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Statement:
The Republic of Korea would like to express its appreciation to the Food and Agriculture Organization and its Regional Commissions for their tireless efforts amidst the on-going pandemic to establish an integrated governance system for the timely production and dissemination of statistics.

Statistics Korea is optimizing the design of survey questionnaires, expanding the application of contactless electronic surveys, and leveraging remote sensing technology for the production of agricultural and fishery statistics. We are also committed to disseminating the expertise and knowledge gained as such with the international community on multiple fronts.

In conducting the 2020 agricultural and fishery census, administrative data, observational data and private sector data were used to streamline the questionnaire through imputation. Remote sensing technology is also being applied to produce statistics on areas under rice cultivation in South and North Korea.

In response to such unforeseen events as COVID-19, we introduced and implemented contactless electronic survey methods (CAPI, CATI, and CAWI) widely.

The outbreak and global spread of COVID-19, avian influenza and other infectious diseases highlights the need for timely statistical production to support policy-making in the areas of food security and food access. As such, we need to expand assistance to developing nations to this end.

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