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## **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING**

### **19AGE307-ERGONOMICS OF FARM IMPLEMENTS AND MACHINERY**

#### **UNIT II-ANTHROPOMETRY**

**TOPIC: DATA COLLECTION AND MEASURING TOOLS**



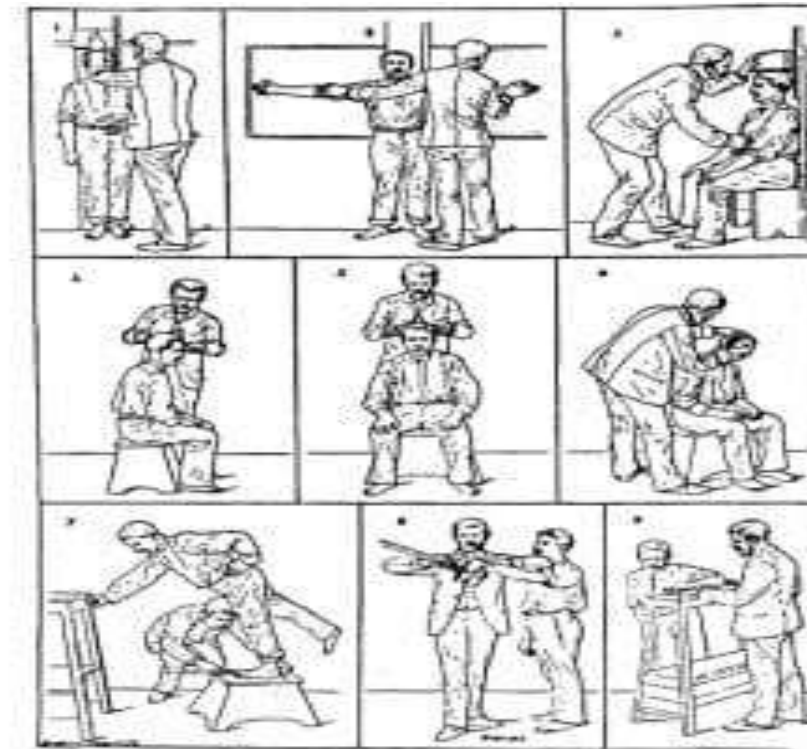
# HUMAN MACHINE

- 206 bones → lever systems → smooth cartilage at the joints → minimizes friction
- Muscles → produce the forces
- Physical work - muscle power (energy) and skeletal tissues
- Muscular system → approximately 40-45% and 25-35% of total body weight of man and woman, respectively



# FATHER OF ANTHROPOMETRY

Alphonse Bertillon is credited as the father of anthropometrics based on his classification system known as the “anthropometric system” or “judicial anthropometry”.





# BODY DIMENSIONS AND STRENGTH PARAMETERS USEFUL IN FARM EQUIPMENT DESIGN

- a. 79 body dimensions and 16 strength parameters were identified for inclusion in the survey.
- b. Due attention was also given to ISO standard 7250 (1996) (Basic human body measurements for technological design)
- c. Recommendations of the conference on Standardization of Anthropometric Techniques and Terminologies (Hertzberg, 1966).
- d. Standard terminologies as given in the Anthropometric Source Book (NASA, 1978) were used.



# DATA COLLECTION

- Data on 79 body dimensions for 14,618 agricultural workers (8970 male and 5648 female) from 15 states were collected
- Strength data on 16 parameters for 9515 workers (5570 male and 3945 female) were collected.



