.7% of all persons employed

Total number of persons employed

25,200