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Foreword

This year, 2015, is a pivotal one as we look back on the progress we have made on the development agenda, and forward on what we must still accomplish.

This is the end of a 15-year cycle where the international community partnered with developing countries to tackle the Millennium Development Goals. We are now taking stock of what we can learn from that effort. For example we know that the commitment to halve the percentage of hungry people, that is, to reach the MDG 1c target, has been almost met at the global level. Indeed, 72 of the 129 countries monitored for progress have reached that MDG target, while 29 of them also reached the more ambitious WFS goal by at least halving the number of undernourished people in their populations.

This year also marks the beginning of the new post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda. Again the international community will unite around new priorities for the future.

Clear indicators to measure progress towards these international goals is of paramount importance. Timely and robust statistics are the fundamental tool in monitoring the myriad efforts being made, both with an eye to early detection of problems and the recognition of success. The better the data, the better the policies that can be designed. And the better the data, the easier it is to measure the impact of policies or to hold stakeholders accountable for the pledges they make.

This publication presents selected key indicators related to agriculture and food security that stakeholders can use to prioritize their actions. It is divided into two main sections, one thematic and one country-specific. It presents a variety of dimensions of agriculture and food security along four main focus areas:

The setting measures the state of the agricultural resource base by assessing the supply of land, labour, capital and inputs, and examining the pressure on the world food system stemming from demographic and macroeconomic change.

Hunger dimensions gauges the state of food insecurity and malnutrition, and highlights the four dimensions – availability, access, stability and utilization – that determine the scale of hunger and the shape of undernourishment.

Food supply evaluates the past and present productive capacity of world agriculture, together with the role of trade, in meeting the world's demand for food, feed and other products.

Environment examines the sustainability of agriculture in the context of the pressure it exerts on its ecological surroundings, including the interaction of agriculture with climate change.

This Pocketbook is part of the FAO Statistical Yearbook suite of products and is just one of the tools that can be used as building blocks for monitoring progress and formulating policy. It includes data from FAOSTAT as well as from other partners within the organization and in the international community.

FAO is deeply committed to helping countries strengthen their statistical systems to improve the timeliness and quality of their data. And it will continue to do so through the SDG process.

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World

	1992	2002	2014
Setting			
Total population (mln)	5 494.8	6 280.8	7 243.7
Rural population (mln)	3 092.9	3 284.5	3 362.5
GDP per capita, PPP (const. 2011 \$)	8 724.1	10 443.5	13 972.5
Mortality rate, under-5 (per 1 000 live births)			
Life expectancy at birth (years)	66.2	68.3	70.8
Improved water source (% pop.)	77.1	83.8	89.4
Improved sanitation facilities (% of pop.)	48.6	57.3	63.7
Open defecation (%)			
Cause of death (%)			
Anthropometry			
Low-birthweight babies (% of births)			
Wasting, children under-5 (M/F, %)			
Severe wasting, children under-5 (M/F, %)			
Stunting, children under-5 (M/F, %)			
Underweight, children under-5 (M/F, %)			
Underweight, adults (%)			
Overweight, children (M/F, %)			
Overweight and obesity, adults (M/F, %)			
Prevalence of food over-acquisition (%)*	23.1	25.0	29.6
Nutritional deficiencies			
Anemia, women (pregnant/non-pregnant, %)			
Anemia, children under-5 (%)			
Vitamin A deficiency, total pop. (%)			
Iodine deficiency, children (%)			
Prevalence of undernourishment (%)*	18.7	14.9	11.3
Number of people undernourished (mln)*	1 014.5	929.9	805.3
Depth of food deficit (kcal/cap/day)*	139	111	84
Supplementation			
Vitamin A suppl., children 6-59 mths. (%)			
Iodized salt consumption (% of households)			
Diet			
Exclusive breastfeeding, children < 6 mths. (%)			
Min. dietary diversity, inf. and young child. (%)			
Min. meal frequency, inf. and young child. (%)			
Dietary energy supply (kcal/cap/day)*	2 595	2 719	2 881
Average dietary energy supply adequacy (%)*	113	116	122
Average protein supply (g/cap/day)*	69	75	79
Average supply of animal protein (g/cap/day)*	24	28	31
Average fat supply (g/cap/day)*	66	73	81
Share of dietary energy supply			
Cereals - excluding beer (%)*	50.6	48.1	34.8
Starchy roots (%)*	5.0	5.1	2.6
Sugar and sweeteners (%)*	8.7	8.5	16.8
Pulses (%)*	2.2	2.1	0.6
Treenuts (%)*	0.3	0.4	0.0
Oilcrops (%)*	1.6	1.9	0.0
Vegetables (%)*	2.0	2.8	1.5
Fruits - excluding wine (%)*	2.5	2.8	3.0
Alcoholic beverages (%)*	2.5	2.3	10.1
Stimulants (%)*	0.2	0.2	1.9
Meat and offals (%)*	7.0	7.7	16.9
Vegetable oils and animal fats (%)*	10.8	11.3	8.5
Fish, seafood and aquatic products (%)*	1.0	1.1	1.7
Milk - excluding butter (%)*	4.4	4.5	7.3
Eggs (%)*	1.0	1.2	0.6

