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In this report

The outlook for global supplies of agricultural commodities in the 2018/19 marketing season remains broadly in line with earlier expectations. While the weather had some impact on crop prospects, the overall production at global level did not change significantly from the forecasts published in the July issue of Food Outlook. Beyond weather-induced revisions, the latest FAO revisions take into consideration the mounting uncertainties regarding trade policies, as well as the changes in exchange rates and rising energy prices.

Since June 2018, the FAO Food Price Index has remained on a declining trend. This weakness in part reflects the escalation of trade disputes, which particularly dampened US soybean prices. In addition, wide-ranging decelerations in demand growth, coupled with generally adequate, if not abundant, supply levels, resulted in a much softer tone in international price quotations of most food commodities. As a consequence, FAO's latest forecast of the world food import bill for 2018 has been revised down by USD 5 billion since July. Nevertheless, it would still represent a 3 percent increase from 2017.

This edition of Food Outlook includes less detailed market assessments of the commodities regularly covered by the report, but it provides a more in-depth analysis of developments in cassava markets. Furthermore, the report includes short articles on recent trends in the markets of coffee and tropical fruits. The section on Market Indicators continues to provide the latest assessments on futures markets, freight rates, food import bills, exchange rates and food prices.



MARKETS AT A GLANCE

The global wheat supply and demand balance is forecast to tighten in 2018/19, as evidenced by firmer international prices compared to the previous season. The forecast for global wheat production in 2018 has been revised downwards in recent months, and is now pegged at 727.9 million tonnes, 4.3 percent decline from the 2017 record level. The EU, the Russian Federation, China and Australia account for much of the year-on-year contraction. They are also behind the recent lowering in the global production outlook, while prospects improved in North and South America.

Total wheat utilization is expected to increase only marginally in 2018/19, with the global growth in wheat feed use affected by lower intakes in the Russian Federation and Ukraine, mostly due to reduced domestic supplies and less attractive prices. However, global wheat use for food consumption is seen increasing by 1.0 percent, which should result in a relatively stable average per caput level.

With world production forecast to fall below overall utilization, global wheat inventories in 2019 are anticipated to register a 4.5 percent decline from their record high opening level. The drawdown is expected to be concentrated among the major exporters, in particular the Russian Federation, the EU and the US, more than offsetting significant buildups expected in China and, to a lesser extent, in India. Consequently, the ratio of major wheat exporters' closing stocks to their total disappearance (defined as domestic utilization plus exports) – a measure of global market availabilities – is set to fall to a five-year low of 16.3 percent.

Contrary to earlier predictions, world wheat trade is now forecast to contract in 2018/19 (July/June), albeit from the record levels achieved in the past two seasons. Among importers, Algeria, India and South Africa are anticipated to curb their wheat purchases in the wake of larger domestic harvests. As for exports, shipments from the Russian Federation are set to contract, reflecting a fall in domestic production. Similarly, wheat exports from Australia, the EU and Ukraine are anticipated to decline, which would more than counter a notable rebound of foreign sales by the United States, as well as bigger shipments from Argentina and Canada.

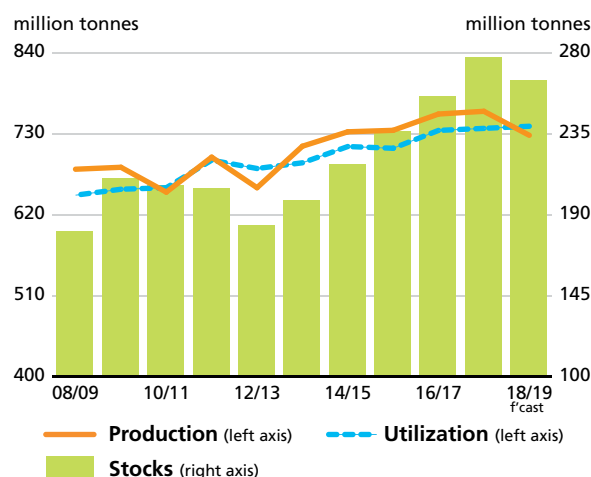
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WHEAT PRODUCTION, UTILIZATION AND STOCKS



WORLD WHEAT MARKET AT A GLANCE

	2016/17	2017/18 <i>estim.</i>	2018/19 <i>f'cast</i>		Change: 2018/19 over 2017/18
			<i>July</i>	<i>Nov</i>	
	<i>million tonnes</i>				<i>%</i>
WORLD BALANCE					
Production	756.7	760.4	736.1	727.9	-4.3
Trade¹	176.6	176.6	175.0	173.2	-1.9
Total utilization	734.5	737.2	741.1	740.1	0.4
Food	498.4	504.8	508.9	509.7	1.0
Feed	142.6	140.6	143.6	141.3	0.5
Other uses	93.4	91.8	88.5	89.0	-3.0
Ending stocks²	255.1	276.8	264.2	264.4	-4.5
SUPPLY AND DEMAND INDICATORS					
Per caput food consumption:					
World (kg/yr)	66.8	66.9	66.7	66.8	-0.1
LIFDC (kg/yr)	53.1	53.2	52.6	53.0	-0.4
<i>World stocks-to-use ratio (%)</i>	<i>34.6</i>	<i>37.4</i>	<i>34.9</i>	<i>35.0</i>	
<i>Major exporters stocks-to-disappearance ratio³ (%)</i>	<i>20.2</i>	<i>21.1</i>	<i>16.8</i>	<i>16.3</i>	
FAO WHEAT PRICE INDEX⁴ (2002-2004=100)	2016	2017	2018 <i>Jan-Oct</i>	Change* %	
	125	133	147	10.7	

¹ Trade refers to exports based on a common July/June marketing season.

² May not equal the difference between supply (defined as production plus carryover stocks) due to differences in individual country marketing years.

³ Major exporters include Argentina, Australia, Canada, EU, Kazakhstan, Russian Fed., Ukraine and the United States.

⁴ Derived from the International Grains Council (IGC) wheat index.

* Jan-Oct 2018 over Jan-Oct 2017, in percent

COARSE GRAINS

Although the global market of coarse grains, as a whole, is set to tighten considerably in 2018/19, the overall supply prospects remain adequate, thanks to record high stocks carried over from the previous season.

Coarse grain production in 2018 is forecast to drop 2.2 percent from last year, driven predominantly by weather-reduced maize outputs in a number of countries and a contraction in the world barley production to a six-year low. However, compared with earlier expectations, the production outlooks for the various coarse grains have improved considerably, as favorable weather in Asia and the United States pushed up yields.

Despite lower availabilities, global utilization of coarse grains is expected to peak in 2018/19, rising faster than earlier anticipated – by 2.2 percent year-on-year. Robust demand for feed and industrial use in China and the United States are foreseen to push up world maize utilization to a new high. Tightening supplies of barley, sorghum and feed wheat have also contributed to the anticipated rapid expansion in maize use.

Total inventories of coarse grains are forecast to fall in 2018/19, marking the first decline since 2012/13. Maize would account for the bulk of the contraction, much of which is seen to be concentrated in major exporting countries and also in China, consistent with the country's maize destocking policy. Given the expected fall in world inventories and the increase in total utilization, the world coarse grains stocks-to-use ratio as well as the major exporters' stocks-to-disappearance (defined as domestic consumption plus exports) ratio should drop to five-year lows of 22.3 percent and 12.5 percent, respectively.

World trade in coarse grains in 2018/19 (July/June) is still forecast to remain close to the 2017/18 record level, underpinned by an anticipated rise in maize trade, offsetting a decline in sorghum. While on the supply side larger maize exports from the United States, Argentina and Ukraine would more than compensate for falling sales by Brazil and the Russian Federation, on the demand side the EU is expected to remain the largest destination for maize in 2018/19. This season's tightening global supplies and strong import demand have pushed up international prices of the major coarse grains above their levels in the corresponding period last year.

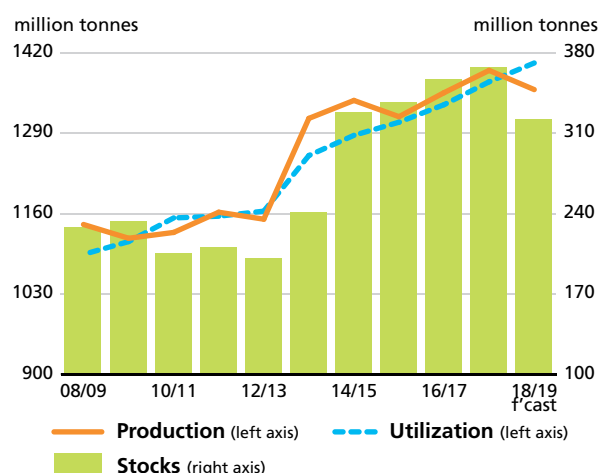
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COARSE GRAIN PRODUCTION, UTILIZATION AND STOCKS



WORLD COARSE GRAIN MARKET AT A GLANCE

	2016/17	2017/18 estim.	2018/19 f'cast		Change: 2018/19 over 2017/18
			July	Nov	
	million tonnes				%
WORLD BALANCE					
Production	1 355.3	1 391.3	1 338.7	1 360.3	-2.2
Trade ¹	180.7	195.8	189.6	195.3	-0.2
Total utilization	1 339.0	1 372.9	1 390.8	1 403.3	2.2
Food	205.0	209.0	210.1	212.6	1.7
Feed	756.1	767.6	782.3	788.0	2.7
Other uses	377.9	396.3	398.4	402.7	1.6
Ending stocks ²	356.0	366.1	311.0	321.0	-12.3
SUPPLY AND DEMAND INDICATORS					
Per caput food consumption:					
World (kg/yr)	27.5	27.7	27.5	27.9	0.7
LIFDC (kg/yr)	38.4	38.7	37.9	38.8	0.3
World stocks-to-use ratio (%)	25.9	26.1	21.7	22.3	
Major exporters stocks-to-disappearance ratio ³ (%)	14.1	15.1	11.3	12.5	
FAO COARSE GRAIN PRICE INDEX (2002-2004=100)					
	2016	2017	2018 Jan-Oct	Change* %	
	151	146	156	5.9	

¹ Trade refers to exports based on a common July/June marketing season.

