

## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

*Betriebsegoismus* Enterprise Egotism: Catch-all criticism attributed to farms and factories thought to be acting in their own rather than the common interest.

*Bezirk* Administrative Region: In 1952, the Länder which made up the territory of the GDR were divided into smaller administrative regions, mapping the state bureaucracy on to the party bureaucracy.

*Bezirksleitung* Regional SED Administration.

*Bezirksparteiaktivtagung* Assembly of select SED members with leading roles in particular fields in the region.

*Bezirksvorstand* The leading members of one of the bloc parties in the Bezirk, e.g. the DBD.

*Delikat* Chain of shops established to sell 'luxury' food items to the population.

*Eingaben der Bevölkerung* People's Petitions: formal complaints made in written or verbal form to any state or party official or body. These were essential to the gauging of popular opinion and popular concerns.

*Genossenschaftliche Demokratie* Collective Democracy: the practice of including collective farm members in the running of an LPG through ballots in the members' assemblies on specific issues, as well as election of members to the directing board and advising commissions of the LPG.

*Großbauer* Wealthy farmer: technically, any farmer owning more than 20 hectares of land, or operating a capitalistic enterprise.

*Kleinbauer* Small farmer: technically, any farmer owning less than 5 hectares of land.

*Komplexeinsatz* Integrated deployment: the use of several machines (often from several LPGs) in conjunction usually during the harvest.

*Konsum* Standard all-purpose shop, often the only retail outlet in small villages.

*Kooperationsgemeinschaft* Cooperative Community: The collective term for two or more LPGs contractually bound to cooperate with one another in some aspect of agricultural production.

*Kooperationsrat* Cooperative Council: A body comprised of delegates from each of the LPGs in the cooperative community, usually the LPG chairmen but also other leading members of the LPG, including brigade leaders or SED party secretaries. Meetings of the council were also attended by village mayors, although their opinions were not always welcomed by LPG chairmen. The primary purpose of the council was to arrange and agree upon the terms on which LPGs, and later LPG Ps and LPG Ts cooperated with one another.

*Kooperationsverband* Cooperative Union: A body with its own council of delegates, designed to coordinate the relationship between food industries and LPGs. Cooperative unions were established to organise the production of specific crops or food products involving a number of LPGs with other institutions (e.g. slaughterhouses) in the vertical chain of production over a wide territory, e.g. from the raising of calves through to their processing as sausage.

*Kreisverband* District authorities of one of the bloc parties e.g. DBD.

*LPG-Aktiv* LPG Committee: As a pre-cursor to the formation of an SED Party Organisation, these Aktivs were designed to bring SED and non-SED members together who were active in promoting and developing collective farming practices within an LPG.

*Nebenerwerbsbauer* Part-time farmer: a large number of part-time farmers were forced to abandon their land to an LPG and receive a share of the produce in return as part of the collectivisation. In the 1980s in particular, however, industrial workers were encouraged to take up farming on small allotments, which could not be easily fitted into the large field systems of gigantic LPGs, in order to boost production.

*Neubauer* New Farmer: A beneficiary of the postwar land reforms.

*Offenstall* An open stall shed: designed as a cheap and easily constructed shed for holding rapidly increasing numbers of livestock during the late 1950s and early 1960s. Poor planning and shoddy materials gained them a reputation for being counterproductive.

*Ortsbauernführer* Local Farmers' Leader: Nazi-affiliated local agricultural functionary during the Third Reich.

*Parteitag* Party Congress.

*Sozialistische Betriebswirtschaft* Socialist Business Economics: system of accounting and incentive measures designed to improve the efficiency of financial planning under the terms of the New Economic System.

*Umsiedler* Refugees from the East settling in the GDR.

*Vorstandssitzung* Board meeting: LPGs were run by chairmen supported by boards of LPG members elected every two years. The board and chairmen were to meet ideally every week to discuss the business of the LPG, managing everything from matters of discipline (often drunkenness) in the workforce, to questions over the long-term development of the LPG. Preparing the resolutions which were put to the vote in the full members' assemblies, they were a vital part of the functioning of 'collective democracy', qualifying the power concentrated in the hands of the chairman.

*Wehrmacht* The army of the National Socialist regime.