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Sommario/riassunto	Investing to promote agricultural growth and poverty reduction is a central pillar of the World Bank's current rural strategy, Reaching the Rural Poor (2003). One major thrust of the strategy outlines the priorities and the approaches that the public sector, private sector, and civil society can employ to enhance productivity and competitiveness of the agricultural sector in ways that reduce the rural poverty and sustain

the natural resource base. These actions involve a rich mixture of science, technology, people, communication, management, learning, research, capacity building, institutional