² May not equal the difference between supply (defined as production plus opening stocks) and utilization due to differences in individual countries' marketing years

³ Major exporters include Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, EU, Russian Fed., Ukraine and the United States.

* Jan-Oct 2018 over Jan-Oct 2017, in percent

World rice production is forecast to expand by 1.3 percent in 2018 to reach a new record high. India is predicted to spearhead this growth, due to generally adequate monsoon rains and higher minimum support prices. Sizeable expansions are also expected in Bangladesh, Madagascar, Sri Lanka, the United States, Tanzania and Viet Nam. By contrast, policy-driven output contractions are anticipated in China and Egypt, while falling returns are expected to depress production across much of Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Oceania.

World rice utilization is forecast to increase by 1.1 percent in 2018/19, sustained by an expected rise in rice use for food consumption, while feed and industrial uses could decline. Global stocks are forecast to grow by 2.6 percent by the close of 2018/19 marketing seasons, more than was previously anticipated. Among the major exporters, principally India and the US are likely to end their seasons with larger inventories. Among importers, carryovers could rise mostly in China and to a lesser extent in Indonesia and the Philippines. These tendencies would lift the global stock-to-use ratio to 34.2 percent, its highest level in 17 years, and the major exporters' stock-to-disappearance ratio to 19.3 percent, reversing its multi-year decline.

Under the current forecasts, international trade in rice is predicted to decline by 1.3 percent in 2019 to a level that would still be the third highest on record. The contraction mainly reflects expectations of reduced purchases by some of the largest importers, namely China, Indonesia and Bangladesh. By contrast, imports by African countries are predicted to rebound, while Brazil, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Philippines are also likely to buy more. Reduced foreign sales by Thailand and Pakistan are behind the anticipated contraction in world exports, while increased availabilities could boost deliveries from India, Myanmar, and Viet Nam.

A 19-month upward trend in international rice prices was interrupted in July 2018, reflecting a lapse in Asian and African import demand, as well as currency depreciations (against the US dollar) in some leading exporting countries. Nonetheless, prices over January-October 2018 still averaged 11.0 percent higher than in the 2017 corresponding period.

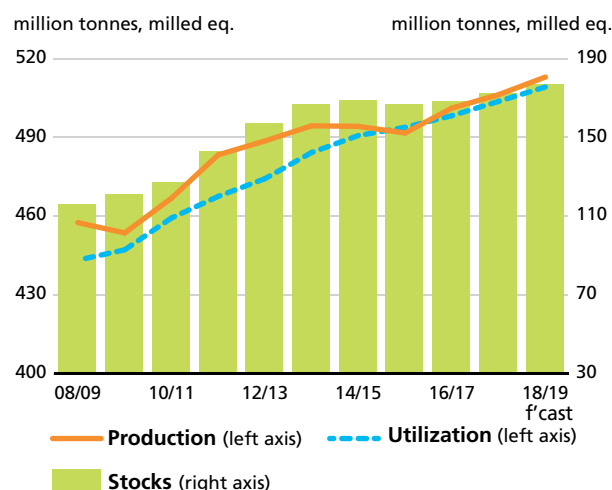
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RICE PRODUCTION, UTILIZATION AND STOCKS



WORLD RICE MARKET AT A GLANCE

	2016/17	2017/18 estim.	2018/19 f'cast		Change: 2018/19 over 2017/18
			July	Nov	
	million tonnes				%
WORLD BALANCE					
Production	501.2	506.3	511.4	513.0	1.3
Trade ¹	48.1	48.0	47.5	47.3	-1.3
Total utilization	498.3	503.7	509.5	509.2	1.1
Food	400.1	405.8	411.8	411.8	1.5
Ending stocks ²	168.0	172.0	173.7	176.6	2.6
SUPPLY AND DEMAND INDICATORS					
Per caput food consumption:					
World (kg/yr)	53.6	53.8	54.0	54.0	0.4
LIFDC (kg/yr)	55.2	55.2	55.5	55.6	0.7
World stocks-to-use ratio (%)	33.3	33.8	33.6	34.2	
Major exporters stocks-to-disappearance ratio ³ (%)	18.8	18.0	17.8	19.3	
FAO RICE PRICE INDEX (2002-2004=100)					
	2016	2017	2018 Jan-Oct	Change* %	
	194	206	226	11.0	

¹ Calendar year exports (second year shown).

² May not equal the difference between supply (defined as production plus carryover stocks) due to differences in individual country marketing years.

³ Major exporters include India, Pakistan, Thailand, the United States and Viet Nam.

* Jan-Oct 2018 over Jan-Oct 2017, in percent

OILCROPS

As the 2018/19 season gradually unfolds, preliminary forecasts of ample crops across the oilseed complex point to a comfortable world supply and demand situation for oilseeds and their by-products.

After stagnating in 2017/18, global oilseed production is forecast to climb to a new record this season, led by an anticipated rebound in soybean and, to a lesser extent, sunflower seed, which would more than compensate for reductions in other oilcrops. Soybean production is expected to increase vigorously, mostly driven by a recovery of production in Argentina and further yield improvements in the United States, as well as by area expansions in Brazil, China and India. Among the other main oilcrops, global palm oil production is forecast to continue growing at a moderate rate, whereas global rapeseed production could contract, impaired by unfavourable weather conditions in the EU and Australia.

In 2018/19, growth in world meals/cakes utilization is forecast to slow down, tied to subdued feed demand in China, whereas growth in oils/fats consumption will most likely be supported by continuing economic growth in major consuming regions and sustained demand from the biodiesel sector. Based on FAO's current buoyant production forecasts, the output of oilcrop products is anticipated to exceed global consumption of oils and meals in 2018/19. As a result, world inventories at the close of the seasons are forecast to rise, particularly in the soybean complex, with major exporters' stock-to-disappearance ratios possibly reaching historical highs.

International trade in vegetable oils in 2018/19 is expected to recover from last season's passive performance. Trade in oilseeds and oilmeals is also forecast to expand, but at a slower pace, mainly reflecting uncertainties about the US-China trade relations and related slowdowns in import demand. These uncertainties, together with currently positive global production outlooks, have kept international soybean prices under strong downward pressure in recent months. International prices of oils and meals also remained on a falling trend.

In the coming months, factors affecting soybean crop prospects in South America and palm oil production in Southeast Asia will play a key role in determining price movements in the oilseed complex. Developments regarding the US-China trade relations will also be critical.

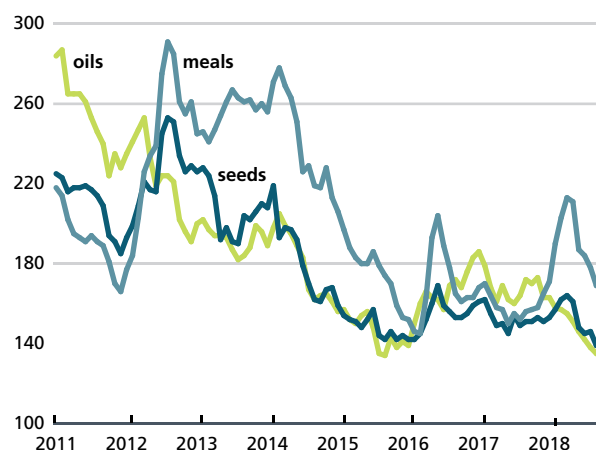
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FAO MONTHLY INTERNATIONAL PRICE INDICES FOR OILSEEDS, VEGETABLE OILS AND MEALS/CAKES (2002-2004=100)



WORLD OILCROP AND PRODUCT MARKET AT A GLANCE

	2016/17	2017/18 <i>estim.</i>	2018/19 <i>f'cast</i>	Change: 2018/19 over 2017/18
	<i>million tonnes</i>			<i>%</i>
TOTAL OILCROPS				
Production	586.7	589	616.1	4.6
OILS AND FATS				
Production	226.3	231.4	237.9	2.8
Supply	260.8	267.5	275.2	2.9
Utilization	222.8	228.5	235.2	2.9
Trade	124.0	124.6	129.0	3.6
<i>Global stocks-to-use ratio (%)</i>	<i>16.2</i>	<i>16.3</i>	<i>16.5</i>	
<i>Major exporters stocks-to-disappearance ratio (%)</i>	<i>10.3</i>	<i>11.1</i>	<i>12.3</i>	
MEALS AND CAKES				
Production	152.3	151.2	160.7	6.3
Supply	177.3	178.9	186.4	4.2
Utilization	145.0	151.6	154.7	2.0
Trade	96.2	99.2	101.4	2.3
<i>Global stocks-to-use ratio (%)</i>	<i>18.4</i>	<i>16.9</i>	<i>19.0</i>	
<i>Major exporters stocks-to-disappearance ratio (%)</i>	<i>11.8</i>	<i>10.4</i>	<i>13.8</i>	
FAO PRICE INDICES (2002-2004=100)				
	2016	2017	2018 <i>Jan-Oct</i>	Change: Jan-Oct 2018 over Jan-Oct 2017 %
Oilseeds	154	152	152	-0.6
Meals/cakes	169	159	187	18.1
Vegetable oils	164	169	148	-12.6

Note: For explanations on definitions and coverage kindly refer to previous issues of Food Outlook.

