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The following information on Domestic Support and Export Subsidies in Agriculture has been received from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry of the Sultanate of Oman.

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Supporting Table DS:1

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: OMAN**

**REPORTING PERIOD: calendar year, marketing year, etc.**

*Measures exempt from the reduction commitment -- "Green Box"*

| Measure type     | Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture | Monetary value of measure in 1995, 1996 & 1997 |   |               | Data sources                          |
|------------------|---|--|---|---------------|---------------------------------------|
|                  |   | 1  | 2 | 3             |                                       |
|                  |   |  |   |               |                                       |
| General Services | Research  |  |   | (Rials Omani) |                                       |
| 1994             |   |  |   | 379,000       | Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries |
| 1995             | (For details see above.)  |  |   | 363,000       | Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries |
| 1996             |   |  |   | 281,000       | Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries |
|                  | Pest and disease control  |  |   |               |                                       |
| 1994             |   |  |   | 1,600,000     | Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries |
| 1995             | (For details see above.)  |  |   | 1,525,000     | Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries |
| 1996             |   |  |   | 425,000       | Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries |
|                  | Extension   |  |   |               |                                       |
| 1994             |   |  |   | 1,529,000     | Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries |
| 1995             | (For details see above.)  |  |   | 871,000       | Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries |
| 1996             |   |  |   | 160,000       | Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries |
|                  | Training  |  |   |               |                                       |
| 1994             |   |  |   | 135,000       | Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries |
| 1995             | (For details see above.)  |  |   | 132,000       | Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries |
| 1996             |   |  |   | 100,000       | Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries |
|                  | Infrastructural services including irrigation schemes   |  |   |               |                                       |
| 1994             |   |  |   | 2,120,500     | Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries |
| 1995             | (For details see above.)  |  |   | 1,290,000     | Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries |
| 1996             |   |  |   | 450,000       | Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries |
|                  | Total General Services  |  |   |               |                                       |
| 1994             |   |  |   | 5,763,500     | Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries |
| 1995             |   |  |   | 4,181,000     | Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries |
| 1996             |   |  |   | 1,416,000     | Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries |

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: OMAN****REPORTING PERIOD: 1994, 1995, 1996***Measures exempt from the reduction commitment - Direct Payments under Production-Limiting Programmes - "Exempt Direct Payments"*

| Measure type | Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Article 6:5 of the Agreement on Agriculture | Monetary value of measure in year in question | Data sources |
|--------------|---|---|--------------|
| 1            | 2   | 3   | 4            |

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Supporting Table DS:4

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: OMAN**  
**REPORTING PERIOD: 1994, 1995, 1996**

*Calculation of the Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

| Description of basic products<br>(including non-product specific<br>AMS) | Product-specific AMS (from<br>Supporting Tables DS:5 to DS:7<br>below) | Product-specific measurements of support<br>(from Supporting Table DS:8 below) | Current Total AMS (aggregate) |
|--|--|--|-------------------------------|
| 1  | 2  | 3  | 4                             |

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**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: OMAN****REPORTING PERIOD: 1994, 1995, 1996***Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Market Price Support*

| Description of basic products | Calendar / marketing year beginning ... | Measure type(s) | Applied administered price | External reference price | Eligible production | Associated fees/levies | Total market price support | Data sources |
|-------------------------------|---|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| 1                             | 2                                       | 3               | 4                          | 5                        | 6                   | 7                      | 8                          | 9            |
|                               |   |                 |                            |                          |                     |                        | ((4-5*6)-7)                |              |

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Supporting Table DS:6

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: OMAN**  
**REPORTING PERIOD: 1994, 1995, 1996**  
*Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Non-Exempt Direct Payments*

| Description of<br>basic product | Calendar /<br>marketing year<br>beginning ... | Measure type(s) | Applied<br>administered<br>price | External<br>reference price | Eligible<br>production | Total price-<br>related direct<br>payments | Other non-<br>exempt direct<br>payments | Associated<br>fees/levies | Total direct<br>payments | Data<br>sources |
|---------------------------------|---|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|--|---|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 1                               | 2   | 3               | 4                                | 5                           | 6                      | 7<br>((4-5)*6)                             | 8                                       | 9                         | 10<br>(7+ 8-9)           | 11              |

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**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: OMAN****REPORTING PERIOD: 1994, 1995, 1996***Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Other Product-Specific Support and Total Product-Specific AMS*

| Description of basic product | Calendar / marketing year beginning ... | Measure type(s) | Other product-specific budgetary outlays | Other product-specific support (include calculation details) | Associated fees/levies | Total other product-specific support | Market price support (Supporting Table DS:5) | Non-exempt direct payments (Supporting Table DS:6) | Total AMS       | Data sources |
|------------------------------|---|-----------------|--|--|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|-----------------|--------------|
| 1                            | 2                                       | 3               | 4  | 5  | 6                      | 7<br>(4+ 5-6)                        | 8  | 9  | 10<br>(7+ 8+ 9) | 11           |

