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I. General Notes:
The data in this book is mainly depending on the ministries of agriculture or official statistics received from the Arab countries, either from the specialized agric. Statistical agencies or from the central agencies or other ministries.

In case such statistics are not available from official sources, AOAD resorts to estimates or using other reliable sources such as:

- www.fao.org/faostat/
- www.trademap.org

Titles of tables and names of countries are written in Arabic and English languages, also Arabic numbers are used.

For the purpose of unification, Hectare is used as the unit of area, and the Metric Ton is used as a unit of weight. Similarly, the American Dollar is used as a common unit of value. Local currencies were converted into U.S. Dollar equivalent when required applying the prevailing official rate of exchange for the particular year in question.

In case exist decimal differences in the vertical summation of some tables, this due to rounding.

II. Notes on Crop Production:
1- Total production and total area of cereals, roots and tubers, pulses, oil crops, vegetables, fruits and fiber crops may not tally with total mentioned under each group due to the fact that it may include other crops not mentioned.

2- The green fodder area does not include area of natural pastures.

3- Area Under oil seeds crops does not include area of cotton.

III. Notes on Animal Production:
1- Livestock statistics give number of animals irrespective of their age or sex. These numbers include both domestic and imported animals. Livestock numbers as given by some Arab countries lack clear specifications especially time reference of the survey. It is also to be observed that livestock surveys are generally conducted at long intervals so that figures for the years within the intervals are estimated according to value judgment.

3- Fish production represents all fish produced from internal and external fishing grounds.
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IV. Notes on Imports and Exports:

All values pertaining to exports and imports, are given in local currencies, and are converted into their U.S. Dollars equivalent, as derived from the official bulletins of countries. Exchange rates applied may not reflect actual currency value in some Arab countries, and may need to be adjusted accordingly.

1- Total cereal and flour includes all cereals plus wheat flour converted to wheat equivalent.

2- Total fruits and vegetables usually include fresh, dried, canned or Temporarily preserved fruits or vegetables.

3- Red meat includes bovine and buffaloes meat, sheep and goat meat, and camel meat. (Fresh, Chilled and Preparations).

4- Total fish represents fresh, dried, salted and canned, it includes fish preparation, caviar and shrimps.

5- Total vegetable oil also includes other oils which are not mentioned.

6- Raw sugar includes refined sugar converted into raw sugar equivalent.

7- Milk total represents both milk and milk products in the form of fresh milk equivalent.

V. Notes on Agricultural and Food Balances:

Agricultural commodities are those products which are produced in the agricultural sector whether they are in their rudimentary or secondary form or whether they are processed in order to facilitate their use or handling or storing. Agric. Inputs used in agric. Sector are considered as Agric. Commodities. According to the above definition, the agricultural commodities include:

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Live farm animals, buffaloes, cattle, sheep goats, camels, horses, donkeys and poultry.

Meat and fishery products whether fresh, frozen, dried or canned.

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Animal fats and oils.
Skins and hides and fur skins.
Eggs in shell, or dried or eggs for hatching.
Natural honey.

2. Plant Products:

These include: Cereals, flour, pulses, oilseeds, and tuber crops, Vegetables, whether fresh, dried, frozen, canned, Fruit whether fresh dried or canned, Jams and dates.
Sugar: sugar cane and beet sugar.
Coffee, tea and cocoa.
Milling by-products.
Vegetable oils in its various forms.
Silk cotton fibers, jute and wool.
Wood and timber.
Flowers and flower seedlings.
Green Fodders
Tobacco leaves or cut tobacco, cigarettes.
Agricultural inputs (fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides and machinery).
Wood and forestry products.

3. Food Commodities:

Include all the above mentioned agricultural commodities leaving out those commodities which are used as agricultural inputs, including eggs for hatching, decoration plants, woods and forestry products, oilseed cakes, potatoes as seed stocks, milling by-products, and fertilizes.
Food commodities include also:
Sweets, biscuits and chocolates.
Sugar products and Preparations made for nutrition.
Pastes and peppers.
Refreshing beverages.
Mineral water.
Processed Food products like macaroni starch and other pastries.

4. Food Balance sheets:

Imports and Exports of vegetable oils include: oil and oil seeds converted into oil equivalent.

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- Agricultural Imports:

- Agricultural Exports:
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- Production of oil, include oil crops converted into oil.
- Figures between brackets in food balance sheets indicate quantity or value surplus, otherwise it is regarded as shortage (gap).
- Due to non availability of data on stock changes, and utilization as seed stocks, processing loss and spoilage etc therefore the food balance is considered as (trade + Imports – Exports).

Quantities Available for consumption are calculated according to the following:

The available for consumption = production + Imports – Exports.

Self Sufficiency Ratio (S.S.R.) calculated according to the following formula:

\[ \text{SSR} = \frac{\text{Production}}{\text{Available for consumption}} \times 100 \]

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In some countries, where there is no local production or exports exceed the local production, imports may reflect transit trade or exporting or drawing from the country's strategic reserve.

As for cereals (Total) in the Tables concerning the balance sheets for major commodity groups, cereal (Total) may include other cereal crops not shown in the Tables of some countries such as sorghum and millet.

IV. Notes on Conversion Factors Used:

The following conversion factors are used all over various sections of this issue:

1. Convert milk products to fresh milk:
   - 1 kg of dried milk = 9 kgs of fresh milk.
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