Based on early indications, FAO expects world sugar production to grow modestly in 2018/19 (October/September) and surpass consumption, resulting in a smaller surplus compared to last year's all-time high. Anticipated decreases in sugar output in the EU, Thailand and Pakistan are predicted to be offset by expansions in India, Brazil and China, with India possibly becoming the world's largest sugar producer together with Brazil.

World sugar consumption is set to increase in 2018/19, in line with its long-term trend, sustained by growth in several developing countries amid expectations of falling domestic sugar prices and rising incomes. Sugar consumption growth is expected to be particularly marked in Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Central America and the Caribbean.

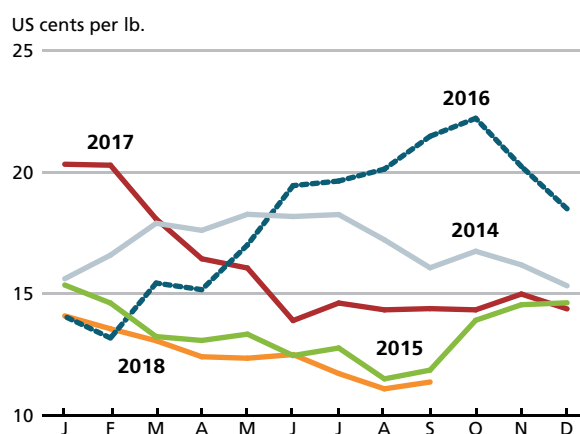
Driven by low international prices, global sugar imports are forecast to expand in 2018/19, on the back of foreseen larger purchases by traditional importing countries, in particular China, which is predicted to regain its status as the top international sugar buyer. The implementation of export incentives in some major sugar exporting countries is anticipated to boost global trade. Shipments are anticipated to rise in Thailand and India, the second and fourth largest sugar exporters, but to fall in the EU. On the other hand, exports will likely remain stable in Brazil, the world's leading sugar supplier.

World sugar prices had been declining steadily since the beginning of 2018 up to September, before rebounding modestly in October on the back of concerns over Brazil's production prospects. The 2018 price slide was mainly in response to ample world sugar availabilities, following a robust expansion in the area planted to sugar crops in the last two years. Policy measures to limit imports or boost exports, as well as the weakening of the Brazilian real and the Indian rupee against the US dollar, have further amplified the fall in international sugar quotations. On the other hand, a continuing firming of international crude oil prices would indirectly support sugar price quotations, by increasing the quantities of sugar crops used for the production of ethanol instead of sugar.

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INTERNATIONAL SUGAR PRICES



Source: Prices refer to the Sugar No. 11 contract traded at the New York Intercontinental Exchange (ICE)

WORLD SUGAR MARKET AT A GLANCE

	2016/17	2017/18 <i>estim.</i>	2018/19 <i>f'cast</i>	Change: 2018/19 over 2017/18
	<i>million tonnes</i>			<i>%</i>
WORLD BALANCE				
Production	168.9	184.4	185.2	0.42
Trade	57.9	55.5	57.9	4.30
Total utilization	166.8	171.1	175.3	2.43
Ending stocks	91.3	104.3	113.8	9.10
SUPPLY AND DEMAND INDICATORS				
Per caput food consumption:				
World (kg/yr)	22.4	23.0	23.3	1.33
LIFDC (kg/yr)	15.9	15.8	16.2	2.25
World stocks-to-use ratio (%)	54.8	60.9	64.9	6.51
ISA DAILY PRICE AVERAGE (US cents/lb)				
	2017	2018 <i>Jan-Sept</i>	Change: Jan/Sept 2018 over Jan/Sept 2017 %	
	16.01	12.46	-24.46	

MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS

Global meat output is forecast to reach 335 million tonnes (in carcass weight equivalent) in 2018, about 1 million tonnes less than anticipated in July, but still 1.5 percent up from 2017, registering the fastest growth since 2014. The regained momentum rests on expectations of a strong recovery in China and sizeable increases in the United States and the EU. As for the slight downward revision to the global production outlook since July, this is mainly due to China, where rising feed costs and diseases have negatively affected pig and poultry meat prospects. Forecasts were also lowered in the United States, on less upbeat expectations for bovine and pigmeat outputs reflecting below expected slaughter amid a slower pace of marketing, and in Brazil, where the loss of external markets overturned earlier expectations for increased poultry production. On the other hand, meat production forecasts were raised for the EU and Australia, where dry and warm weather propelled feed costs, fostering an increase in animal slaughter. Notwithstanding the recent downscaling, pigmeat is still anticipated to make the largest contribution to the expansion in world meat output this year, followed by poultry, bovine and ovine meat.

World meat exports in 2018 are forecast to hit a new record of 33.6 million tonnes, up 2.6 percent from 2017, and some 300 000 tonnes more than anticipated in July. Export growth this year is foreseen to originate in the United States, Australia, Argentina, Thailand and the EU, outstripping expected declines in India, Brazil and South Africa. On the demand side, meat imports in 2018 are seen rising in China, Japan, Mexico and the Republic of Korea, while they may fall in the Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Singapore.

The FAO Meat Price Index reached 161.6 points in October, down 6.6 percent from its level in the corresponding month last year. At this level, the index is 23.8 percent below its peak reached in August 2014. Compared with January this year, the overall meat price index weakened, mainly reflecting the availability of ample export supplies, especially of bovine and pigmeat, from main producing countries. Import restrictions associated with new cases of African swine fever also weighed on pigmeat prices. Poultry meat prices fluctuated moderately over the period, but declined in more recent months underpinned by market sluggishness. By contrast, ovine meat prices increased, sustained by strong import demand from Asia and the Middle Eastern countries, amid Oceania's limited export supplies.

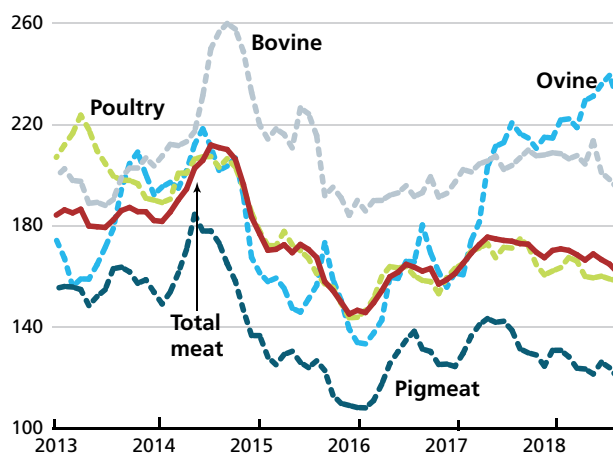
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FAO INTERNATIONAL MEAT PRICE INDEX (2002-2004 = 100)



WORLD MEAT MARKET AT A GLANCE

	2016	2017 estim.	2018 f'cast		Change: 2018 over 2017
			July	Nov	
	million tonnes (carcass weight equivalent)				%
WORLD BALANCE					
Production	326.8	330.0	336.2	335.0	1.5
Bovine meat	69.7	70.9	72.1	72.2	2.0
Poultry meat	119.0	119.9	122.5	121.6	1.4
Pigmeat	117.8	118.8	121.1	120.6	1.6
Ovine meat	14.7	14.8	14.9	15.0	0.8
Trade	31.9	32.8	33.3	33.6	2.6
Bovine meat	9.7	10.2	10.6	10.7	5.0
Poultry meat	12.8	13.1	13.3	13.3	1.3
Pigmeat	8.3	8.2	8.1	8.3	1.4
Ovine meat	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	5.5
SUPPLY AND DEMAND INDICATORS					
Per caput food consumption:					
World (kg/year)	43.7	43.5	43.9	43.7	0.4
Trade - share of prod. (%)	9.8	9.9	9.9	10.0	1.0
FAO MEAT PRICE INDEX (2002-2004=100)	2016	2017	2018 Jan-Oct	Change* %	
	156	170	168	-1.3	

* Jan-Oct 2018 over Jan-Oct 2017, in percent

MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS

Global milk production is forecast to increase to nearly 827 million tonnes in 2018, up 2.0 percent from last year, with the largest gains foreseen in Asia, followed by Europe, the Americas, and also improved prospects for recovery in Africa and Oceania. While the new forecasts are broadly in line with those made in the July edition of Food Outlook, some previously unforeseen events have altered production expectations. Milk output growth dimmed somewhat in the EU due to exceptionally dry and warm weather during the summer months, and in the United States, due to higher than normal dairy cow culling, induced by reduced profit margins. Brazil's output prospects were negatively affected by the disruptions to the sector caused by a truck drivers' strike that began in May. By contrast, milk output in Asia is set to expand more rapidly than foreseen in July, with more buoyant results expected in China and Turkey, reinforced by stable-to-larger dairy herds and rising farmgate prices.

