General incentives for investments in the Netherlands (Innovation, Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability in the Netherlands)

This chapter reviews general incentives in the Netherlands for investments by firms, including farms, input suppliers, and food companies. It examines basic conditions for investments established by the overall regulatory environment; Trade and investment policy, which influences the flow of goods, capital, technology, knowledge and people needed to innovate; and access to credit needed to innovate. The general fiscal policy and the treatment of agriculture are then examined. The chapter is mainly based on the latest OECD Economic Survey of the Netherlands (OECD, 2014b). Specific obstacles and incentives for investment in the agricultural sector are dealt with in later chapters of this report.

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