Africa

	1992	2002	2014
Setting			
Total population (mln)	664.0	847.9	1 138.2
Rural population (mln)	445.5	540.5	675.5
GDP per capita, PPP (const. 2011 \$)	3 137.4	3 457.7	4 622.5
Mortality rate, under-5 (per 1 000 live births)			
Life expectancy at birth (years)	53.5	53.8	58.8
Improved water source (% pop.)	56.1	62.4	68.7
Improved sanitation facilities (% of pop.)	34.2	37.2	39.4
Open defecation (%)			
Cause of death (%)			
Anthropometry			
Low-birthweight babies (% of births)			
Wasting, children under-5 (M/F, %)			
Severe wasting, children under-5 (M/F, %)			
Stunting, children under-5 (M/F, %)			
Underweight, children under-5 (M/F, %)			
Underweight, adults (%)			
Overweight, children (M/F, %)			
Overweight and obesity, adults (M/F, %)			
Prevalence of food over-acquisition (%)*	19.7	21.2	26.6
Nutritional deficiencies			
Anemia, women (pregnant/non-pregnant, %)			
Anemia, children under-5 (%)			
Vitamin A deficiency, total pop. (%)			
Iodine deficiency, children (%)			
Prevalence of undernourishment (%)*	27.7	25.2	20.5
Number of people undernourished (mln)*	182.1	209.0	226.7
Depth of food deficit (kcal/cap/day)*	205	185	156
Supplementation			
Vitamin A suppl., children 6-59 mths. (%)			
Iodized salt consumption (% of households)			
Diet			
Exclusive breastfeeding, children < 6 mths. (%)			
Min. dietary diversity, inf. and young child. (%)			
Min. meal frequency, inf. and young child. (%)			
Dietary energy supply (kcal/cap/day)*	2 320	2 414	2 558
Average dietary energy supply adequacy (%)*	107	110	116
Average protein supply (g/cap/day)*	59	60	65
Average supply of animal protein (g/cap/day)*	13	12	14
Average fat supply (g/cap/day)*	49	48	53
Share of dietary energy supply			
Cereals - excluding beer (%)*	52.3	51.3	50.6
Starchy roots (%)*	11.9	12.9	13.5
Sugar and sweeteners (%)*	6.2	6.4	6.0
Pulses (%)*	3.4	3.7	4.0
Treenuts (%)*	0.3	0.5	0.6
Oilcrops (%)*	1.6	2.2	2.6
Vegetables (%)*	1.5	1.7	1.8
Fruits - excluding wine (%)*	3.7	4.0	4.2
Alcoholic beverages (%)*	1.9	1.8	1.8
Stimulants (%)*	0.1	0.1	0.1
Meat and offals (%)*	3.4	3.4	3.5
Vegetable oils and animal fats (%)*	9.4	9.2	9.3
Fish, seafood and aquatic products (%)*	0.6	0.6	0.8
Milk - excluding butter (%)*	2.7	2.9	2.7
Eggs (%)*	0.3	0.3	0.4

