FAO’s new macro-economic statistics: Agricultural Capital Stock and Agro-Industry Measurement

Abstract

This paper reports on recent work in FAO’s Statistics Division (ESS) in developing two new global agricultural statistics databases: an analytical database that estimates agricultural capital stock, and a database on agro-industry measurement (AIM). It describes the data sources, methodology and content of these databases, which provide key national accounts type indicators. The overall approach relies on the use of internationally accepted methodologies and the harvesting of data compiled by multilateral agencies, to minimize burden, duplication of efforts and inconsistencies. Priority is placed, where possible, on the use of official country data reported to these agencies. The objective of this paper is to solicit feedback from countries on the data sources, methodologies, indicators, and overall approach in order to enable improvements and establish key next steps.