Global trade in dairy products is anticipated to reach 74.5 million tonnes, up 2.5 percent year-on-year, confirming the previously projected rate of growth, underpinned by increases for all the main products: butter, cheese, Skim Milk Powder (SMP) and Whole Milk Powder (WMP). Much of the expected 2018 expansion in global exports is now foreseen to originate in the United States, Mexico, New Zealand, Argentina, Uruguay and Australia. As for the EU, the world's leading dairy supplier, export prospects have been downscaled and sales will likely fall somewhat below last year's level, in line with the lowered 2018 production outlook. Mexico, Algeria and Viet Nam look set to account for much of the anticipated increase in world dairy imports in 2018, while purchases by the Russian Federation and Brazil are forecast to record sharper contractions than foreseen in July.

International dairy prices strengthened in the first five months of this year, reaching a peak in May. Since then, dairy prices have weakened, with the sharpest falls registered for butter, cheese and WMP, reflecting an easing of the tight conditions that had characterized those markets. Average SMP prices, however, remained stable reflecting generally well-balanced supply and demand conditions.

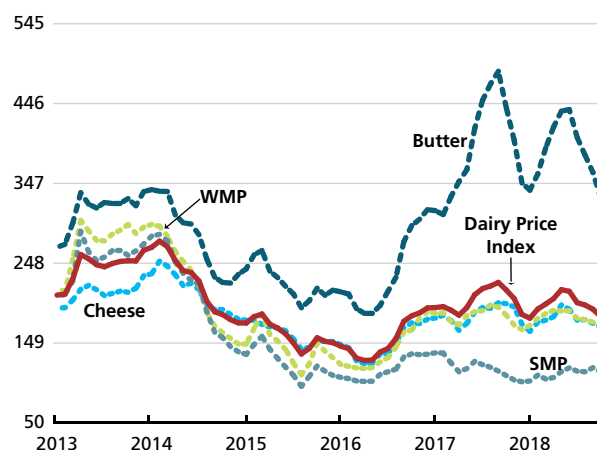
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FAO INTERNATIONAL DAIRY PRICE INDEX (2002-2004 = 100)



WORLD DAIRY MARKET AT A GLANCE

	2016	2017 estim.	2018 f'cast		Change: 2018 over 2017
			July	Nov	
	million tonnes, milk equiv.				%
WORLD BALANCE					
Total milk production	799.6	810.9	828.5	826.9	2.0
Total trade	71.1	72.8	73.5	74.5	2.5
SUPPLY AND DEMAND INDICATORS					
Per caput food consumption:					
World (kg/year)	107.4	107.4	108.5	108.3	0.9
Trade - share of prod. (%)	8.9	9.0	8.9	9.0	0.5
FAO DAIRY PRICE INDEX (2002-2004=100)	2016	2017	2018 Jan-Oct	Change* %	
	154	202	197	-3.4	

* Jan-Oct 2018 over Jan-Oct 2017, in percent

FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS

In 2018, global fish production is expected to rise by some 2.1 percent overall. Supply is tight for many key wild fish stocks, but a continuation of the 4 to 5 percent annual increase in aquaculture production means the sector is now close to becoming the major source of fish for all purposes. Aquaculture expansion and strengthening demand in developing economies is driving an annual 1 percent increase in per capita consumption of fish, accompanied by a simultaneous rise in the proportion of production used for direct human consumption.

International seafood trade is set to expand by some 7.5 percent in USD terms in 2018, the combined result of a weaker US currency, record high prices for some species, and generally favourable economic conditions in key markets. Escalation of the United States-China 'trade war' has seen tariffs applied to multiple seafood items in both countries and, given their considerable combined importance, this is a development with significant consequences for the wider seafood market. For individual species, the impact will largely depend on the relative diversity of producers and markets, with trade contraction likely wherever alternative options are limited.

On the supply side, reduced quotas and generally lower catches are expected in 2019 for multiple wild stocks, including cod, Alaska pollock, octopus, squid, mackerel and herring. The outlook for the second anchoveta fishing season beginning in late 2018 remains good, but a possible El Niño event may negatively affect the outlook for 2019. Meanwhile, production growth is seen slowing in the medium term for some important farmed species, including salmon, tilapia and pangasius. For shrimp, however, plentiful harvests worldwide are pushing up traded volumes and keeping prices down.

In the short term, end-of-year demand will kickstart upward trends in prices for many species. For 2019, an expected tighter supply for a number of species should keep prices for most fish and fishery products at high levels, with the notable exception of shrimp. However, deteriorating economic conditions in some key markets and the introduction of tariff barriers in the United States and China may slow the current rate of expansion in international seafood trade, particularly if the Chinese yuan weakens significantly.

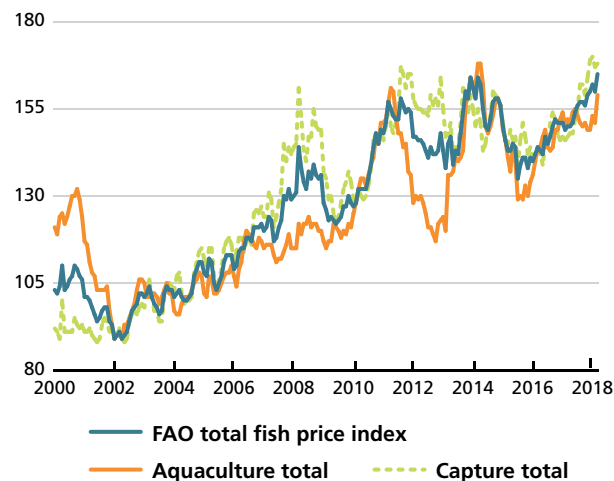
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FAO FISH PRICE INDEX (2002-2004 = 100)



Source of the raw data: Norwegian Seafood Council (NSC)

WORLD FISH MARKET AT A GLANCE

	2016	2017 estim.	2018 f'cast		Change: 2018 over 2017
			July	Oct	
	million tonnes (live weight)				%
WORLD BALANCE					
Production	170.9	175.1	178.7	178.8	2.1
Capture fisheries	90.9	91.5	91.7	91.8	0.3
Aquaculture	80.0	83.6	87.0	87.0	4.0
Trade value (exports USD billion)	142.5	153.2	165.8	164.7	7.5
Trade volume (live weight)	59.5	60.5	60.8	60.8	0.5
Total utilization	170.9	175.1	178.7	178.8	2.1
Food	151.2	154.5	157.6	157.9	2.2
Feed	14.6	15.6	15.8	15.8	1.4
Other uses	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.1	0.0
SUPPLY AND DEMAND INDICATORS					
Per caput food consumption:					
Food fish (kg/yr)	20.3	20.5	20.7	20.7	1.1
From capture fisheries (kg/year)	9.5	9.4	9.3	9.3	-1.0
From aquaculture (kg/year)	10.7	11.1	11.4	11.4	2.9
FAO FISH PRICE INDEX (2002-2004=100)	2016	2017	2018 Jan-July	Change* %	
	146	154	160	5.6	

Source of the raw data for the FAO Fish Price Index: Norwegian Seafood Council (NSC)
 * Jan-July 2018 over Jan-July 2017, in percent

COMMODITY FOCUS

CASSAVA MARKET DEVELOPMENTS AND OUTLOOK

Major Cassava Exporters and Importers



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OUTLOOK

Increasing uncertainty prevails in non-food markets

Growth prospects for world cassava sectors appear delimited along the geographical lines that characterize the role of cassava in the agricultural economy. For instance, as cassava is principally a food crop in Africa, the sector is providing a strong stimulus for rural development, poverty alleviation, economic growth and ultimately, food security. There is also wider recognition of cassava as a choice crop in the context of climate change adaptation strategies, particularly in eastern and southern African countries that regularly endure sustained periods of drought. These considerations are providing cassava sectors on the continent with a somewhat assured long-term footing, and are, by and large, behind an annual average production growth rate, which except for 2017 and 2018, has outpaced population growth for the past decade and beyond. The current year anomaly is again on account of policy in Nigeria, which incentivizes the expansion of other crops, resulting in sluggish growth in cassava cultivation.

