

## The Dutch agricultural innovation system (Innovation, Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability in the Netherlands)

This chapter describes the Agricultural Innovation System of the Netherlands and outlines recent changes. It first provides an overview of the general innovation system; describe agricultural innovation actors and their roles in the system; outlines changes in roles and changes in themes; present main policy instruments and monitoring mechanisms; and discusses views in the general public on agri-food innovation. It then describes main trends in public and private investments in R&D, mechanisms of funding and mechanisms to foster knowledge markets and networks. The next section presents an overview of policy incentives for the adoption of innovation, outlines the role of training and advisory services at farm level, and provides some information on adoption rates in primary agriculture and food processing. It concludes with reflections on recent developments. Finally, the last section outlines the participation of Dutch agricultural R&D actors in EU and international cooperation.

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