Asia

	1992	2002	2014
Setting			
Total population (mln)	3 197.6	3 674.5	4 206.3
Rural population (mln)	2 192.8	2 306.0	2 283.5
GDP per capita, PPP (const. 2011 \$)	3 191.9	4 932.1	9 418.0
Mortality rate, under-5 (per 1 000 live births)			
Life expectancy at birth (years)	65.3	68.4	71.0
Improved water source (% pop.)	73.0	83.0	91.2
Improved sanitation facilities (% of pop.)	34.1	47.5	58.6
Open defecation (%)			
Cause of death (%)			
Anthropometry			
Low-birthweight babies (% of births)			
Wasting, children under-5 (M/F, %)			
Severe wasting, children under-5 (M/F, %)			
Stunting, children under-5 (M/F, %)			
Underweight, children under-5 (M/F, %)			
Underweight, adults (%)			
Overweight, children (M/F, %)			
Overweight and obesity, adults (M/F, %)			
Prevalence of food over-acquisition (%)*	17.6	20.0	25.3
Nutritional deficiencies			
Anemia, women (pregnant/non-pregnant, %)			
Anemia, children under-5 (%)			
Vitamin A deficiency, total pop. (%)			
Iodine deficiency, children (%)			
Prevalence of undernourishment (%)*	23.7	17.6	12.7
Number of people undernourished (mln)*	742.6	637.5	525.6
Depth of food deficit (kcal/cap/day)*	177	131	94
Supplementation			
Vitamin A suppl., children 6-59 mths. (%)			
Iodized salt consumption (% of households)			
Diet			
Exclusive breastfeeding, children < 6 mths. (%)			
Min. dietary diversity, inf. and young child. (%)			
Min. meal frequency, inf. and young child. (%)			
Dietary energy supply (kcal/cap/day)*	2 397	2 568	2 788
Average dietary energy supply adequacy (%)*	107	111	119
Average protein supply (g/cap/day)*	60	68	75
Average supply of animal protein (g/cap/day)*	14	19	25
Average fat supply (g/cap/day)*	49	59	71
Share of dietary energy supply			
Cereals - excluding beer (%)*	62.7	57.5	52.7
Starchy roots (%)*	4.1	4.0	3.6
Sugar and sweeteners (%)*	6.0	6.1	5.9
Pulses (%)*	2.3	2.0	2.2
Treenuts (%)*	0.2	0.3	0.5
Oilcrops (%)*	2.0	2.2	2.2
Vegetables (%)*	2.2	3.4	4.1
Fruits - excluding wine (%)*	1.7	2.3	2.9
Alcoholic beverages (%)*	1.3	1.3	1.6
Stimulants (%)*	0.0	0.1	0.1
Meat and offals (%)*	5.3	6.8	7.9
Vegetable oils and animal fats (%)*	7.7	8.6	9.7
Fish, seafood and aquatic products (%)*	0.8	1.1	1.3
Milk - excluding butter (%)*	2.4	2.6	3.3
Eggs (%)*	0.7	1.2	1.3

Latin America and the Caribbean

	1992	2002	2014
Setting			
Total population (mln)	461.6	541.1	623.3
Rural population (mln)	131.7	128.7	124.9
GDP per capita, PPP (const. 2011 \$)	9 930.9	10 899.1	13 753.7
Mortality rate, under-5 (per 1 000 live births)			
Life expectancy at birth (years)	69.0	72.2	74.6
Improved water source (% pop.)	86.1	90.5	94.0
Improved sanitation facilities (% of pop.)	69.0	76.3	81.7
Open defecation (%)			
Cause of death (%)			
Anthropometry			
Low-birthweight babies (% of births)			
Wasting, children under-5 (M/F, %)			
Severe wasting, children under-5 (M/F, %)			
Stunting, children under-5 (M/F, %)			
Underweight, children under-5 (M/F, %)			
Underweight, adults (%)			
Overweight, children (M/F, %)			
Overweight and obesity, adults (M/F, %)			
Prevalence of food over-acquisition (%)*	24.5	27.2	32.9
Nutritional deficiencies			
Anemia, women (pregnant/non-pregnant, %)			
Anemia, children under-5 (%)			
Vitamin A deficiency, total pop. (%)			
Iodine deficiency, children (%)			
Prevalence of undernourishment (%)*	15.3	11.5	6.1
Number of people undernourished (mln)*	68.5	61.0	37.0
Depth of food deficit (kcal/cap/day)*	109	83	44
Supplementation			
Vitamin A suppl., children 6-59 mths. (%)			
Iodized salt consumption (% of households)			
Diet			
Exclusive breastfeeding, children < 6 mths. (%)			
Min. dietary diversity, inf. and young child. (%)			
Min. meal frequency, inf. and young child. (%)			
Dietary energy supply (kcal/cap/day)*	2 655	2 792	3 010
Average dietary energy supply adequacy (%)*	116	120	127
Average protein supply (g/cap/day)*	68	77	82
Average supply of animal protein (g/cap/day)*	30	37	42
Average fat supply (g/cap/day)*	73	84	93
Share of dietary energy supply			
Cereals - excluding beer (%)*	38.4	36.7	33.3
Starchy roots (%)*	4.2	4.1	2.5
Sugar and sweeteners (%)*	16.1	14.3	16.1
Pulses (%)*	3.8	3.7	0.6
Treenuts (%)*	0.1	0.2	0.0
Oilcrops (%)*	0.8	1.4	0.0
Vegetables (%)*	1.1	1.3	1.4
Fruits - excluding wine (%)*	4.3	4.4	2.9
Alcoholic beverages (%)*	2.6	2.5	9.6
Stimulants (%)*	0.2	0.3	1.8
Meat and offals (%)*	8.3	10.2	16.1
Vegetable oils and animal fats (%)*	12.7	12.7	8.1
Fish, seafood and aquatic products (%)*	0.5	0.6	1.6
Milk - excluding butter (%)*	5.5	6.2	7.0
Eggs (%)*	1.0	1.1	0.5

