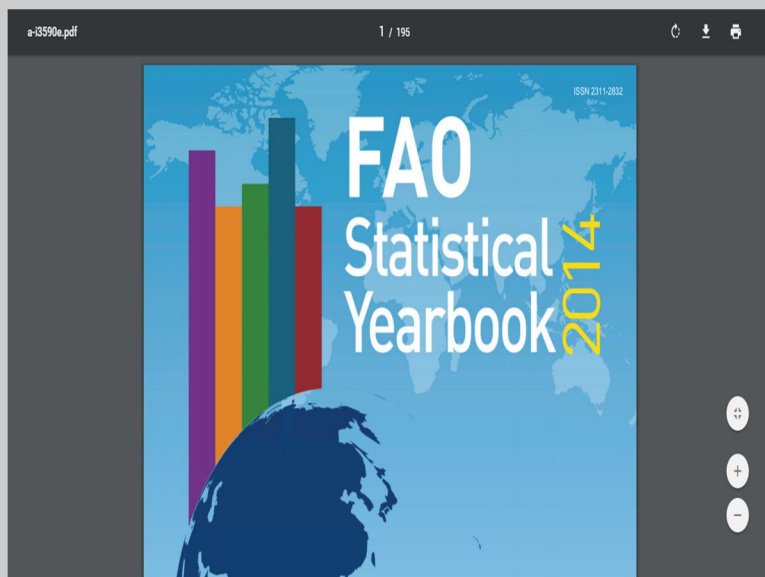


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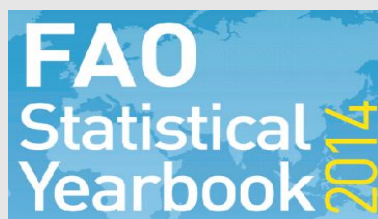
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Brief History

For the fight against poverty and hunger, up to date and authentic statistical information is indispensable. The FAO Statistical Yearbook brought an important transition for FAO in its responsibility of regular monitoring of the global performance of

food and agriculture and spread information to policy makers and other users. A new series of the FAO Statistical Yearbook started in the year 2004. The yearbook has been initiated to consolidate and replace four FAO publications - FAO Bulletin of Statistics and the FAO Production, Trade and Fertilizer Yearbooks. This yearbook was conceptualized with the objective of further enhancement and changes in form, content and delivery of statistical reports. The publication is the result of the hard and valuable work of the entire staff of the FAO Statistics division under the editorship of Mr. E. Gillin.

Scope and Coverage

This yearbook is aimed at producing authentic and timely statistical reports, to assist in the process of eradicating hunger and malnutrition. Employing data from a variety of global statistical sources, including data generated by FAO itself, this publication provides a detailed view of the latest trends and factors governing the performance of the food and agriculture sector in the Asia and Pacific Region (APR), the world's largest and most populous region. Being the largest user of natural resources such as land and water, agriculture is the human activity that has the greatest impact on the environment. A substantial part of the data contained in this publication thus relates not only to agriculture, livestock raising, forestry and fisheries but at the same time to these sectors' interplay with the natural environment and the resulting social outcomes. This publication strives to serve as a reference point on the social, economic and environmental aspects of agriculture for the benefit of policy-makers, donor agencies, researchers and analysts as well as the mass in general.

Kind of Information

Within a broad division like "Hunger dimensions", the following subsections are arranged as per their relevancy in understanding the subject matter systematically:

- Number of undernourished and their prevalence in the population
- Anthropometric indicators
- Poverty
- Food availability
- Economic and physical access
- Clean water and sanitation

For a basic understanding of the subject, an overview of the main division (like that mentioned in the above) is given before moving

onto a detailed statistical report of each subsection. Each subsection under the thematic sections (e.g. - The setting, Feeding the world, Sustainability dimensions etc.) has coloured graphs, charts, maps, sources of further readings etc. along with the detailed statistical reports to clearly define and supplement the content. Each chart, map, graph has headings, indicators, measurements, sources etc. Statistical information on “Poverty” (a section of the main division “Hunger dimensions”) is represented with charts entitled *People in the world living on less than 2005 PPP US\$1.25 and US\$2 a day (1981-2005)* and *Gini coefficient for Asia and Pacific countries (1995-2000 and 2007-2010)* with necessary indicators. Two maps of the world have also been incorporated here, entitled *Poverty gap at national poverty line (percent, 2005-2012*)* and *Poverty headcount ratio at national poverty line, share of population (percent, 2005-2011*)*.

Special Features

- ❖ With the scholarly inputs, the yearbook has proved to be not merely a tool for statistical data but an insight into the nature and design of the food systems of the world and its associated areas.
- ❖ The data gathered and generated by FAO is broadly classified into thematic categories for a better understanding.

Arrangement Pattern

The book is divided into four thematic parts, in an attempt to present the full spectrum of issues relevant to the subject matter:

Part 1 - 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.

Part 2 - Hunger dimensions gauges the state of food insecurity and malnutrition, measuring the multitude of dimensions that give rise to hunger and shape undernourishment.

Part 3 - Feeding the world evaluates the past and present productive capacity of world agriculture, together with the role of trade in meeting changing food, feed and other demands.

Part 4 - Sustainability dimensions examines the sustainability of agriculture in the context of the pressure it exerts on the environment, including the interaction of agriculture with climate change, and how it can provide ecosystem services through the

bio-based economy.

Several page spreads are used to present each thematic issue. Each spread contains visualizations of the data in maps and charts, along with text providing background to the salient issues and an assessment of current trends. Tables provided at the end of each part depicting the chronological data of countries performance on the said issue.

Part 5 consists of **Metadata**, where a list of indicators, concepts, methods, used throughout the book, are explained. The publication has two lists comprised of charts and Maps included in the Yearbook. Each entry has the name and year of the chart or the map and is arranged with their page number. There is 119 entries of charts and 64 entries of Maps.

Remarks

“ Keeping track of statistics related to food and agriculture is an important part of efforts to reduce hunger and foster development. Making those numbers more accessible and meaningful to people who need to use them is the idea behind the Yearbook. Overall, the statistics in the yearbook reflect the growing recognition among governments, donor agencies and others that agriculture must be the mainstay of any development agenda and economic growth policies. The publication also helps to deepen understanding about how the much-needed increases in agricultural productivity must be weighed against broader social and environmental costs, in order to achieve truly sustainable development.” – Amazon.com

In order to fight hunger and poverty more effectively, FAO Yearbook, in Asia and the Pacific as in the rest of the world, will continue to support the collection and dissemination of reliable data on agriculture and rural sectors and to assist member countries in building capacity to improve the quality of data related to agriculture, food security and the environment.

Comparable Tools

- Yearbook of International Organizations (YBIO) (<http://www.uia.org/ybio/>)
- Open Yearbook – International Social Science Council (<https://www.uia.org/s/or/en/1100053199>)

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