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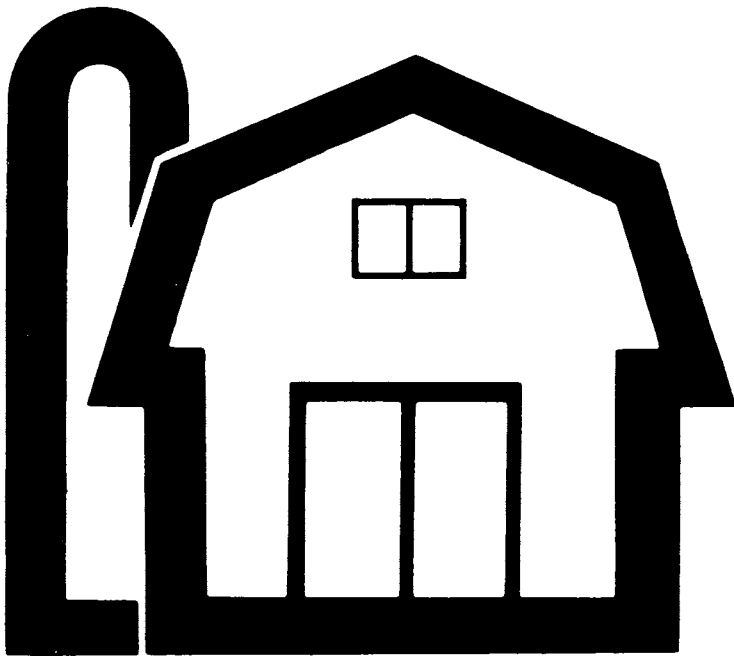
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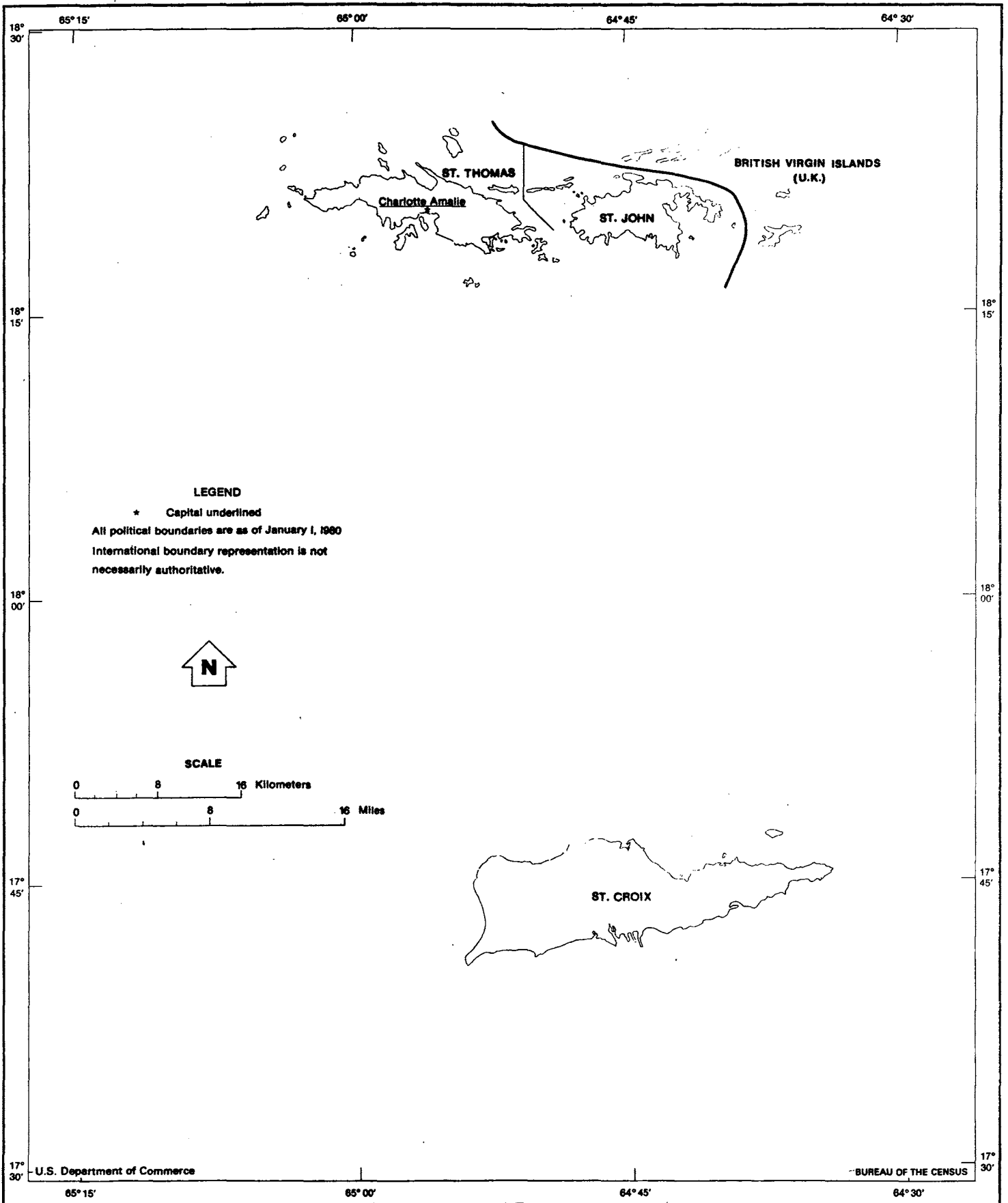
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## HISTORY