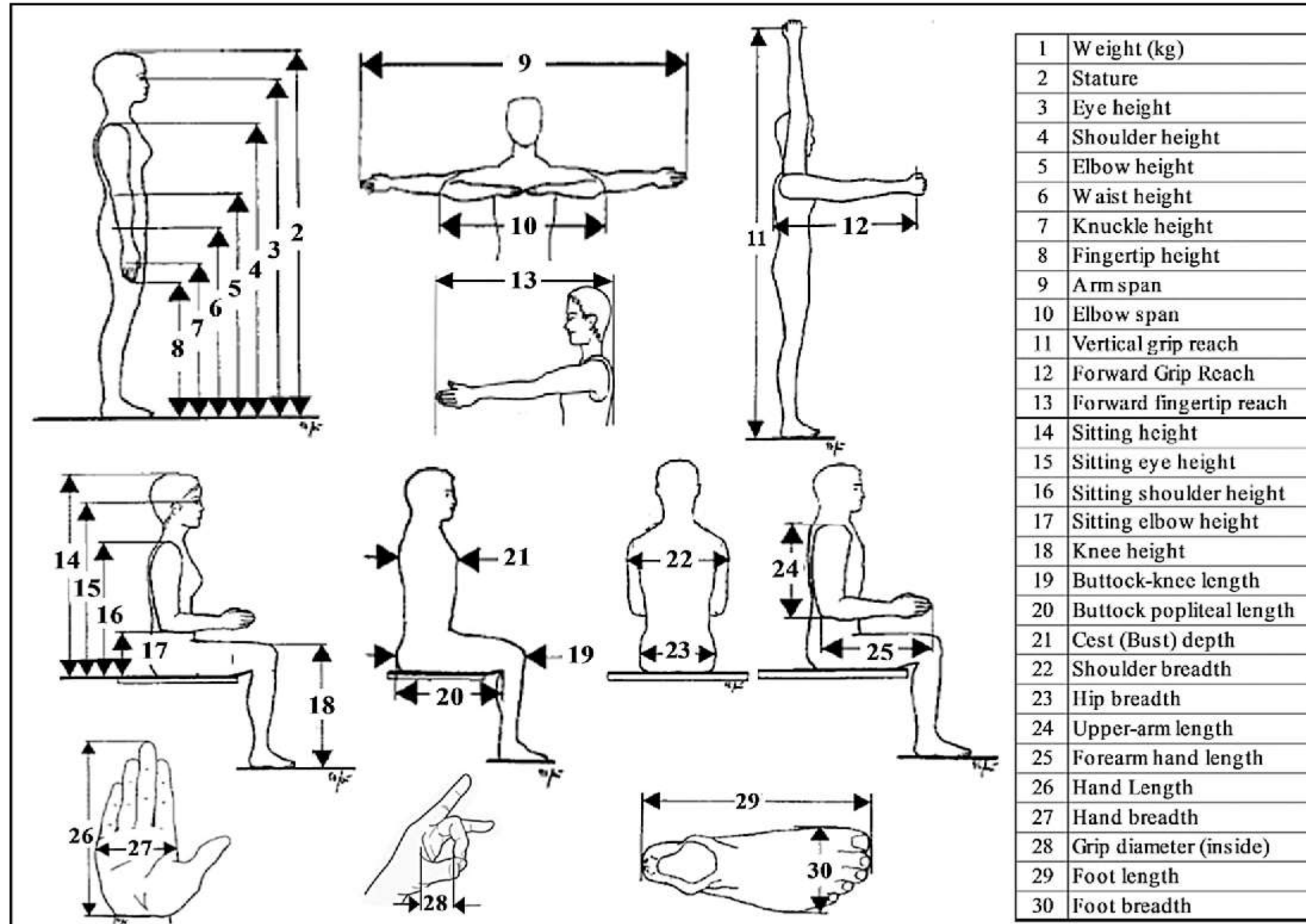




# MEASUREMENT OF BODY DIMENSIONS



Pictorial representation of body dimensions useful in agricultural equipment design





# ANTHROPOMETRIC TOOLS

To obtain anthropometric measurements, a variety of specialized tools (as depicted below) are used:

Stadiometers : height

Anthropometers: length and circumference of body segments

Biocondylar calipers: bone diameter

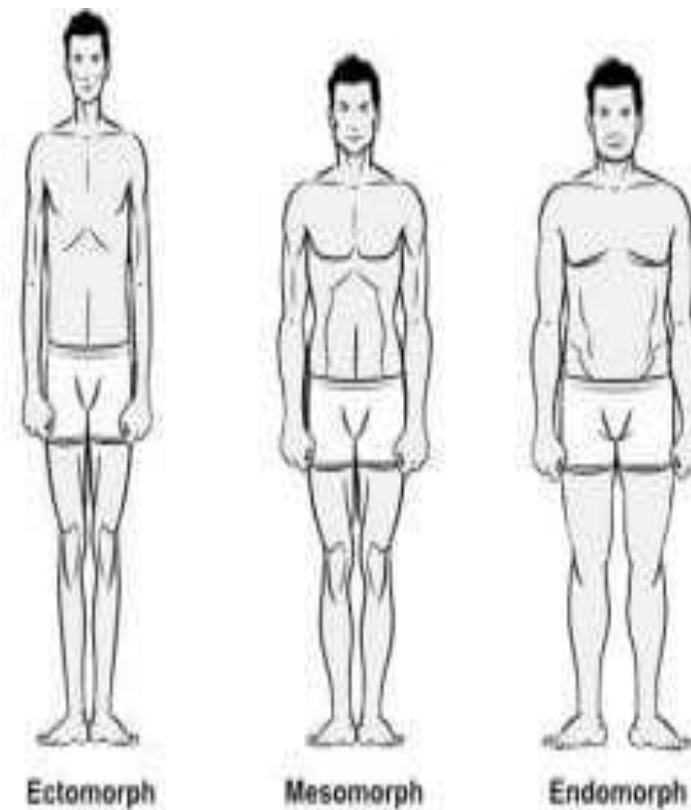
Skinfold calipers : skin thickness and subcutaneous fat

Scales : weight



# ANTHROPOMETRIC SOMATOTYPES

Three main somatotypes as illustrated below (endomorph, ectomorph, and mesomorph), although some individuals may represent a hybrid of two somatotypes.







# HEATH-CARTER ANTHROPOMETRIC SOMATOTYPE



Size measurements involve:

- a. Head height, length, and width
- b. Head Shape
- c. Sitting and standing height (provides an indication of the trunk height and lower limb relationship)
- d. Androgyny index (relative width of the shoulder and pelvis; typically a good indicator of sexual dimorphism after puberty)

Structural measurement include: Height, Weight, Body mass index

Human composition measurements are based on the fact that the human body is composed of:

Fat, Muscle, Bone, Connective tissue, Nervous tissue (e.g., the brain), Organs (e.g., heart, liver, etc.), Skin



# MEASURING INSTRUMENTS

- For measurement of body dimensions
  - Harpenden Anthropometric Equipment
  - Siber Hegner Anthropometer with accessories
  - Integrated Composite Anthropometer developed at IIT, Kharagpur
- For measurement of strength parameters
  - CIAE strength measurement set-up and electronic timer
  - Novatech load cells and load meter



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