Oceania

	1992	2002	2014
Setting			
Total population (mln)	6.8	8.4	10.6
Rural population (mln)	5.1	6.5	8.3
GDP per capita, PPP (const. 2011 \$)	2 562.3	2 505.3	3 038.2
Mortality rate, under-5 (per 1 000 live births)			
Life expectancy at birth (years)	59.5	62.5	64.9
Improved water source (% pop.)	49.6	53.5	55.5
Improved sanitation facilities (% of pop.)	35.6	35.4	35.1
Open defecation (%)			
Cause of death (%)			
Anthropometry			
Low-birthweight babies (% of births)			
Wasting, children under-5 (M/F, %)			
Severe wasting, children under-5 (M/F, %)			
Stunting, children under-5 (M/F, %)			
Underweight, children under-5 (M/F, %)			
Underweight, adults (%)			
Overweight, children (M/F, %)			
Overweight and obesity, adults (M/F, %)			
Prevalence of food over-acquisition (%)*	19.3	18.2	20.6
Nutritional deficiencies			
Anemia, women (pregnant/non-pregnant, %)			
Anemia, children under-5 (%)			
Vitamin A deficiency, total pop. (%)			
Iodine deficiency, children (%)			
Prevalence of undernourishment (%)*	15.7	16.5	14.0
Number of people undernourished (mln)*	1.0	1.3	1.4
Depth of food deficit (kcal/cap/day)*	101	107	92
Supplementation			
Vitamin A suppl., children 6-59 mths. (%)			
Iodized salt consumption (% of households)			
Diet			
Exclusive breastfeeding, children < 6 mths. (%)			
Min. dietary diversity, inf. and young child. (%)			
Min. meal frequency, inf. and young child. (%)			
Dietary energy supply (kcal/cap/day)*	2 454	2 438	2 539
Average dietary energy supply adequacy (%)*	113	112	115
Average protein supply (g/cap/day)*	70	69	72
Average supply of animal protein (g/cap/day)*	39	36	38
Average fat supply (g/cap/day)*	65	62	60
Share of dietary energy supply			
Cereals - excluding beer (%)*	35.9	39.2	36.5
Starchy roots (%)*	12.4	14.4	14.9
Sugar and sweeteners (%)*	9.0	8.9	9.5
Pulses (%)*	1.8	2.1	2.0
Treenuts (%)*	0.1	0.2	0.2
Oilcrops (%)*	10.4	10.5	10.7
Vegetables (%)*	1.0	1.2	1.2
Fruits - excluding wine (%)*	2.5	2.7	3.0
Alcoholic beverages (%)*	1.6	1.6	1.7
Stimulants (%)*	0.4	0.5	0.6
Meat and offals (%)*	10.8	10.8	10.0
Vegetable oils and animal fats (%)*	12.3	12.8	12.1
Fish, seafood and aquatic products (%)*	2.9	3.0	3.1
Milk - excluding butter (%)*	3.6	3.0	3.1
Eggs (%)*	0.5	0.7	0.6



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