In contributing to a world free from hunger, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), through its statistics division, provides reliable data on hunger, food and agriculture, as well as standards and methods for agricultural statistics.
Crops, livestock and food statistics

Provides validated global food and agricultural data covering crops and livestock production and yields, trade at bilateral level, and food balances including components such as stocks and losses. Provides technical and capacity development support to member countries.

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Food security and nutrition statistics

Generates global food security statistics including SDG indicators 2.1 (prevalence of undernourishment and prevalence of severe or moderate food insecurity). Develops new methods to generate food security and nutrition statistics and promotes the adoption of internationally agreed upon ones. Provides technical and capacity development support to member countries.

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Economic statistics

Collects and disseminates secondary statistics related to: prices of agricultural commodities; investments in agriculture, macroeconomic indicators related to agriculture; interoperability of data; and SDG indicator 2.a.1 (Agriculture Orientation Index for Government Expenditures). Provides technical and capacity development support to member countries.

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Environment statistics

Produces and disseminates essential global food and agricultural data and methods covering the following areas: fertilizers, pesticides, land use and land cover, climate change statistics and agri-environmental indicators. Houses the compilation of data on SDG indicator 2.4.1 (area under sustainable agriculture). Provides technical and capacity development support to member countries.

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Social statistics

Produces and disseminates indicators on rural livelihoods. Houses focal points for SDG indicators 2.3 (labour productivity and income of small scale food producers) and 5.a.1 (women’s ownership on agricultural land). Works on methodologies and data on the impact of disasters on agriculture. Provides technical and capacity development support to member countries.

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Census of agriculture

Manages the World Programme for the Census of Agriculture and provides guidelines on methods, concepts and definitions as well as technical assistance and capacity building on census planning and implementation.

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Methodological innovation

Improves the quality of FAO’s statistics through the development of improved methods and processes and the implementation of statistical standards within the corporate Statistical Working System. Houses the compilation of data on SDG indicator 12.3.1 (Food loss index).

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AGRISurvey programme

Provides support to countries for strengthening their agricultural survey system with the aim of producing and disseminating sound and comprehensive statistics on a regular basis to allow evidence based policymaking.

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