



Background

Agricultural, market and trade policies affect trade flows, farm income and food prices at the national and international level. The pattern of incentives to agriculture is continuously changing, with support to agriculture provided through a wide range of measures, and protection rates varying not only in response to changes in policy, but also reflecting movements in world agricultural prices.

FAO has conducted a pilot study on monitoring agricultural policy incentives and dis-incentives for the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Republic of Belarus, Georgia, the Kyrgyz Republic, and the Republic of Moldova. These countries were selected as they have undergone fundamental policy changes during the last three decades, and had not been covered by a systematic and continuous international policy monitoring before.

In this pilot study, Nominal Rates of Protection (NRPs) have been calculated for a set of six to eight key agricultural commodities per country for the period 2005-2016. In addition, budgetary and other support to agriculture have been analysed, in line with the OECD producer support estimate (PSE)/consumer support estimate (CSE) classification scheme.

Main objectives of the event

- Presentation of the pilot study approach and methodology
- Overview of policy indicators at country level for six post-Soviet Countries
- Policy monitoring and policy trends at the global level
- Overview of policy indicators in the regional context: selected countries of Southeastern Europe and post-Soviet countries
- Group discussion of country needs and countries' engagement

Expected outcomes

The regional workshop will present to the government focal points and all pilot study partners the final results of the study and serve as a review and validation platform of the findings. The meeting will also agree on the way forward.

Participants

Participants of the workshop will be the members of the pilot study team, focal points from governments, international and national experts.

