THIS SPECIAL ISSUE fills an important gap in the literature by generating evidence on the contribution of agricultural household production to improvements in nutrition. The eight studies in the issue (see reverse side of flyer for Table of Contents) examine the relationship between agricultural production (crops or livestock), household dietary diversity, and children’s (and in some cases adults’) diet and anthropometric outcomes across countries in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. The studies use nationally representative data from the Living Standard Measurement Study-Integrated Surveys on Agriculture (LSMS-ISA) program and detailed case studies, allowing for comparisons of results across countries in the two regions where undernutrition remains a major concern. Taken together, the studies support the hypothesis that agricultural production has direct and important linkages with household dietary patterns and the nutrition of individual members, but they also provide numerous nuances as per the different conditions under which own production is likely to be closely linked to farm household food access, diet quality, and nutrition outcomes.

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