Michigan State University's Food Security Group is pleased to share with you the fifth in a series of five policy briefs:


The authors highlight the need for a holistic approach to strengthening staple food markets in the region. Many of the current impediments to a more vibrant commodity trading system stem from low farm productivity and inadequate access to productive resources, which prevent a large segment of Africa's farmers from producing a surplus to sell. Strategies are elaborated to help CAADP Investment Plans address how to effectively reach the least productive half of the smallholder population.

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