



HIGHLIGHTS



World Food and Agriculture – Statistical Pocketbook 2018

This publication presents selected key indicators related to agriculture and food security, as well as a variety of dimensions of agriculture and food security along four focus areas: setting, hunger dimensions, food supply and environment.

(252 pp.) [FAO statistics](#)



UN Day at UNESCO

FAO publications and branded items were on show at UNESCO headquarters in Paris, in conjunction with the [United Nations Day](#) celebration (24 October).

NEWSLETTERS



FPMA bulletin, 10 October 2018 – No. 8

(8 pp., now available in Arabic. Also available in [Chinese](#), [French](#), [Russian](#) and [Spanish](#). Full document available in [English](#))



Monthly bulletin of the Agricultural Trade Expert Network in Europe and Central Asia, August–September 2018 – No. 40–41

(18 pp., available only in Russian)

NEW BROCHURES



Codex Alimentarius – Normes alimentaires internationales

(2 pp., also available in [Spanish](#))



Empowering people and strengthening rural organizations

(4 pp.)



Livestock production system spotlight – Nigeria

(12 pp.) Africa sustainable livestock 2050



Rapport spécial : Mission FAO/PAM d'évaluation des récoltes et de la sécurité alimentaire en République Arabe Syrienne (Résumé)

(10 pp., also available in [Arabic](#))



Mitigating persistent welfare losses due to climate shocks

(2 pp.)



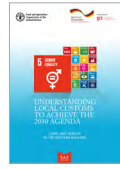
OPEN FORIS y SEPAL – Sistema de acceso de datos de observación de la tierra, procesamiento y análisis para el monitoreo de la superficie terrestre

(2 pp., also available in [English](#))



The nutrition challenge: Food system solution

(12 pp.) FAO & WHO



Understanding local customs to achieve the 2030 Agenda: Land and gender in the Western Balkans

(12 pp.)



World Food Day 2018 brochure
(12 pp., now available in Macedonian. Also available in [Arabic](#), [Chinese](#), [English](#), [French](#), [Italian](#), [Hungarian](#), [Portuguese](#), [Russian](#), [Spanish](#) and [Tajik](#))

SOUTH–SOUTH COOPERATION



China–Namibia South–South Cooperation
(2 pp.)



China–Uganda South–South Cooperation project phase II
(2 pp.)

THE STATE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE – FAO AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS POLICY BRIEFS



Achieving positive rural migration outcomes in rural areas
(2 pp.)



Demystifying the link between migration and development informs policy
(2 pp.)



Policy priorities relating to rural migration depend on country contexts
(2 pp.)

NEW BOOKS AND BRIEFS

AGRICULTURE

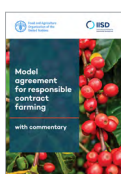


FAO food chain crisis early warning bulletin, October–December 2018 – No. 29
This report notes that there are currently 34 threats related to food chain crises in Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, and Oceania, including Banana Fusarium wilt disease, Tilapia lake virus, Avian influenza, and Western conifer seed bug.
(64 pp.)



Perspectivas de cosechas y situación alimentaria, septiembre 2018 – No. 3
A review of the food situation by region, this issue notes that 39 countries need external assistance for food, mainly due to persisting conflict and weather shocks. FAO forecasts that 2018 world cereal production will be down 2.4 percent as compared to 2017.
(44 pp., also available in [English](#) and [French](#))

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT



Model agreement for responsible contract farming – With commentary
This paper provides practical legal tools for responsible investments. It addresses some of the challenges in contract farming, including sustainable business relationships, a transparent business environment, fair prices, and timely payments to producers.
(72 pp.)



Programme guidelines for projects under the FAO–China South–South Cooperation programme
These guidelines help interested parties clarify their respective responsibilities and improve project implementation at each stage of the process, covering technical solutions, knowledge exchange, outreach and communication best practices.
(84 pp.)



Seguros agrícolas para la agricultura familiar en América Latina y el Caribe
Drawing on successful case studies, this paper reports on the development of insurance solutions for agriculture – family farming in particular – as a risk mitigation instrument within a broader disaster risk management strategy.
(Santiago de Chile, 48 pp.)

FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE



Cetacean identification cards for Indian Ocean fisheries

These identification cards describe major cetacean species groups that occur within the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission area of competence in a clear, easily navigable, pictorial format, including key diagnostic features and distribution maps.

(48 pp.)



Report of the forty-first session of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean

The issues discussed during the session included methods for reporting aquaculture data and a regional plan of action to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing in the GFCM area of application.

(Budva, 202 pp., now available in Arabic. Also available in [English](#) and [French](#))

FOOD SAFETY AND NUTRITION



Codex bookazine

Through an array of magazine-style articles, Codex shares viewpoints on a range of topics, such as nuclear applications for food safety and control, the success of WHO's "5 keys to safer food" campaign, and Codex commitments for the future.

(56 pp., now available in Russian. Also available in [Chinese](#) and [English](#))



Understanding Codex – Fifth edition

This revised edition presents the Codex Alimentarius Commission, established by FAO and WHO in the 1960s and currently the most important international reference for developments associated with food standards.

(52 pp., now available in Chinese. Also available in [English](#), [French](#) and [Russian](#))

FORESTRY



Improving governance of forest tenure. A practical guide

This publication highlights important opportunities and challenges in forest governance today. The toolkit that it provides, which includes rapid carbon stock appraisal and participatory mapping, aims to improve decision-making about forest goods and services.

(164 pp., now available in Russian. Also available in [English](#), [French](#) and [Spanish](#))

STATISTICS



World programme for the Census of agriculture 2020 – Volume 2: Operational guidelines

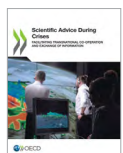
This volume complements the new census programme by providing guidance to practitioners on the main stages involved in the preparation of the census, including design and planning, fieldwork operations processing, and analysis and publication of results.

(352 pp.)

Volume 1: Programme, concepts and definitions is available in [English](#), [French](#), [Russian](#) and [Spanish](#).

RECENT RELEASES FROM OTHER UN AGENCIES AND IGOS

ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT – OECD



Scientific advice during crises: Facilitating transnational co-operation and exchange of information

This report looks at how scientific advice can best support crisis management during transnational crises, such as those provoked by natural hazards or pandemics.

(Paris, 56 pp.)

UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION – UNESCO



The UNESCO Courier

This issue looks at the different dimensions of human rights today, from economic and social rights, including the right to employment and social security, to the right to information and education, as a means to achieve freedom.

(Paris, 72 pp., also available in [Arabic](#), [French](#), and [Russian](#))