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FOREWORD

This document is the twenty-sixth issue of the publication *Selected indicators of food and agricultural development in the Asia-Pacific region*. It presents data on selected items for the years 1998-2008, except some tables that also provide information for 2009. Most tables show two types of information: annual figures for 1998, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 and the average annual growth rate for the period 1998-2008. The indicators are grouped under the following headings: Agricultural land and population, Agricultural inputs, Production indices, Staple food crops, Edible oil crops, Horticultural crops, Fibre crops, Other crops, Livestock, Agricultural trade, Fisheries, Forestry, Nutrition and Other indicators, including two tables reporting the status of organic farming and the production and trade of biofuels in the region. A section on country profiles precedes the tables.

The layout of the tables has been improved in order to make them more reader-friendly. Sub-regional totals have been highlighted and country rows have been shaded alternately to facilitate readability.

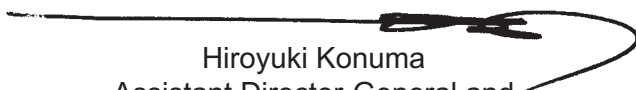
Member countries in the region are shown under two main groups: "Developing countries/transition economies" and "Developed countries". Sub-regional totals are also shown under the first group. Statistics obtained using data values from all of these member countries are labeled as "Asia-Pacific*". For comparison purposes, figures relating to "Rest of world" and "World" are also presented. Country data for Timor-Leste were reported as provincial data for Indonesia before 2000.

For almost all commodity tables, data are mainly retrieved from the FAO computerized data bases, especially FAOSTAT, on the basis of information available as of August 2010. Data given for 2009 was still incomplete and preliminary as of that date. These data are based on information supplied by member countries. Other sources of data are cited.

Many members have substantially revised statistics for earlier years or have provided estimates for 2008. Totals for these years may be under-estimates due to non-reporting or partial reporting. Such instances are identified by the superscripts used in the tables. Caution should therefore be used when interpreting these estimates.

To indicate the overall regional performance and also to highlight intercountry differences, growth rates shown in the present publication have been calculated using the semi-log regression (or exponential growth) covering all time points, which is more suitable than two-time points methods for ten-year periods.

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SYMBOLS USED IN THE TABLES

*	Unofficial figure
A	May include official, semi-official or estimated data
F	FAO estimate
Fc	FAO Calculated
P	Partner data
T	Trend calculation
...	Data not available
MT	Metric ton
Ha	Hectare
Kg	Kilogram
kg/ha	Kilogram per hectare
CUM	Cubic meter

In most tables a blank space has the same meaning as the symbol (...) defined above.

Sub-regional totals refer only to countries in the table.

For crop yields and all sub-regional totals no (F) or (*) symbol is used as these are derived data.

To divide decimals from whole numbers, a full stop (.) is used.

Please note that **Asia-Pacific*** refers to countries in the table.

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