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Abstract

Land surveys from Ptolemaic Egypt

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The paper will discuss the structure of land surveys from Ptolemaic Egypt. Land was surveyed on two occasions: 1) after the flood (Sept.-Oct.) land and its holders were listed, and 2) a crop report was drawn up before the harvest (Febr.-March) on which occasion tax revenues were estimated. Both operations resulted in many forms of listings: by area, land category, crops and landholder, and these surveys were compiled at village level (examples in P. Tebt. I and IV), toparchy (e.g. BGU XIV 2441-50) and nome level. Only one report at nome level is extant, the so-called Edfu survey (P. Haun. IV 70, forthcoming), which will be dealt with in more detail.