Uncertainty dominates cassava sectors in Asia (see Box), as they are strongly susceptible to developments in China,

the principal destination for internationally traded cassava products. In fact, almost all cassava sectors in Southeast Asia have been geared to meet China's traditional high import demand, expanding in tandem with trade growth. However, notwithstanding highly competitive industrial and feed procurement, the immediate future for cassava appears bleak on account of China's ongoing policy to auction government stockpiled maize – cassava's chief rival¹ – to meet internal demand. While the auction programme cannot continue indefinitely, ongoing productivity gains could lead to additional stockpiling. Against this, targeted area cuts and a shift to income support in China's maize sector should assist in lowering the country's large maize surpluses, prompting inflows of maize substitutes including cassava. But the time period for such large-scale adjustment to conclude is indeterminate.

The potential for cassava to compete in markets beyond China is also uncertain, given that international maize prices are currently hovering at relatively low levels. While cassava root prices in Southeast Asia have firmed in 2018, the outlook for next year and beyond will greatly depend on whether producers would be willing to accept the continued risks of dwindling demand in China. Already some indication is provided by way of a recent official

¹ Cassava chips/pellets have proven to be an effective energy substitute for cereals in pig and poultry diets (see <http://www.fao.org/docrep/007/j1255e/j1255e0a.htm>), while cassava starch is the preferred starch in applications that use native starch, and paper and textile industries that use modified starches (see <http://www.fao.org/docrep/007/v5287e/v5287e08.htm>).

Table 1. World cassava market at a glance

	2016	2017 <i>estim.</i>	2018 <i>f'cast</i>	Change: 2018 over 2017
	<i>million tonnes fresh root equiv.</i>			%
WORLD BALANCE				
Production	276.5	275.7	277.1	0.5
Trade	43.5	43.6	27.7	-36.4
SUPPLY AND DEMAND INDICATORS				
Per caput food consumption:				
World (kg/yr)	20.0	19.9	19.8	-0.6
Developing (kg/yr)	24.3	23.7	23.5	-0.7
LIFDC (kg/yr)	66.7	66.4	66.1	-0.5
Sub-Saharan Africa	87.4	86.2	85.7	-0.5
Trade share of production (%)	15.7	15.8	10.0	-36.7
CASSAVA PRICES * (USD/tonne)	2016	2017	2018 Jan-Oct	Change: Jan-Oct 2018 over Jan-Oct 2017 %
Chips to China (f.o.b.Bangkok)	176.8	170.8	233.0	40.9
Starch (f.o.b. Bangkok)	350.9	341.5	501.2	52.6
Thai domestic root prices (20-25% starch content)	49.8	52.1	86.7	76.9

Source: Thai Tapioca Trade Association (TTTA), FAO

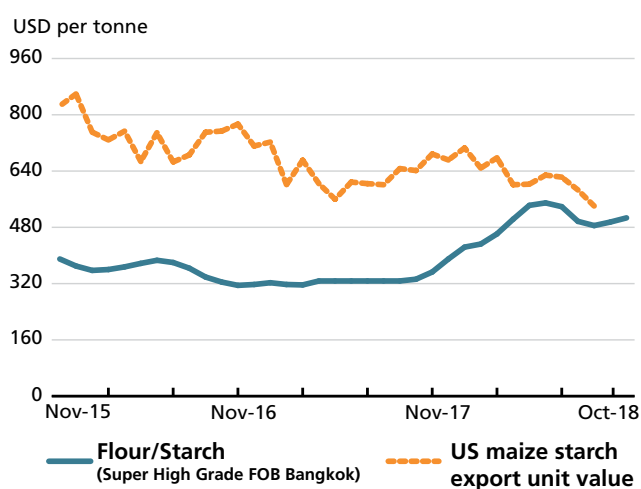
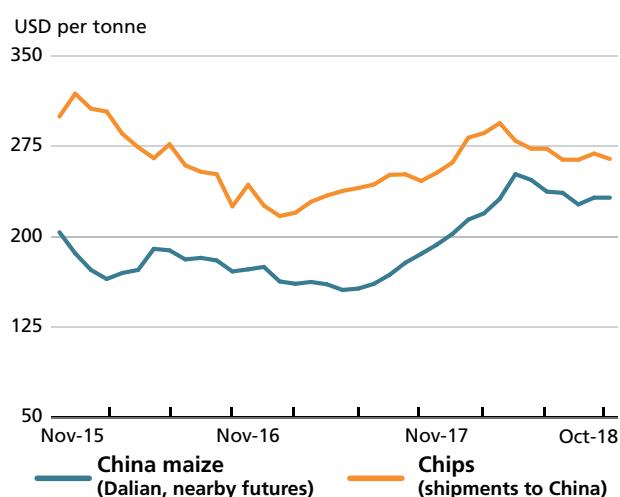
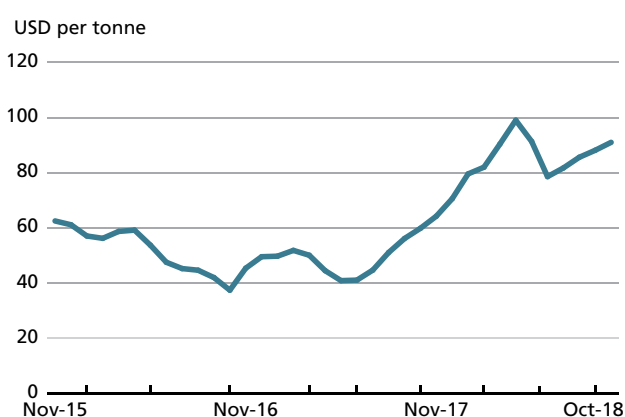
survey of planting intentions in Thailand, which shows optimism in the form of a prospective 5 percent increase in cassava area in 2019.

PRICES

International quotations of cassava and cassava products recover strongly in 2018

The rally in international quotations of cassava products that began in the last quarter of 2017 continued into the first six months of 2018, but has since lost momentum. Virtually all international trade flows of cassava take place within the boundaries of East and Southeast Asia, in which f.o.b. prices of Thai products, by virtue of the country being the leading exporter, represent the benchmarks.

Thai chip prices (f.o.b. Bangkok) were being quoted at around USD 233 per tonne in October 2018, some 25 percent higher than in the corresponding month of last year, and 49 percent more than in May 2017, when they had plummeted to an eight-year low. Thai flour and starch prices (Super High Grade, f.o.b. Bangkok) were being quoted at around USD 507 per tonne, 44 percent higher than in October 2017. Quotations have exhibited considerable volatility throughout 2018, beginning the year at USD 433, climbing to USD 550 in May, and then falling

Figure 1. International cassava and Thai domestic prices (Nov 2015 - Oct 2018)**Figure 2. China maize and Thai cassava chips prices (Nov 2015 - Oct 2018)****Figure 3. Thai root producer prices (Oct. 2012 - Oct. 2018)**

to the October level of USD 507 per tonne.

Benchmark quotations for both cassava chips and cassava flour and starch have historically enjoyed a substantial discount over their substitute counterparts, maize and maize starch, respectively. However, owing to domestic developments in Thailand and policy developments in China, the gap between maize and cassava product prices has narrowed significantly over the course of 2018. In Thailand, prices of roots have been on the march since mid-2017, peaking at a seven-year high of USD 99 per tonne in April 2018, reflecting lower domestic availabilities from which cassava chips and flour are manufactured. Meanwhile in China, measures to lower its accumulated stockpiles of maize through state auctions have significantly dampened domestic maize prices, hindering demand for cassava.

PRODUCTION

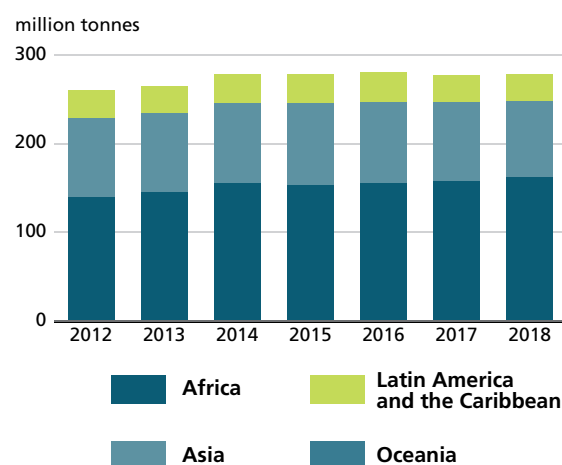
Global cassava production marginally up in 2018

At 277 million tonnes (fresh root equivalent) world cassava production is expected to rise by half a percent in 2018. Hitherto, cassava held the status of one of the fastest expanding staple crops at global level, registering two decades of uninterrupted growth well above 3 percent per annum, but a combination of policy changes and depressed root prices in the major producing countries, especially in Southeast Asia, was behind lower plantings and consequently subdued harvest prospects for 2018.

Forecasting cassava production is difficult, due to the widespread lack of data on harvest expectations and negligible information on planting intentions. Even in countries where the crop is known to play a critical role in food security and rural development, or where its trade carries importance, little effort is made to survey the crop on a regular basis, as is done for other staple crops. This holds especially true in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA), the world's largest cassava growing region. Nevertheless, with rising demand for the staple and with enhancing food security and the rural economy high on the region's agenda, cassava production in SSA could reach a record of 161 million tonnes in 2018, around 3.3 million tonnes, or 2 per cent more than the level of 2017.

