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Library Briefings



[The post-2013 Common Agricultural Policy](#) / Guillaume Ragonaud. Library Briefing, 2011.

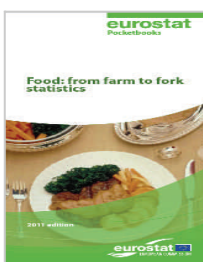
The briefing describes the reforms the CAP has undergone, basics of the current CAP and the current Commission proposal and the European Parliament views.

Reports, Studies and Articles



[Is agri-environment support well designed and managed?](#) **Special Report No 7/2011** / European Court of Auditors. 2011

Although the audit identified good practices, the weaknesses found by the Court have hampered optimal achievement of the main objectives of agri-environment policy, namely contributing to EU-level priority areas (biodiversity, water, climate change) and improving the environment and the countryside.



[Food: from farm to fork statistics](#) / Martinez-Palou et al. Eurostat, 2011, p. 164

This pocketbook provides statistical information on agricultural production includes statistics on the number and types of farm holding and the area of land used, details on fertilisers, plant protection products or feeding stuff for animals etc.



[Farm Policy in the US and the EU: The Status of Reform and the Choices Ahead. Discussion paper](#) / Blandford, Josling and Bureau, IPC, September 2011, p.46

The EU is preparing for further reforms to CAP for the post-2013 period and the US Congress will be seeking to pass a new Farm Bill in 2012 during a time of increasing budgetary pressures. This discussion paper examines how various policy approaches for agriculture and biofuels could fulfil the stated and implicit objectives of US and EU farm policy, and how policy instruments are likely to impact international objectives of the US and EU respectively.



[Making the EU's Common Agricultural Policy coherent with development goals](#) / N. Cantore, S. Page and D. Willem te Velde, ODI Briefing Papers 69, 2011, 4p.

This briefing paper analyses CAP reform options against development goals and finds that research is urgently needed to analyse the coherence between the reforms and European development policy. Research areas, including the various effects of CAP reform on developing countries, the EU internal policy process, the new global environment of high price levels and volatility, and the links between economic and environmental sustainability, set an agenda for ODI and other researchers in the coming months.



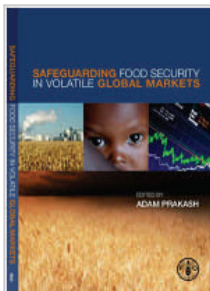
[Developing a Territorial Approach for the CAP](#) / Mantino, Francesco. IEEP, 2011

Promoting territorial cohesion is one of the objectives of EU policy under the Lisbon Treaty (Article 174). What does this mean in practice? This timely paper, by Francesco Mantino of INEA, a leading European expert on rural development, explores the concept and how it might be applied in practice. He argues that the wide range of socio-economic and environmental challenges that exist in rural areas could be addressed better in a more territorially focused CAP, particularly but not exclusively in 'Pillar 2', covering rural development policy and other aspects.



[Permanent Pastures and Meadows: adapting CAP Pillar 1 to support public goods](#) / Beaufoy, Guy et al. EFNCP, 2011, p.29

Permanent pasture now is being considered by the Commission as part of the 'greening' of Pillar 1 direct payments, and also as a possible criterion for determining Pillar 1 payment levels at Member States level. It is essential to get the basic principles and rules for permanent pasture right before doing any of this, otherwise the outcomes will be highly questionable and the CAP will get into even deeper water with more perverse effects.



[Safeguarding Food Security in Volatile Global Markets](#) / ed. Adam Prakash, FAO. 2011.

This four-part volume gathers together the latest thinking on the issues and controversies surrounding price volatility in global food markets. Drawing from theory, empiricism and heuristic evidence, the book contributes to the debate on the causes, consequences, and challenges of food price volatility. Food security and vulnerability are placed at centre stage, especially in their demands on shaping innovative policy design.

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