Agricultural Mechanization in SSA- Guidelines for preparing a strategy

Abstract:

The development of these Guidelines originates from the early 1990’s when interest was expressed by several countries in Asia, Eastern Europe and Africa for assistance from FAO for the development of plans for the expansion of mechanization. In the case of Eastern European countries advice was requested on how to privatize the public sector mechanization services. In response to these requests the Agricultural Engineering Service (AGSE) of FAO developed some guiding principles for the assistance to be provided. Subsequently, field work was conducted in several countries from which a mechanization strategy was formulated for each. From this experience, in 1997 AGSE produced more detailed guidelines on strategy formulation. The author of these was Clare Bishop, a consultant who had been involved in the formulation of several of the country studies. Overall guidance and supervision during this period was provided by Lawrence Clarke, Chief of the Agricultural Engineering Service.