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Dear Director Eleazar:

This responds to your letter dated 3 May 2007 concerning the results of the Integrated Farm Household Survey (IFHS).

We sincerely appreciate the issues you have raised on the IFHS report entitled Socio-Economic Characteristics of Farm Households in the Philippines. We agree with you that further stratification of survey data could significantly enhance their usability for more in-depth policy analysis and other applications. Our staff studied the comments and looked into the possibility of producing those details. It was found that this would entail a lot of time and efforts in data processing and these may not be advisable anymore at this point. The survey's reference period was July 2002 to June 2003. All the comments and issues can be considered in the future IFHS rounds. In the meantime, we can entertain requests for re-tabulation but only for specific data items.

With our best regards.

Very truly yours,

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Director