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3. **Objectives of the Research:**

Conduct analysis of the effects of selected market, institutional, and technological variables on the investment and production decisions of maize and sesame producers in the lower and middle Shebelle regions and the implications of those decisions for food security in Somalia.

4. **Research Approach:**

Study components included regional markets (in Southern Somalia), farmers, traders, and selected public programs and policies. Formal surveys were implemented to gather data on agricultural product and input prices, and producer and trader resources, behavior and constraints. Informal surveys were conducted with selected policy makers, donor agencies and development project managers.

Activities we also conducted to assemble, analyze, and examine the consistency of available secondary data on national/regional/district production of maize, agricultural commodity prices, imports, food aid, ADC (Agricultural Development Corporation) operations, and technology adoption and impacts.

5A. **Outputs: Working Papers**


5B. Thesis and related papers


5C. Seminars/Conferences

1. In Somalia, the Food Security Team has made presentations at:

Briefing of Ministry of Agriculture senior officials on several occasions.

Briefing sessions for USAID officials on various occasions.

"Food Security Planning and Policy Workshop," Ministry of Agriculture, May 31, 1987. Workshop participants included representatives of Ministries of Agriculture, National Planning and Finance, the National Extension Service, the Center for Agricultural Research in Somalia (CARS), FAO, World Food Programme, Finnish Aid, UNCDF (Capital Development Fund), World Bank, and USAID.


Briefings of other researchers in Somalia, including University of Wisconsin, Land Tenure Center, SARSA Cooperative Agreement, and Bay Region Agricultural Development Project.
2. In the U.S., presentations on the research have been made to:

    USAID officials in the Africa Bureau, S & T, and PPC on three different occasions.

    Rockefeller Foundation.

    MSU students and faculty on two separate occasions in workshops and lectures.