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## FOREWORD

This document is the twenty-fifth 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 1997-2007, except some tables that also provide information for 2008. Most tables show two types of information: annual figures for 1997, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 and the average annual growth rate for the period 1997-2007. 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 a table reporting the status of organic farming and a new table showing production and trade of biofuels in the region. A section on country profiles precedes the tables.

Member countries in the region are shown under two groups: "Developing countries/transition economies" and "Developed countries". 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. Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan have been excluded as these countries are considered part of the Europe and Central Asia region since 2008.

For almost all commodity tables, data are mainly retrieved from the FAO computerized data bases, especially FAOSTAT, or from the FAO Yearbooks. These data are based on information supplied by member countries. Other sources of data are cited.

The previous edition of 'Selected Indicators 1996-2006' drew on data from a new FAOSTAT system which was under development at the time. The current edition reverts to the old FAOSTAT system and is consistent with earlier issues of this publication. In particular, it uses classifications and methodologies, including those used for the compilation of food balance sheets, which are consistent with earlier publications which we hope will meet the needs of our primary users.

Many members have substantially revised statistics for earlier years or have provided estimates for 2007. 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 least squares exponential growth method.

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## SYMBOLS USED IN THE TABLES

|              |                      |
|--------------|----------------------|
| <b>*</b>     | Unofficial figure    |
| <b>F</b>     | FAO estimate         |
| <b>P</b>     | Partner data         |
| <b>T</b>     | Trend calculation    |
| <b>-</b>     | Data not available   |
| <b>MT</b>    | Metric tonne         |
| <b>Ha</b>    | Hectare              |
| <b>Kg</b>    | Kilogram             |
| <b>kg/ha</b> | Kilogram per hectare |
| <b>CUM</b>   | Cubic metre          |

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

For crop yields and all subregional 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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