The crop is the subject of a number of expansion programmes in the region, as commercializing cassava and domestically producing staple crops – in order to limit imports – remains a key objective of many West African governments. In **Nigeria**, the regional production leader, the Anchor Borrower's Programme (ABP), launched by the country's central bank, currently provides preferential

Figure 4. World cassava production



loans to smallholder farmers who supply their product to the processing sector. While cassava is one of the many commodities listed in the programme, last year the implementation of ABP made rice more lucrative to cultivate, and led farmers to shift from cassava growing. In early 2018, however, the central bank announced the Commercial Agricultural Credit Scheme (CACs) to further deepen access to credit for farmers, targeting those engaged in cultivating cassava. As a result, Nigeria's cassava crop could rebound by a moderate 2 percent from last year, to 56 million tonnes in 2018.

Supported by favourable growing conditions and an enabling environment for investment, cassava production in **Ghana**, the region's second largest producer, could rise by 2 percent to a record 19.4 million tonnes in 2018. Current year prospects also remain positive in other important West African producing countries, especially **Côte d'Ivoire**, **Cameroon** and **Sierra Leone**, where, as a result of good weather and support, either all-time high or near-high harvests are anticipated. An exception is Benin, where pest and disease outbreaks could lower production by 9 percent from 2017 levels.

Cassava's tolerance to erratic weather conditions spares production from considerable contraction – compared with other crops – putting cassava expansion high on the agendas of many governments in eastern and southern African countries. In the **United Republic of Tanzania**, good weather and increased investment could see cassava production rebound in 2018. Favourable growing conditions, including less disease incidence, are also reported in **Angola**, **Burundi**, **Madagascar**, **Mozambique**, **Rwanda** and **Uganda**, where production levels are expected to rise above 2017 levels.

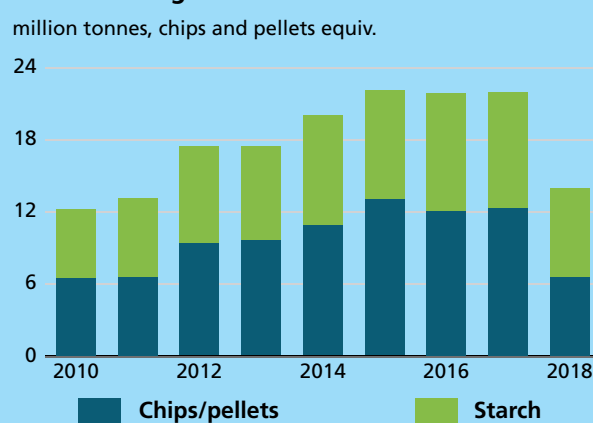
In central Africa, despite the ongoing conflict in the

Box: Cassava at the crossroads?

Global trade flows in cassava are virtually confined to Southeast Asia and East Asia, where the commodity in the form of processed products, chips, pellets, flour and starch competes fiercely with domestic and other imported substitutes. China is the principal destination for internationally traded cassava products, typically accounting for approximately 80 percent of world trade, using them for animal feed, ethanol, food processing and industry.

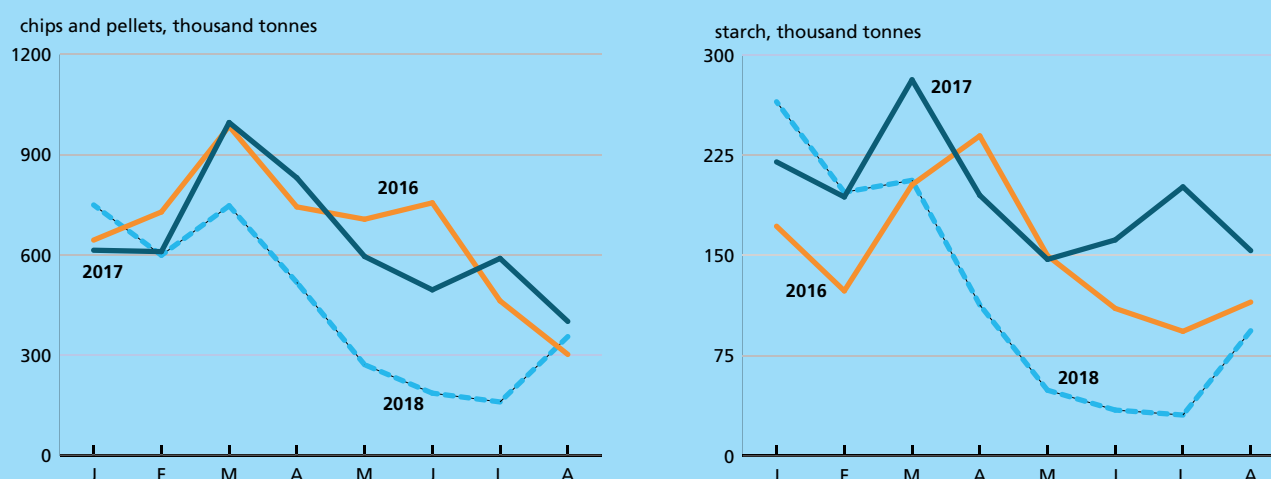
Many countries in the region, including several Least Developed Countries (LDCs), have invested heavily in cultivating cassava, gearing their sectors towards satisfying regional demand in the lucrative Chinese market. However, demand for cassava in China is almost entirely shaped by domestic policies for grains, especially maize, which constitutes cassava's chief rival. Changes in policy and public intervention, often unannounced, especially in the country's large stockpiles of maize, are having a profound influence on cassava trade, which is currently expected to fall to a seven-year low in 2018.

Figure 1. World cassava trade



Trade in chips and pellets is expected to account for the brunt of the contraction in 2018. Figure 2 shows the extent of the slump in demand from China, where cumulative imports of chips and pellets from January to August were down 30 percent from 2017 levels, while cumulative flour/starch imports were down 36 percent.

Figure 2. China's montly imports of cassava



How China's maize sector and policy interventions influence demand for cassava and other substitutes

Over the period 2010-2015, maize production in China increased at an average of 5 percent per annum, due mainly to very generous minimum support price (MSP) regimes. High MSP levels were largely responsible for raising domestic maize prices well above international benchmark quotations, instigating substantial inflows of maize, cassava and other maize substitutes to meet robust domestic demand.

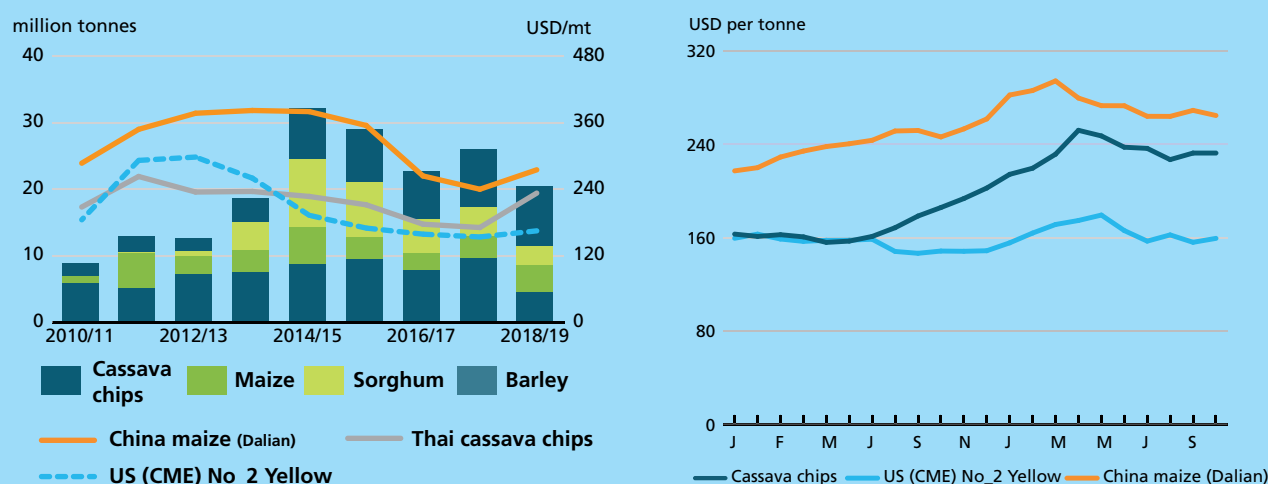
Table 1 and Figure 3 show how trade, policies and prices have evolved between 2010 and 2018. Over the MSP period, imports of both maize and substitutes climbed to all-time highs. Imported sorghum is a case in point, rising from a negligible 4 000 tonnes in 2010 to a record 10 million tonnes in 2014/15. Similarly, China's regional purchases of cassava chips had almost doubled by 2015/16

Table 1. Maize and maize substitutes: policy, prices and imports (2010-2018)
influence demand for cassava and other substitutes

