

## *Foreword*

The author of this study, which was prepared for the OECD Joint Working Party on Agriculture and the Environment (JWP AE), is Hiroki Sasaki. Other colleagues at the OECD Secretariat also provided comments on earlier drafts. The study builds on an earlier research paper prepared for the JWP AE on the linkages between external drivers, farm management decisions, farm practices and selected environmental outcomes in agriculture by Professor Nicola Shadbolt (Massey University, New Zealand) in 2007.

Based on a review of the literature, the study examines the broad range of factors driving farm management decisions that can improve the environment, including drawing on the experiences of OECD countries. The aim of the report is to provide policy makers with policy options that would contribute to a sustainable and resilient agricultural sector, in particular in the context of climate change.

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