



## Feeding the Market: South American Farmers, Trade and Globalization

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Rugby, Warwickshire, United Kingdom: ITDG Publishing, 1999. Soft cover. Book Condition: New. No Jacket. ITDG Publishing 2003 paperback, A NEW BOOK UNUSED. Full refund if not satisfied. 24 hour despatch. EXTRA POSTAGE FOR INTERNATIONAL AIRMAIL OUTSIDE EUROPE OTHERWISE WILL GO SURFACE MAIL Synopsis The debate about the pros and cons of globalization and the changes in policies and markets that are needed has become increasingly polarized between "globaphiles" and "globaphobes". The voices of the rural poor, particularly smallholder farmers, seldom figure in these debates. This book fills this void. Based on extensive fieldwork from the sweeping grasslands of Patagonia to the coca fields of lowland Bolivia, and on to the dense array of smallholder coffee farms in Ecuador, the authors demonstrate clearly that the vast majority of smallholder farmers wish to continue participating in local, national and international markets. By focusing on eight different land uses - including coffee, potatoes, coca, wine, sheep farming, forestry and the lesser known Andean grain, quinoa - the impact of global markets upon smallholder farmers is richly described. The authors clearly illustrate the practical obstacles that smallholder farmers face in accessing markets especially with respect to the difficulties of meeting market demands for quality...



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