	China's MSP for maize	China's area subsidy for maize	China maize (Dalian)	US (CME) No 2 Yellow	Thai cassava chips	Cassava chips	Maize	Sorghum	Barley
	USD/mt	USD/ha	USD/mt			Imports (000 mt)			
2010/11	218	-	287	185	208	5 763	979	4	2 013
2011/12	272	-	348	292	263	5 026	5 230	84	2 454
2012/13	341	-	377	298	235	7 138	2 702	630	2 004
2013/14	365	-	382	260	236	7 388	3 277	4 160	3 613
2014/15	362	-	380	193	227	8 651	5 516	10 162	7 699
2015/16	317	-	355	170	212	10 533	3 174	8 284	8 050
2016/17	-	347	264	159	177	8 725	2 463	5 209	7 191
2017/18	-	296	240	154	171	8 923	3 300	4 300	8 780
2018/19	-	229	275	165	233	4 350	4 000	3 000	9 000

* Quotations are the average over Jan-Oct. Import volumes are estimated on the basis of the pace in trade as well as policy

Figure 3. Maize and maize substitutes: policy, prices and imports (2010-2018)
influence demand for cassava and other substitutes-a visual synthesis



However, under China's 13th Five Year Plan (FYP) launched in 2016, maize was no longer targeted for self-sufficiency under the primary objective of improving food security. The Government proposed reducing maize production and increasing soybean production through adjustments in area under cultivation, entailing a 4.67 million hectare (ha), or 12.4 percent reduction in maize plantings. This was to be achieved by steadily reducing maize area subsidies. In 2018, these had been lowered by more than one-third since the inception of the 13th FYP, the 2018/19 maize area had already receded by close to 5 percent from 2016/17 levels. Despite success in cutting the area under maize cultivation, prospective declines in production appear to have been easily accommodated by rapid growth in productivity, with yields reaching a historic high in 2018/19. Favourable weather was responsible for a large part of increased yields, but so too were the Agricultural Modernization Guidelines of the 13th FYP, which, *inter alia*, called

for improved irrigation systems and better seeds. Production in the 2018/19 season is forecast to fractionally rise from 2017, just 3.5 percent lower than the level of the final year of the MSP regime, in 2015/16. High production levels of maize, but also high domestic prices relative to international levels, have kept stock levels well above the normal requirements.

Decomposing changes in maize production¹

A decomposition of changes in production between the longer period 2010-2018 and the two different support regimes, MSP – 2010-2015 and area payments 2016-2018 – is shown in the table below. Over 2010-2018, China's maize output rose by more than 22 percent, with yield growth mostly responsible for the production increase. Looking at the two support regimes, the price support period 2010-2015 saw maize production increase by 27 percent. On this occasion, area expansion was by far the most influential factor in the output increase. However, during 2016-2018, maize production fell by 1 percent. The negative sign on the yield coefficient should not be interpreted as being responsible for the output contraction, but shows that yield growth had an important role in offsetting the effects of reduced plantings.

	Production change	Area	Yield	Interaction
2010-2018	22.2%	34.7%	60.6%	4.7%
2010-2015	26.7%	64.7%	30.0%	5.2%
2016-2018	-1.4%	345.9%	-258.3%	12.4%

For any given season, supplies of a commodity are not just determined by its production and trade, but also by carryover stocks. Production outcomes can be gauged through surveys and/or remote sensing, while trade flows are recorded at customs. On the other hand, carryover stocks are unobserved and, at best, may be derived from a supply-utilization account or balance sheet for the commodity. Assuming that all elements of the balance are known, including levels of utilization, carryover stocks can be measured as the residual to the balance sheet. However, the reality is that many elements are unknown, and the residual will, by implication, accumulate the measurement errors of all the unknowns. This 'reality' is highly relevant when compiling balance sheets for China's cereal commodities, including maize, and is reflected in the divergent estimates published by different sources.

Taking the most recent year, the joint FAO-AMIS (Agricultural Market Information System) database puts China's maize stocks-to-use ratio in the region of 50 percent. This ratio, if accurate, would be on the high side, lending to the sentiment of possible inventory overhang and hence fueling uncertainty. While stock estimates across sources may differ significantly, the direction of stock changes does not, and shows consistency with the Government's policy of auctioning maize reserves.

Irreversible effects?

Several more years of 'adjustment' in China's maize sector are foreseen. The immediate threat to exports of cassava to China concerns the size of the country's maize stockpiles and the continuing policy of auctioning off large quantities, thus displacing demand for maize substitutes. As China moves to a precision agriculture paradigm, continued yield growth that could offset targeted area cuts constitutes yet another area of concern for cassava imports.

¹ The change in production between two time periods can be decomposed into effects attributed to area change, effects attributed to yield changes, and the combination or interaction of these two factors:

$$\Delta Q = A_1Y_1 - A_0Y_0 = A_0(Y_1 - Y_0) + Y_0(A_1 - A_0) + (Y_1 - Y_0)(A_1 - A_0)$$

$$= \text{Area effect} + \text{yield effect} + \text{interaction effect}$$

Where Q is the quantity of maize produced, A and Y represent area (ha) and yield (kg/mt), respectively, and the subscripts 0 and 1 correspond to the beginning and end period of comparison, respectively.

Of the few countries that supply cassava to China, three are severely economically disadvantaged, holding LDC status – Viet Nam, Cambodia and the Lao People's Democratic Republic. Figure 4 shows the rapid expansion of cassava cultivation in the three LDCs, and cassava area evolution in Thailand, as well as China. For example, Cambodia had a negligible cassava sector as recently as 2005, but by 2016 the country's cassava area had reached close to 400,000 ha. Similarly, in just seven years, the cassava area in the Lao People's Democratic Republic had increased from an insignificant level to almost 100 000 ha in 2016. Meanwhile, in Viet Nam, the area under cassava increased almost threefold between 2000 and 2016, to a level of 600 000 ha.

The rapid rise in cassava area has almost entirely been driven by the prospect of supplying lucrative markets in China. The expansion in land used for cassava cultivation has often entailed wide-scale deforestation, encroaching on primary forests. Consequently, the near 1.1 million ha expansion of cassava area in the three LDCs has more than likely come at a considerable environmental cost, notwithstanding the loss of biodiversity.

These factors aside, the prospect of a negative income impact on small-scale farmers who dominate cassava cultivation in these LDCs is a major concern. With an average holding of 4 ha, more than 250 000 farmers are estimated to be engaged in cassava cultivation. By virtue of their LDC status, these farmers have little or no recourse to safeguard mechanisms such as safety nets. While the likelihood of establishing markets in the short term beyond the monopsony of China remains bleak, a quick shift to other remunerative crops to maintain their livelihoods could be the only alternative for cassava farmers, albeit not an easy one.

