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Are Sustainable Coffee Certifications Enough to Secure Farmer Livelihoods? The Millenium Development Goals and Nicaragua's Fair Trade Cooperatives

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En diciembre de 2001, los precios del bien de consumo de café verde alcanzaron su nivel más bajo en 30 años. Esto ha aumentado la crisis del sustento a millones de cultivadores de café y comunidades rurales. La industria especializada del café respondió perfeccionando varios programas de certificación del café sustentable, que incluye el comercio justo. Este estudio utiliza una investigación a nivel doméstico y de comunidad conducido en Nicaragua desde el 2000 al 2006 para evaluar la respuesta a la crisis del café después de 1999. Un equipo de investigación de acción participativa entrevistó a 177 hogares que vendían a los mercados convencionales y de comercio justo en 2006. En un esfuerzo de dialogar con la industria especializada del café y las agencias de desarrollo convencionales, los resultados se formularon dentro del contexto de las Metas de Desarrollo del Milenio de las Naciones Unidas. Las conclusiones sugieren que los hogares vinculados a las cooperativas de comercio justo experimentaron varios impactos positivos en educación, inversión a la infraestructura y ahorros monetarios. Sin embargo, persistieron varias inseguridades domésticas

important food security and food quality issues. The study highlights the need for

[摘要] 2001年12月，咖啡绿消费品的价格达到了30年来的最低点。这加剧了数百万咖啡种植者和农村社区的生计危机。咖啡专业行业通过完善各种咖啡可持续认证项目来做出回应，其中包括公平贸易。本研究利用了一项国内和社区层面的研究，于2000年至2006年在尼加拉瓜进行，旨在评估1999年咖啡危机后的应对措施。一个参与式行动研究团队采访了177户在2006年向传统市场和公平贸易市场出售咖啡的家庭。在与咖啡专业行业和发展机构进行对话的努力中，研究结果是在联合国千年发展目标背景下提出的。研究结论表明，与公平贸易合作社联系的家庭在教育、基础设施投资和货币储蓄方面经历了多种积极影响。然而，国内仍存在一些重要的粮食安全、粮食质量和粮食质量问题。研究强调了



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1. See the work of Crosby et al. ([2002](#)), Katzeff et al. ([2002](#)), and PEARL (2007) for examples of innovative strategies and projects to create sustainable chains within the specialty coffee industry.
2. The average production increases to 4,000 lb when we include the six largest farms in the study.
3. This cost estimate does not include farmers' labor time, training time, costs for farm-based quality improvement investments, and the organizational costs associated with creating a participatory and democratic cooperative organization. A study of these 'additional' costs for sustainable production estimated total real costs were from 1.25 to 1.51 US\$/lb for conventional Fair Trade coffee and 1.72 to 2.19 US\$/lb for certified organic Fair Trade coffee (CLAC, [2006](#)).

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