

## PREFACE

This book draws together research on the impact on its agricultural sector of China's accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO), and on the impact on agriculture in China and ASEAN countries of the implementation of the China-ASEAN Free Trade Agreement (FTA). This research was funded by the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) and was jointly carried out by researchers in the Crawford School of Economics and Government at The Australian National University (ANU), Canberra, and researchers in the China Center for Economic Research (CCER), Peking University, Beijing. During the project extension period, researchers in the Center for Chinese Agricultural Policy (CCAP) of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) joined the research team.

Not all of the research completed under the ACIAR project is published in the book. However, Chapter 1 by Chunlai Chen and Ron Duncan provides a summary of all the research carried out in the project and indicates where the research not included in the book is available.

An important part of the ACIAR project was the construction of a computable general equilibrium model of the Chinese economy that is disaggregated by province/region and has detailed disaggregation of the agricultural sector. The model also includes representative rural and urban households and therefore allows detailed analysis of regional impacts of changes in policies, particularly as they affect rural households. The full model is available on request.

The project researchers from the National Centre for Development Studies of the Asia Pacific School of Economics and Management at the Australian National University (ANU) (now the Crawford School of Economics and Government) were originally Ron Duncan, Yiping Huang and Yongzheng Yang. The staffing of the project was reorganised with the departure of Yiping Huang and Yongzheng Yang. Rod Tyers, Chunlai Chen, Xiaolu Wang and Tingsong Jiang, all of ANU, joined Ron Duncan to carry out the project. During the application and early implementation of the project extension, Christopher Findlay from the Australian National University (now with University of Adelaide), joined the research team.

The main collaborators in China were Justin Yifu Lin, Wen Hai, and Feng Lu at the China Centre for Economic Research (CCER) at Peking University. Other researchers in China included Shi Li and his colleagues at the Institute of Economic Research at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), and Weiming Tian and his team at the China Agricultural University. During the project extension period, Jikun Huang and Jun Yang from the Centre for Chinese Agricultural Policy (CCAP) of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) joined the research team.

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