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COORDINATION OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

The Commission of the European Communities has proposed to the Council of Ministers new agricultural research programmes in four fields: animal leucoses, effluents from livestock farms, beef and veal production, and the production of vegetable protein. The programmes are to be carried out between 1975 and the end of 1979, at a cost to the Community of some 16m ua (about £8m). The new proposals have been put forward on the basis of a coordination agreement last year.

The leucosis programme will aim at quick and accurate diagnosis in both poultry and cattle breeding stations. The programme is also designed for further research into resistance to avian leucosis and fowl paralysis (Marek's disease) a grave source of danger in poultry breeding units.

The second programme aims to solve the problems of environmental pollution caused by effluents from large scale intensive farms, while at the same time allowing at least some of these effluents to be used as substitutes for expensive artificial fertilizers. The third programme, concerned with beef and veal production, aims to increase farm productivity in general and to improve meat quality and yield. The last programme, drawn up in view of the serious problems facing the Community in protein supplies for animal feed, aims to improve the protein content of existing crops, introduce new, high protein species and varieties, and investigate the use of protein in animal feed.

The programmes, which have been discussed with research chiefs in the member states, fall into two groups: coordinated programmes, including seminars, regular exchanges of research workers and information, study visits, colloquia etc.; and joint programmes which, in addition to the above activities, provide for specific projects to be carried out in institutes in the member states under Commission control. The Commission contribution to the cost of these programmes will be allocated as follows:

	<u>Coordinated Programme</u>	<u>Joint Programme</u>
Animal leucoses:	391,000 ua	2,019,000 ua
Farm effluents:	225,000 ua	3,210,000 ua
Beef and veal production:		5,689,000 ua
Vegetable protein production:		4,457,000 ua

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