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For this edition, the statistical information and all chapters have been updated. New additions include chapters on organic aquaculture, the FAO/IFOAM/UNCTAD International Task Force on Harmonization and Equivalence in Organic Agriculture (ITF) and a detailed report on organic farming in the Pacific Islands.

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