

THE BULGARIAN VILLAGE AGRICULTURAL HOUSEHOLD DURING 1935/36

(BUDGET, HOME CONDITIONS, AMOUNT AND USE OF LABOR)

Summary

The present work is the first study of the farm household in Bulgaria. The data refers only to one year and has been collected by surveys. 939 farm households in 193 villages scattered all over the country have been investigated.

As used in the study, the farm household consists not only of the members of the farmer's family, but also of all other persons (servants, boarders etc.) living and having common expenses with the family.

On the average, a farm household possesses a farm of 60.5 decares (15 acres) in which a capital of 146,000 leva (\$ 1460) is invested.

On the average, a farm household consists of 6.1 members, which is equal to 4.66 consuming units.¹⁾

| Spent for | Average amount in leva | Percent of the total |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Food | 16 489 | 68.43 |
| Clothing | 2,391 | 9.93 |
| Shoes | 1,048 | 4.35 |
| Heating | 1,040 | 4.32 |
| Lighting | 327 | 1.36 |
| Furniture | 440 | 1.83 |
| Cultural needs | 728 | 3.02 |
| Personal needs | 97 | 0.40 |
| Medical help | 582 | 2.42 |
| Up-keep of buildings | 61 | 0.25 |
| Total . . . | 24,093 | 100.00 |

¹⁾ One consuming unit equals the food used by a grown-up man; the woman equals to 0.8 consuming units, and the children, according to their age from 0.1 to 0.8 consuming units.