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Supporting Table DS:8

**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: OMAN**

**REPORTING PERIOD: 1994, 1995, 1996**

*Product-Specific Equivalent Measurements of Support*

| Description<br>of basic<br>products | Calendar /<br>marketing<br>year<br>beginning ... | Measure<br>type(s) | Applied<br>administered<br>price | Production<br>eligible to<br>receive the<br>applied<br>administered<br>price | Market price<br>support<br>budgetary<br>outlays | Equivalent<br>measurement<br>of support<br>(include<br>calculation<br>details) | Non-exempt<br>direct<br>payments | Other<br>product-<br>specific<br>support | Associated<br>fees/levies | Total<br>monetary<br>value of<br>equivalent<br>commitment | Data sources |
|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|--|----------------------------------|--|---------------------------|---|--------------|
| 1                                   | 2  | 3                  | 4                                | 5  | 6   | 7  | 8                                | 9  | 10                        | 11<br>(7+ 8+ 9-10)  | 12           |

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**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: OMAN****REPORTING PERIOD: 1994, 1995, 1996***Non-Product-Specific AMS*

| Measure type(s) | Calendar / marketing<br>year beginning ... | Non-product-specific<br>budgetary outlays | Other non-product-<br>specific support (include<br>calculation details) | Associated fees/levies | Total non-product-specific<br>support | Data sources |
|-----------------|--|---|---|------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1               | 2  | 3   | 4   | 5                      | 6<br>(3+ 4-5)                         | 7            |

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Supporting Table ES:1

**EXPORT SUBSIDIES: OMAN**  
**REPORTING PERIOD: 1993, 1994, 1995**  
*Export Subsidies: Outlay and Quantity*

| Description of products | Direct export subsidies | Sales of stocks | Producer financed subsidies | Cost reduction measures | Internal transport subsidies | Total product specific export subsidies | Quantity of subsidized exports | Data source |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|-------------|
| 1                       | 2                       | 3               | 4                           | 5                       | 6                            | 7                                       | 8                              | 9           |

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General Services for Agricultural Development  
1994-1996

The Government of the Sultanate of Oman executes agricultural development projects through the five-year development plans. It has implemented several projects during the period 1994-1996 within the general services category. These cover the following areas:

Research:

- upgrading and expansion of research facilities and provision of materials and equipment for research activities;
- development and establishment of experimental farms and nurseries to improve efficiency in research and extension of new varieties, and provide a stable supply for superior seedlings;
- livestock research development;
- soil surveys;
- forestry improvement programme to select and preserve tree varieties suited to Oman and to develop a forestation method and pilot project using these varieties.

Pest and disease control:

- National Project for Plant Protection:

To increase agricultural production through an effective method of pest control. Aerial spraying is considered very efficient specifically, in the case of date palms, mangoes, citrus, coconut and other fruit trees.

- National Vaccination Programme:

Nationwide vaccination programme for livestock has shown positive results in reducing animal epidemic disease.

- Animal Health and Disease Control Project:

Which is aimed at improving animal hygiene conditions and eliminating serious epidemics, and reducing mortality of livestock and increase the productivity of animal husbandry in Oman.

- Brucellosis Control in the South:

It is necessary to eliminate brucellosis disease as quickly as possible in order to reduce livestock economic losses and maintain people's health in the Dhofar Governorate.

Extension:

- intensive Extension Guidance Programme which is aimed at providing intensive extension services to farmers with a view to increasing vertical agricultural productivity;

- supporting key farmers extension programme. In this programme key farmers' fields function as demonstration fields for new varieties and new cultivation methods;
- provision of inputs for experimental purposes. It is essential to strengthen the linkage between extension and research, so that developed technology is relayed promptly into the field for practical application;
- agricultural technology transfer to farmers project. It is assured that type selection and the timing of application have a controlling impact on crop production. The goal of the project is to transfer modern agricultural technology to selected farmers through provision of necessary equipment and inputs.

#### Training:

- Training of research extension and statistical staff of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF):

Proper training of sufficient number of extension officers is essential to develop skills and upgrade capabilities to carry out their responsibilities toward farmers.

The Omani research staff at the agricultural research stations receive training in basic and analytical techniques, and attend lectures by research experts, also the agricultural technicians and statistical staff will receive training in statistical surveys and analytical methods.

- Upgrading agricultural staff through provision of educational grants to selected promising staff to obtain higher University Degrees (MS) in certain fields in agricultural sciences.
- Short training courses and workshops inside Oman and abroad are provided to selected number of extension and other technical staff.

#### Infrastructural Services Including Modern Irrigation Schemes:

- Establishment of Development Support Communication Centre:

With the objective of producing and application of audio visual material to upgrade the level of farm knowledge and technology. Also the DSCC will develop videos, radio, television programmes and printed materials.

- Establishment of Training Centre for Extension Officers:

Research experts assume the role of instructors and training in the area of cropping techniques, crop protection and farm management. Facilities of this centre include classrooms, a laboratory, a workshop and library, and basic living facilities such as dormitories.

This centre is primarily to train extension officers and all other staff members of MAF.

- Improvement and Development of Extension Centre facilities:

To raise agricultural productivity and to improve farm management by establishing new extension sub-centres in remote areas and through extension by upgrading extension centre facilities and providing necessary extension materials and equipment.

Introducing modern irrigation methods to farmers to increase agricultural productivity and attaining efficient use of water resources and to improve the economic profitability of agricultural production, the government provides subsidy schemes for new irrigation systems to encourage farmers using these methods.