

# Explanatory notes

There are two major sources of data series included in this edition: primary data derived from personal communications and data requests and/or questionnaires sent to IRRI correspondents in various national agricultural research systems, and secondary sources composed of statistical publications and databases of international and national agencies.

Data series on rice production, area and yield, rice trade, stocks, consumption, food aid and land use, and population and labor force (by country and geographical region) are primarily from the FAO FAOSTAT Database except for the provincial level rice production, area and yield data of the People's Republic of China and state level rice data of India, which are taken from country sources. Irrigated rice area, area planted to modern varieties, distribution of rice area by environment, and domestic prices are usually obtained from country sources.

The genealogy of IRRI-bred varieties was obtained from the International Crop Information System (ICIS) 2001 Version 2.0.

For this edition, data requests were sent to several national statistical agencies and IRRI liaison scientists assigned in different countries to obtain the most recent information.

World prices of rice, maize, and wheat are obtained from the World Bank while most of the data on farm wages come from the International Labor Organization (ILO).

In all cases, the latest revisions, updates, and estimates shown in these primary and secondary sources are adopted.

Updated price indices, official exchange rates, rice crop calendar, milling rates, and important conversion factors compiled from the IMF and the USDA are included in the appendices for easy reference