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Since its establishment, FAO has promoted national censuses of agriculture through the 1950, 1960, 1970, 1980 and 1990 Programmes for the World Census of Agriculture.

In October 1995, FAO published the Programme for the World Census of Agriculture 2000 to assist countries with the conduct of their agricultural censuses, in the decade 1996-2005, by providing definitions, concepts, standards and guidelines for this Programme.

This publication 'Conducting Agricultural Censuses and Surveys' is a revised and updated edition of 'Taking Agricultural Censuses', 1978, FAO. It is complementary to the Programme for the World Census of Agriculture 2000 and provides much practical information on the steps involved in actually conducting an agricultural census either on a complete enumeration basis or a sample basis.

The revisions made refer particularly to new technical advances in computer techniques, frame preparations, sampling, etc. The principles for 'getting the job done' are based on many years of on-the-job experience contributed by national and international experts in this field as well as the staff of FAO's Statistical Development Service. FAO is grateful to all who have provided inputs and hopes member countries will find it facilitates and contributes to their conduct of national agricultural censuses so as to advance their qualified knowledge of the agricultural sector.

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