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The 2022 edition of The State of Agricultural Commodity Markets discusses how trade policies based on both multilateral and regional approaches can address today’s challenges for sustainable development. Trade policies in food and agriculture should tackle the trade-offs between economic and environmental objectives, safeguard global food security and strengthen the resilience of the global agrifood system to shocks, such as conflicts, pandemics and extreme weather events. The report discusses the geography of trade to provide a systematic framework for the analysis of food and agricultural trade and its patterns across countries and regions, its drivers and the trade policy environment. Comparative advantage, trade policies and trade costs shape the patterns of trade in food and agriculture. When comparative advantage plays out in the global market, trade benefits all countries. Lowering tariff barriers and reducing trade costs can promote trade and economic growth. Both multilateral and regional trade agreements can facilitate this process of making trade an avenue for growth but the gains of trade are distributed differently. When global environmental impacts, such as climate change, are considered, a multilateral approach to trade can help expand the reach of mitigation measures.