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Agroenergy - Regional Agricultural Policy

Contribuciones para una política agrícola regional en agroenergía (2008)

The purpose of this document is to provide information on the discussions of the members of the Southern Council on Agriculture (CAS) on public agroenergy policies. It includes information on the current situation of biofuels in each CAS member country as well as suggestions for courses of action in relation to regional public agroenergy policies within the framework of CAS. The study also looks at the phenomenon of agrofuels over recent years, as well as production data, and market, technological, and management trends in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay.

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Beans - Diseases

Guía para identificar enfermedades del frijol en América Latina - 2008 (Manual to identify bean disease in Latin America – 2008)

This manual is proposed as a tool to help extension workers and producers identify the most common bean diseases in Central America. It contains photographs of the symptoms of each disease, together with the scientific name of the organism that causes it and the name by which the disease is commonly known in each country of Central America. It also offers information on the environmental conditions that favor the appearance and development of diseases, and recommendations for integral management to control them.

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Rural Development - Statistics

Estatísticas do meio rural - 2008 / (Statistics on the rural milieu - 2008)

Presents 2008 statistics for rural areas in Brazil. For this edition, the information was assessed by members of the executive boards of the Brazilian Ministry of Agricultural Development. The new study, with updated information, was prepared on the basis of their suggestions.

The seven chapters cover the following topics:

- Territories and the environment
- Demographic and social indicators
- Work and performance
- Trade union indicators
- Agrarian reform and family agriculture
- Agricultural indicators
- Conflicts in rural areas



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Education - Systematization of Experiences

Foro de Facultades de Agronomía del Mercosur, Bolivia y Chile: retrospectiva y oportunidades. IICA, PROCISUR - 2008 / (Forum of Schools of Agronomy in Mercosur, Bolivia and Chile: a look back and opportunities. IICA, PROCISUR- 2008)

This document, which systematizes the experiences of the Forum of the Faculties of Agriculture of MERCOSUR, Bolivia and Chile, has two objectives. The first, to respond to the mandate derived from the Forum's decision to document, by a combined effort, the achievements of participants in relation to improving the quality of the human resources formed in the different fields of agricultural specialization from the Forum's creation to date, as well as future prospects. The second, to comply with an IICA institutional directive that significant experiences in different areas should be monitored and systematized so as to facilitate the transfer of models and the dissemination of methodological applications related to technical leadership and knowledge management.

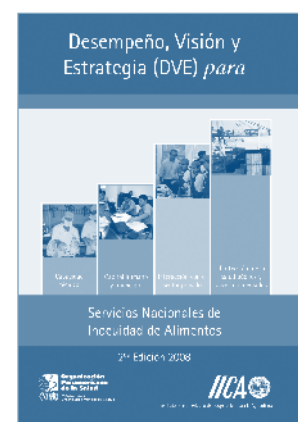


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Food Safety - PVS

Desempeño, visión y estrategia (DVE) para servicios nacionales de inocuidad de alimentos [Performance, vision and strategy (PVS) for national food safety services] 2nd edition 2008

Proposes the use of the tool: Performance, Vision and Strategy (PVS) to support national food safety services in order to determine their current level of performance, to create a shared vision with the private sector, and to establish priorities.



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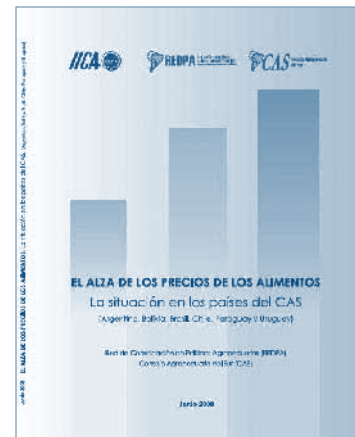
Food – Price Increases

El alza de los precios de los alimentos: la situación en los países del CAS (Argentina, Bolivia, Brasil, Chile, Paraguay y Uruguay) - 2008 / Rising food prices: the situation in the CAS countries. Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay)

This publication describes the results of increases in food prices at the global level and relates this fact to the food contributed by CAS countries. At the same time, it observes the impact of the process on the domestic prices of these products in the CAS countries, and its effect on member country consumers.

The study was discussed during the fourteenth meeting of the Agricultural Policy Coordination Network (REDPA) on May 27, 2008, and developed into a general vision of the countries of the southern region, to which the Ministries of each country added an assessment of the global phenomenon, future contributions and challenges.

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Agrobiotechnology – Regulatory Frameworks

Regulatory biosafety frameworks and situation with regard to commercial approvals of genetically modified organisms in the countries of the Southern Agricultural Council –CAS – 2008)

This document outlines the legal and institutional reality of agrobiotechnology in the countries of the Southern Agricultural Council: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay. It points out that all the CAS countries have legal frameworks that regulate live genetically-modified organisms.

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Training – Peru

(Field schools for cacao farmers in Peru – 2008)

Provides information on the experiences, results and lessons learned from the “Farmers’ Field Schools” as a methodological tool for training adults. The principle behind the field schools is “learning by doing” and by discovering; the method integrates the farmer and the facilitator, the main actors in the process, through the use of simple methodological instruments.

The following are some relevant preliminary results of this experience:

- 1) The socialization of experiences, among communities and participants in the FSs.
- 2) The “learning by doing” methodology has opened up new perspectives for each participant, and eliminated the “hand-out” approach.
- 3) The lessons learned from each FS have been different, because each FS deals with a different reality.

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Rural Development – Costa Rica

*Lo rural es diverso: evidencia para el caso de Costa Rica - 2008 /
(The diversity of rural life: Evidence for the Costa Rica case -2008)*

This publication describes the results of an initiative developed by IICA to establish conceptual and operational elements to define rural life, using Costa Rica as a case study. The report emulates the recent initiative developed by IICA to obtain a better idea of agriculture's contribution to the economy. In both cases, the purpose is to enhance the conceptual and operational frameworks on which the formulation of public policies for agriculture and the rural area are based.

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Sustainable Rural Development – Brazil

*Articulação de Políticas Públicas e Atores Sociais
(Articulation of Public Policies and Social Players)*

The document presents Volume No. 8 of the series on sustainable rural development produced by IICA Brazil. The purpose of this series is to disseminate and promote the exchange of knowledge and successful sustainable development initiatives in rural areas.

It describes the results of the project entitled Territorial Development: Coordination of public policies and social actors, implemented in Brazil in 2007.

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