Foreword

I his report Agricultural Policies: Monitoring and Evaluation 2013 – OECD Countries and Emerging Economies monitors agricultural policy developments in OECD member countries, and seven emerging economies: Brazil, China, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Russia, South Africa and Ukraine.

The OECD uses a comprehensive system for measuring and classifying support to agriculture – the Producer and Consumer Support Estimates (PSEs and CSEs) and related indicators. They provide insight into the increasingly complex nature of agricultural policy and serve as a basis for OECD's agricultural policy monitoring and evaluation.

The Executive Summary synthesises the key findings of the report. Part I, contains two chapters: Chapter 1 provides an overview of developments in agricultural policies, while Chapter 2 analyses the development of the level and structure of support to agriculture across OECD countries and emerging economies. Part II contains Country chapters which summarise the developments in agricultural policies in each individual OECD country (the European Union which has a Common Agricultural Policy is covered in a single country chapter) and in each emerging economy covered by this report. The Statistical Annex contains detailed background tables with indicators of agricultural support covering both OECD countries and emerging economies.

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