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twenty of the world's major crops, including beef, coffee, corn, rice, rubber, shrimp, sorghum, tea, and tobacco. For each crop, he offers comparative information including:

- a "fast facts" overview section that summarizes key data for the crop
- main producing and consuming countries
- main types of production
- market trend information and market chain analyses
- major environmental impacts
- management strategies and best practices
- key contacts and references

With maps of major commodity production areas worldwide, the book represents the first truly global portrait of agricultural production patterns and environmental impacts.

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