

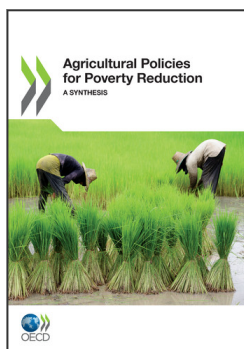
Foreword

This study considers the agricultural policy choices faced by developing countries, focusing on how government policies can raise rural incomes and thereby accelerate progress on poverty reduction and the attainment of food security.

This study, prepared by Jonathan Brooks of the OECD Secretariat, synthesises and draws policy implications from four contributions:

- *A strategic framework for strengthening rural incomes*, prepared by Jonathan Brooks;
- *Stabilisation policies in developing countries after the 2007-08 food crisis*, prepared by Philip Abbott of Purdue University;
- *The use of input subsidies in low income countries*, prepared by Steve Wiggins of the Overseas Development Institute and Jonathan Brooks; and
- *Modelling the distributional implications of agricultural policies in developing countries – the Development Policy Evaluation Model (DEVPEM)*, prepared by Jonathan Brooks; Mateusz Filipiński of the University of California, Davis; Erik Jonasson of Lund University and J. Edward Taylor of the University of California, Davis.

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