

COMPENDIUM OF METADATA
FOR NATIONAL
AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS
in Selected APCAS Countries

Preparation of Country Reports

- Questionnaires
- Annotated Outline:
 - National System of Agricultural Statistics
 - Major Domains of Selected Indicators of Agric. Stat.
 - Major Data Sources
- Presentation at APCAS 21

Consultation and Feedbacks from Countries

- Initial draft country reports reviewed by BAS/FAO Committee: comments
- Modified (First) draft were discussed at Workshop, in Manila in 2006:
- Gaps
- Problems and difficulties
- After workshop, countries revised again their reports
- Revised Reports discussed at Focal Points Meeting of RDES, in Cambodia in March 2007.

Preliminary Review of Country Reports

- Major publications:
 - yearbooks on agric. stat
 - Quarterly indicators of agric stat (price)
 - Occasional report on agricultural census/survey
 - Chapters on agric. stat. in national statist. yearbooks
 - Trade statistics

Preliminary Review of Country Reports (2)

- Major Domains:
 - production; price; foreign trade; agricultural inputs; agric. credits; food consumption; rural communities and infrastructure
- Data Sources:
 - agricultural census
 - agricultural production survey

Relationship Between Major Domains and Data Sources

- In general, agricultural surveys and census produce data for the domains of production, prices, employment

CONCLUSION

- FAO metadata framework provides a possible answer to “What should adequate Metadata be?”
- Metadata helps users interpret agric. stat.
- Metadata framework is useful for producers to improve the food and agric. stat. system
- To obtain good metadata, joint efforts are required by all concerned parties
- Post country reports to countries’ RDES page

THANK YOU