

## NEW PUBLICATIONS

### **Olive GAP Manual, Good Agricultural Practices for NENA Countries 2010**

Olive GAP Manual, Good Agricultural Practices for Near East and North Africa Countries 2010 was produced by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Regional Office for the Near East (FAO/RNE) in collaboration with AARINENA, Agriculture Research Institute (ARI), Cyprus and GFAR. The manual was prepared by Olive experts of the AARENINA Olive Network and supervised by Dr. Ibrahim Hamdan, Executive Secretary of AARINENA. A workshop on this subject was organized in Larnaca, Cyprus from 19-21 December 2005 dedicated to preparation and finalization of guidelines on Good Agricultural Practices for the Near East and North Africa olive producing countries. The workshop has adapted the guidelines for participatory on-farm research to the specific conditions of the Near East and North Africa, taking into accounts the prevailing climatic conditions of the region.

The manual takes a step-by step approach for each phase of olive production, and will contribute to environmentally friendly and economically viable production of olives, ensuring that the produce is safe to eat; Improving the productivity of olive-based farming systems in the NENA countries on a sustainable basis; and Ensuring the long-term future of olive grove holdings and help growers face fluctuations in the market. Olive GAP manual consists of twelve chapters including constrains and strengthens of olive sector in WANA countries; concerns of small holders; water; soil, irrigation, fertilization, pruning, varieties and propagation; alternate bearing in olive trees; weed, pest and disease management; harvesting and post harvest procedures, and all aspects of agricultural practices.

