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Recent publications in the field of Agriculture and Rural Development

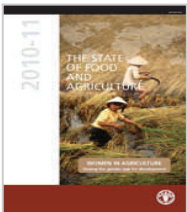
Library Key Issues



[Milk and milk products sector: contractual relations](#) / Maria Kollarova, Denisa Skacanova, 2011

The European Commission adopted a proposal on "contractual relations in the milk sector", presented on 9 December 2010. The proposal will be discussed in the Council of Agriculture Ministers and in the European Parliament and, following its adoption by these institutions, is expected to come into effect in 2012.

Reports, Studies and Articles



[The State of Food and Agriculture 2010-11. Closing the gender gap in agriculture](#) / FAO, 2011, 160 p.

If women in rural areas had the same access to land, technology, financial services, education and markets as men, agricultural production could be increased and the number of hungry people reduced by 100-150 million. Women roles of food and agriculture differ across regions, yet they consistently have less access than men to the resources and opportunities they need to be more productive.



[Food politics: What everyone needs to know](#) / Robert Paarlberg. Oxford University Press, 2010, 218p. **Available in the EP Library.**

Food Politics carefully examines and explains the most important issues on today's global food landscape, including international food prices, famines, chronic hunger, the Malthusian race between food production and population growth, international food aid, "green revolution" farming, obesity, farm subsidies and trade, agriculture and the environment, agribusiness, supermarkets, food safety, fastfood, low food, organic food, local food, and genetically engineered food.



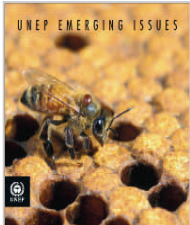
[A chance for further CAP reform](#) / Christopher Haskins. CER. Policy Brief, February 2011, 6p.

The author argues for a cut in the CAP budget and a redistribution from farmers in western Europe to farmers in the east. With an outlook of increasing commodity prices, the CAP should focus less on subsidising farmers and more on providing help declining rural areas, particularly in eastern Europe, following the model of EU structural and cohesion policy.



[Where are food prices heading? Short-term drivers, trends and implications](#) / Claire Schaffnit-Chatterjee, DB Research, March 2011, 15p. **This publication is available upon free registration on Deutsche Bank Research website.**

This paper reviews the main considerations regarding food price movements and include a discussion on the impact of speculation.



[Global Bee Colony Disorders And Other Threats To Insect Pollinators](#) / Kluser, S et. UNEP, 2011, 12p.

Report of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) declines in managed bee colonies, seen increasingly in Europe and the US in the past decade, are also now being observed in China and Japan and there are the first signs of African collapses from Egypt. Authors call for farmers and landowners to be offered incentives to restore pollinator-friendly habitats and stress that more care needs to be taken to application of insecticides and other chemicals.



[EU beef farms report 2010 based on FADN data](#) / European Commission. 2011, 103p.

The report provides an overview of the production costs, margins and incomes of farms specialising in beef production during the period from 2000 to 2007. In addition, gross margins are estimated for 2008 and 2009.

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