Danish Institute of Agricultural and Fisheries

Economics (SJFI)

The institute is a research institution under the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries. A board appointed by the Minister sets the overall priorities for the institute. The board represents research (2), agricultural, horticultural and fisheries organizations (5), statistics (1) and employees of the institute (2). The chairman is appointed directly by the Minister. The director and the heads of divisions carry out the day to day operation.

The purpose of the institute is to carry out research, and to give advice on agricultural and fisheries economics from an economy-wide as well as a firm point of view. The activities also include economic aspects of resource and environment management and production of statistics about the economy of agriculture and fisheries.

The institute has 4 divisions: Agricultural Policy, Farm Management and Production Systems, Fisheries Economics and Management and Statistics.

The Agricultural Policy Research Division performs research in the fields of economics and policy of agriculture; international policy, co-ordination and adjustments - in particular in regard of agriculture - and the relation between agriculture and the environment. Furthermore, it is the objective to monitor the development in economics of agriculture, to analyze the economic consequences of changes in the economic and political framework and to provide guidance on the formulation of policies in regard of the industry.

The Farm Management and Production System Division is primarily concerned with research related to farm management and production economics. The division produces and extends information concerning the economic interrelations within the agricultural firm and among individual enterprises in order to support extension work and improve the basis for farm decisions. Furthermore, the division is involved in research related to the use of agricultural products in other industries, environment and animal welfare.

The purpose of Fisheries Economics and Management Division is to establish, develop and facilitate knowledge about fisheries economics and management. The research is based on the interrelation with fisheries biology and environmental issues. The research comprises the economic, managerial, environmental and political framework for fishery in national, EU and international perspective, including the quantitative consequences for the Danish and the EU fisheries sectors of changes in the framework.

The task of the Statistical Division is to carry out statistical analyses on representative samples of firm accounts in order to produce information on the economic situation in agriculture, horticulture and fisheries in general as well as for types of firms. The Statistical Division furnishes the Danish contribution

to the EEC farm accountancy data network. The division also carries out Price statistics for the agricultural and the horticultural sectors.

The web page is www.sifi.dk where further information and documents are available.