

Contract Farming



The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) has launched the **Contract Farming Resource Center**, a new web site where information on contract farming issues is made available to all.

www.fao.org/ag/ags/contract-farming

FAO has developed the **Resource Centre** web site as a response to the growing interest in contract farming as a mechanism to coordinate linkages between farmers and agribusiness firms. In fact, this interest has been renewed and strengthened in recent years, in view of the international trends that are leading to tighter alignment in agri-food supply chains. Contracting is often seen as the business model of choice for integrated provision of services and inputs to small farmers.

The growing demand for information and for technical support on planning and implementing contract farming schemes is being addressed by FAO in a number of ways. In addition to the treatment of contract farming issues in a series of workshops and publications on farmer-to-market linkages, a book and a working paper on contract farming have been produced. Support to supply chain coordination via contracting is also being provided in FAO field projects.



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The **Contract Farming Resource Centre** is a knowledge dissemination initiative of FAO. The Centre offers a *one-stop* web site, which makes available information on contract design, case studies and sample contracts from different countries, plus a list of *frequently asked questions* and an extensive collection of bibliographical references.



Users of the **Contract Farming Resource Centre** are most welcome to send comments and provide contributions to enrich the site's contents. For further information, contact:

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