INTRODUCTION.

The food crop survey was undertaken by a team of eight post-graduate students of the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture under the supervision of Dr. Jolly and Mr. Hodnett, mainly as an exercise in the application of statistical sampling methods to survey work.

All aspects of the work involved in planning the survey were carried out by the team, each member having certain sections of the work as his particular responsibility. The responsibilities of the writer were to investigate the nature of the Agricultural Survey of Trinidad conducted in 1956, to determine standards for counting plants in the field, to investigate the possibilities of including food crops grown under tree crops in the food crop survey and to determine the type and size of sample to be taken in the field.

The field work was undertaken by the team during December 1956, each member being responsible for the supervision of enumeration of a particular area.

The design for the statistical analysis of results was prepared by Meredith and Mr. Hodnett.

The tabulation of data and statistical calculations were carried out by the team, each member being responsible for the material concerning one size group of farms in a particular zone and county.