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between

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and

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

(In-country time period: November 1989 - November 1991)

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1. Cooperating Institutions:
   - Center For Social Research (CSR) University of Malawi, Zomba
   - Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension, University of Zimbabwe
   - USAID/Southern Africa Regional Program, Harare
   - Department of Agricultural Economics, MSU

2. Researchers Involved:
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3. **Objective of the Research:**

Assess the effect of the 1987 General Purposes Act that legalizes private traders on household income and food security. Also to assess the response of private traders to the new policy, and to better understand constraints facing private traders.

4. **Research Approach:**

Primary data collected on household and trader level behavior in 3 regions of Malawi, with emphasis on participants operating in both deficit and surplus producing areas within each region.

Price data systematically collected in a sample of rural markets in these study regions, and analyzed along with price data from the NSO on urban market performance.

Study will cover the period March 1990 to May 1991.

5A. **Outputs: Working Papers**


5B. Outputs: Thesis and Related Papers

5C. Outputs: Seminars/Conferences

Results were presented at selected policy workshops to be organized by the CSR.

Selected results submitted to the Food Security and Nutrition Bulletin, of the Office of the President and Cabinet.

Selected results reported in the Annual UZ/MSU/SADCC Food Security Workshops listed below.


