

HIGHLIGHTS



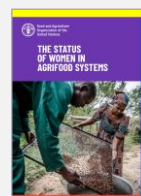
FAO Food Price Index

The FAO Food Price Index averaged 126.9 points in March 2023, down 2.8 points (2.1 percent) from February, marking the twelfth consecutive monthly decline since reaching its peak one year ago. During the past twelve months, the index has fallen by as much as 32.8 points (20.5 percent).



FAO Cereal Supply and Demand Brief

FAO's latest forecast for world cereal production in 2022 has been lifted marginally to 2 777 million tonnes, albeit remaining 1.2 percent lower year-on-year.



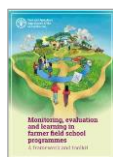
The status of women in agrifood systems

Agrifood systems are a significant source of employment and livelihoods for women – often more so than for men. This report analyses the sources of inequality that constrain women's participation, well-being and empowerment in the sector. It describes policies and approaches that have supported gender equality, and how women's equal participation in agrifood systems can transform individual and global outcomes.

(284 pp. Overview also available in Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish)
[Digital report](#)

BOOKS

AGRICULTURE



Monitoring, evaluation and learning in farmer field school programmes - A framework and toolkit

Over the past three decades, the farmer field school (FFS) has evolved to suit the needs of different communities. This document focuses on the implementation phase of FFS programmes and provides guidance and tools to help these schools achieve the expected change by setting up a robust monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL) system.

(220 pp.)
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc5180en>



Perspectives sur les technologies et l'innovation dans le domaine des systèmes agroalimentaires - Présentation - 2022

This report seeks to address the current level of uptake of technologies and innovations in low- and middle-income countries, which is insufficient to facilitate much-needed agrifood transformation.

(132 pp. French. Also available in English and Spanish)
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc2506fr>

ANIMAL PRODUCTION AND HEALTH



Prácticas y tecnologías para una ganadería baja en emisiones - Estudio de caso en Paraguay

Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) leads the world in livestock exports, with a quarter of the total. But this also makes the region the top originator of emissions in the sector. This publication describes efforts towards more sustainable cattle ranching in Paraguay, one of five LAC countries included in a FAO programme of emissions reduction.

(Santiago, 80 pp. Spanish)
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc2832es>

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT



Decoupling direct payments in North Macedonia - Impacts on farmer income

Decoupling direct payments to farmers from production and output helps increase overall income and well-being without distorting the price mechanism. However, in North Macedonia, agricultural subsidies in the form of direct payments are fully coupled. This paper analyses the impact of decoupling them in support of North Macedonia's ambitions to join the European Union.

(56 pp.) FAO Agricultural Development Economics Working Papers
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc5148en>



Resilience to food insecurity and gender differential decomposition in the Gambia

This paper examines the key drivers of household resilience to food insecurity and assesses differences in resilience capacity and food security indexes across male- and female-headed households. It also identifies key drivers of these differentials at national level, and in urban and rural areas, in the Gambia.

(52 pp.) FAO Agricultural Development Economics Working Papers
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc3799en>





Focus on governance for more effective policy and technical support – Governance and policy support framework paper

This paper introduces an operational four-phased framework to integrate governance analysis into the formulation and implementation of interventions. These phases are: problem framing, institutional analysis, political economy analysis and priorities for action.

(100 pp. Arabic. Also available in Chinese, English, French and Spanish)
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc0240ar>

FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE



Profitability and trade-offs in the use of the FAO-Thiaroye processing technique (FTT) in Ghana

The FAO-Thiaroye processing technique (FTT), an improved smoking technique for cooking fish, was introduced in Ghana in 2009. Despite its numerous benefits, the adoption rate has been slow. The results of this study demonstrate the financial profitability, fast return on investment, economic viability, and environmental sustainability of the FTT compared to other improved kilns.

(96 pp.) Sustainable Fish Value Chain Development Series
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc4604en>



Reparación de embarcaciones de plástico reforzado con fibra de vidrio (PRFV) en las zonas tropicales - Guía práctica

Fibreglass-reinforced plastic (FRP) boats are bound to suffer some damage sooner or later. But this should not be a source of excessive concern or expense, provided the damage is identified and repaired promptly. This step-by-step guide is packed with specifics.

(56 pp. Spanish. Also available in English, Sinhalese and Tamil)
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc3814es>

FORESTRY

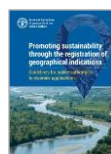


Guide pratique de production de plants et de reboisement

Togo is estimated to have lost nearly 6 percent of its forest cover in the last two decades. But it has ambitions to have a full quarter of its territory covered by forests by 2025, and to plant a billion trees by 2030. From starting a nursery to pest control and wider agroforestry techniques, this practical guide lays out the steps.

(Lomé, 72 pp. French)
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc3663fr>

NUTRITION



Promoting sustainability through the registration of geographical indications - Guidelines for public authorities to examine applications

From wine to coffee to cheese, geographic indications (GIs) play a distinct role in marketing major produce. To ensure the system is legally watertight and sustainable, FAO has produced guidelines to support applicants in achieving successful GIs and to assist public authorities in examining GI applications.

(68 pp.)
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc4358en>

PLANT PRODUCTION AND HEALTH



IPPC Procedure manual for implementation and capacity development - Fifth edition

This manual includes all relevant implementation and capacity development procedures approved or updated until the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee meeting of Contracting Parties (CPs) to the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) in December 2022. These include procedures for communication, project management and application of key tools.

(184 pp.)
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc4447en>

RECENT RELEASES FROM OTHER UN AGENCIES AND IGOs

INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT – IFAD

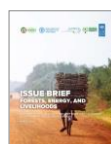


Access to finance for farmers' organizations: Evidence from a multi-country survey

Farmers' organizations (FOs) play a key role in the agriculture sector by aggregating producers and offering them a range of services. This report offers new evidence to inform the design of suitable and timely financial products for FO members, based on a survey of 220 farmers' organizations in West Africa and Asia and the Pacific.

(36 pp.)

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME – UNDP



Issue Brief: Forests, Energy and Livelihoods

This publication provides an overview of global trends on forests, energy and livelihoods, as well as on related policy and research. It analyses the nexus and interlinkages of forests, energy and livelihoods, including the contribution of forests and forest products to wood-based bioenergy.

(New York, 20 pp.)

