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FOREWORD

Action at the national and international levels was recommended at various FAO meetings and seminars for the improvement of national statistics on agricultural producer prices. The preparation by FAO of a manual on prices paid and prices received by farmers has been repeatedly recommended. This provisional manual has been prepared in response to these recommendations.

The main objective of the manual is to assist countries in the improvement of their price statistics including its use in the training of national staff in the collection and compilation of agricultural producer prices. It is hoped that this manual will contribute to promoting the compilation of data on agricultural producer prices and to the improvement of their quality. The details of the treatment given to the subject matter, and the descriptive style employed, have been deliberately chosen so as to make the manual of particular use to developing countries.

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For the purpose of revising this manual and issuing it in final form, comments and suggestions by national and other statisticians engaged in the collection of agricultural producer prices will be greatly appreciated. These comments should be sent to the Director, Statistics Division, FAO, 00100 Rome, Italy.

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