The 1982 census is the 10th census of agriculture of the Virgin Islands. The first, taken in 1917, was a special census authorized by the Secretary of Commerce. The next agriculture census was taken in 1930 in conjunction with the decennial census, a practice that continued every 10 years through 1960. The 1964 Census of Agriculture was the first quinquennial (5-year) census to be taken in the Virgin Islands. For the quinquennial census of 1969, the data were collected in 1970 in conjunction with the 1970 Censuses of Population and Housing. The 1974 census was taken independently of any other censuses. In 1976, Congress authorized the census of agriculture to be taken for 1978 and 1982 to adjust the data reference year to coincide with the 1982 Economic Censuses covering manufacturing, mining, construction, retail trade, wholesale trade, service industries, and selected transportation activities. After 1982, the agriculture census will revert to a 5-year cycle and be taken covering years ending in "2" and "7."

## USES OF THE CENSUS

This information is needed by the farmers of the Virgin Islands, by their representatives, by the Government, and by many other groups of people who are concerned with food and agricultural production in the Virgin Islands.

The census will provide a comprehensive inventory of farms and their production. A great many uses are made of this basic census information.

For example:

- a. Agricultural programs can be evaluated and new programs started on the basis of farm statistics.
- b. Monies allocated by the Federal Government are based in part on census data.
- c. Businesses can determine where and how much of their products they can sell, and measure other features of their markets.
- d. Farmers can compare their current size and performance with the size and performance of other farms in the same geographic area to determine how well they are doing.

Census figures are fundamental to making sound economic decisions and help increase the competition that provides better prices for goods and services to the farmer.

## AUTHORITY AND AREA COVERED

The 1982 Census of Agriculture was taken in accordance with the provisions of title 13, United States Code. Sections 142(a) and 191 provide for a census of agriculture every 5 years in each State, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands of the United States. The census data for the Virgin Islands may be collected by the Governor or a representative from his/her staff to act as census supervisor, in accordance with a Memorandum of Agreement prescribed or approved by the Director of the Bureau of the Census.

## FARM DEFINITION

The statistics presented in this report relate to places qualifying as farms for census purposes. For the 1982 Census of Agriculture in the Virgin Islands, a farm was defined as a "place" of 3 acres or more on which any field or forage crops were harvested or vegetables were harvested for sale during the 12-month period between July 1, 1982, and June 30, 1983, or on which there was a combined total of 10 or more fruit or nut trees or plants, any livestock, or 10 or more poultry at the time of enumeration. Places of less than 3 acres were counted as farms if their sales of agricultural products between July 1, 1982, and June 30, 1983, amounted to at least \$100, or if they could normally be expected to produce agricultural products in sufficient quantity to provide sales amounting to at least \$100. Places meeting any of the above criteria were included in the tabulations as farms.

The definition of a farm for 1982 was the same as in all previous censuses, except the one for 1950. For 1950, all places, regardless of size, were counted as farms if the total value of agricultural products in 1949, except home garden products, whether for home use or for sales, amounted to \$100 or more. Enumerators filled out a report form for every place that the operator considered a farm, every place of 3 acres or more whether or not it was considered a farm, and every place of less than 3 acres whose agricultural production in 1949 was valued at \$100 or more.

## COMPARABILITY OF DATA

Comparability of data from the 1982 Census of Agriculture in the Virgin Islands has been slightly affected by improvements in the coverage of the operators list and improved techniques of training enumerators. In general, data from the 1982 census are comparable with those of previous censuses.

## TABULAR PRESENTATION

The detailed tables in this report give totals for each of the three islands—St. Croix, St. John, and St. Thomas—and for the Virgin Islands as a whole. Comparable information for preceding census years is given for many items for which information is available.



## CENSUS DISCLOSURE RULES

In keeping with the provisions of title 13, United States Code, no data are published that would disclose the operations of an individual farm. However, the number of farms in a given size category or other classification is not considered a disclosure, so this information may be given even though other information is withheld.

## DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Appendix A includes definitions and explanations of selected terms used in the tables. The 1982 report form is shown in appendix B.

## DOLLAR VALUES

All dollar values presented in this report are expressed in current dollars, i.e., 1982 data are expressed in 1982 dollars and 1978 data in 1978 dollars. The dollar values have not been adjusted for changes in price levels between census years.

## INVENTORIES, PRODUCTION, AND SALES DATA

Inventories of livestock, poultry, and machinery and equipment are the number on hand at the time of enumeration. Crop production, crop and livestock sales, and expense data are for the 12-month period between July 1, 1982, and June 30, 1983.

## ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

The following abbreviations and symbols are used throughout the tables:

- Represents zero.
- (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.
- (X) Not applicable.
- (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.
- (NA) Not available.