Figure 4. Cassava area expansion in Southeast Asia

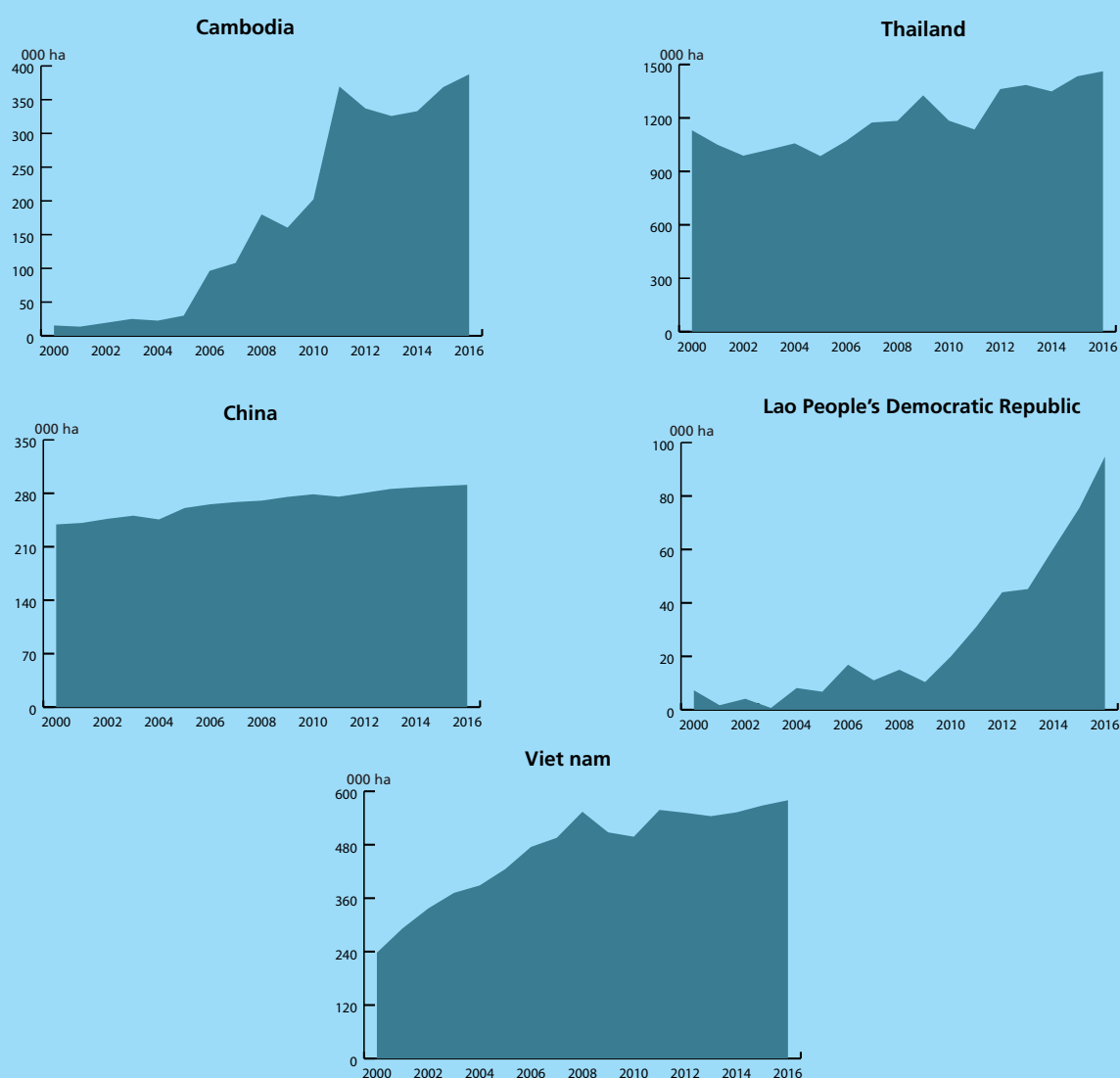


Table 2. World cassava production

	2015	2016	2017 estim.	2018 f'cast
	(000 tonnes)			%
World	277 072	276 510	275 655	277 070
Africa	152 822	155 607	157 453	160 730
Nigeria	57 643	57 855	55 069	56 000
Congo, Democratic Republic of	15 300	15 200	14 950	15 200
Ghana	17 213	17 798	19 138	19 441
Angola	7 727	7 788	7 740	7 724
Mozambique	8 103	9 100	10 920	12 198
Tanzania, United Republic of	5 886	5 575	5 300	5 400
Uganda	2 898	2 885	2 950	2 980
Malawi	4 997	5 089	5 100	5 030
Benin	3 421	4 096	4 079	3 725
Cameroon	5 000	5 170	5 346	5 400
Rwanda	3 000	3 179	3 427	3 701
Madagascar	2 677	2 629	2 523	2 650
Côte d'Ivoire	5 087	4 548	5 367	5 370
Other Africa	13 870	14 693	15 545	15 911
Latin America	32 309	30 279	29 915	30 593
Brazil	23 060	21 080	20 610	20 940
Paraguay	3 000	3 167	3 167	3 250
Colombia	2 092	2 117	2 125	2 250
Other Latin America	4 157	3 915	4 013	4 153
Asia	91 689	90 383	88 051	85 511
Thailand	32 358	31 161	30 495	27 240
Indonesia	21 801	20 261	19 046	21 000
Viet Nam	10 740	10 925	11 263	10 500
India	4 373	4 344	4 171	4 073
China, mainland	4 500	4 548	4 550	4 560
Cambodia	11 944	13 222	13 387	13 000
Philippines	2 711	2 733	2 792	2 652
Other Asia	3 261	3 190	2 348	2 486
Oceania	252	241	236	236

Democratic Republic of the Congo, the subregion's largest producer, cassava output is expected to rise marginally from the previous year, but at 15.2 million tonnes, this would be some 10 percent below the record of 2014.

In Asia, industrial demand for cassava in the ethanol, starch and animal feed sectors, and their lucrative export markets, especially China, have underpinned strong expansion of the crop in the past decade, particularly in Southeast Asia. However, in 2017 cassava production fell throughout the continent, and is forecast to contract further in 2018 by a similar margin of around 3 percent. Much of the contraction is due to a reduction in plantings of 10 percent from the previous year in **Thailand**, Asia's largest producer, following very low root prices at the beginning of the season and a lack of foreseen demand in China. Consequently, Thailand's cassava

production in 2018 is expected to reach a multi-year low of 27 million tonnes. For similar reasons, a cessation of output growth in **Viet Nam** and **Cambodia**, the region's other prominent cassava exporters, is also expected in 2018. Cassava output in **China** is forecast to rise fractionally to around 4.6 million tonnes in 2018, on account of good weather. The likelihood of pronounced growth is minimal, as the country habitually sources its cassava needs in processed form (mainly dry chips and starch/flour) from neighbouring exporters, where it has engaged in efforts to secure long-term supplies.

By contrast, in **Indonesia** and the **Philippines**, cassava is more important for food security than for industry. Dietary diversification programmes in the two countries have targeted cassava as a substitute for rice, which both countries import heavily. In Indonesia, remunerative root prices at the start of the season spurred plantings to a new record at the expense of maize. The country is expected to harvest around 21 million tonnes of cassava in 2018 – 10 percent more than last year, but some 3 million tonnes short of the levels registered at the beginning of the decade. In the Philippines, based on the pace of the harvest for the first six months of the year, cassava output is expected to reach 2.7 million tonnes in 2018, some 5 percent down from the level of 2017, due to unattractive root prices and disruptive weather.

In South Asia, cassava plays a role in food security in **India**, particularly in the major growing states of Kerala (consumption of fresh roots) and Tamil Nadu (starch for food manufacturing). Combined, the two states account for 98 percent of national output. With total production of around 4.1 million tonnes, officials foresee cassava output marginally down from last year, and producing less than half the record crop that was harvested in 2014. Cassava output is generally on a downward trajectory in India, as farmers are opting to cultivate more remunerative crops, such as rubber, black pepper and coffee.

The cassava production outlook for Latin America and the Caribbean points to a recovery in 2018. Positive outcomes are foreseen in the region's largest producing countries, including **Brazil**, the dominant producer, where adverse weather conditions were not sufficient to offset greater plantings spurred by higher root prices. **Peru**, **Paraguay** and **Colombia** also have buoyant cassava harvest prospects, as a result of expansion in areas under cultivation, following more remunerative producer prices. Policy measures to promote greater commercialization are likely to be supportive to outcomes in the latter two countries. The positive outlook for South America overshadows poor prospects in many cassava-producing countries in Central America and the Caribbean,

**Table 3. World exports of cassava
(product weight of chips and pellets)**

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018*
000 tonnes					
Total	19 948	22 061	21 765	21 805	13 874
Flour and Starch	9 068	9 040	9 749	9 576	7 354
Thailand	7 919	7 657	8 446	8 290	6 400
Viet Nam	788	1 011	1 055	1 048	800
Cambodia	29	56	64	146	80
Others	333	316	183	93	74
Chips and Pellets	10 880	13 021	12 016	12 229	6 520
Thailand	6 927	7 458	6 411	6 661	3 900
Viet Nam	2 995	3 607	3 241	3 200	1 200
Cambodia	808	1 805	2 182	2 230	1 300
Others	150	150	181	137	120

*Forecast

**Table 4. World imports of cassava
(product weight of chips and pellets)**

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018*
000 tonnes					
Total	17 380	21 444	21 260	22 081	13 550
Flour and Starch	7 554	8 497	9 375	9 577	7 030
Japan	916	851	884	980	900
China	3 813	4 205	4 922	5 535	4 000
Indonesia	888	1 256	1 339	752	730
Malaysia	525	586	580	622	600
Others	1 412	1 600	1 650	1 688	800
Chips and Pellets	9 826	12 947	11 885	12 504	6 520
China	8 651	10 533	8 725	8 923	4 350
Thailand	650	1 704	2 537	2 890	1 800
South Korea	517	310	323	262	220
Others	9	400	300	429	150

*Forecast

where drought has afflicted yields.

TRADE

International cassava trade in 2018 set to fall to a seven-year low

At just under 14 million tonnes (chip and pellet weight equivalent), the volume of world trade in cassava in 2018 is expected to fall by 36 percent from last year, and to a level not seen since 2011. At the turn of the last decade, cassava trade had been expanding at an average rate of 7 percent a year, reflecting buoyant demand in China's energy, feed and industrial sectors, which was mainly met by Thailand and to a lesser extent, Viet Nam and Cambodia. The importance

of China and Thailand in shaping international trade is noteworthy, with China typically accounting for more than two-thirds of world imports, and Thailand for as much as 80 percent of world exports.

Of the two principally traded products (chips/pellets and flour/starch), flows of chips/pellets are set for the biggest decline, falling by 47 percent from 2017, while cassava/starch transactions are expected to fall by 23 percent from last year's level. Not since the decimation of Thailand's cassava crop by the pink hibiscus mealy bug in 2010 and 2011 has total cassava trade fallen so low. On this occasion, however, policy is culpable. China continues to lower its excessive stockpiles of maize, through periodic auctions managed by the state grain reserves body. The sell-off of 80 million tonnes of maize so far in 2018 has led to a slump in demand for maize substitutes, notably cassava chips/pellets, to the extent that China is likely to reduce its purchases by 51 percent from last year, to a level of 4.35 million tonnes in 2018. Purchases by the other notable buyer of this cassava product – Thailand – also look set to fall, by more than 1 million tonnes from 2017. Chip/pellet inflows into Thailand are from the bordering countries of Viet Nam and Cambodia, and are expected to be re-exported to China.

As for cassava flour/starch, the hike in benchmark quotations of this product has accorded maize starch improved competitiveness, lowering international demand for its cassava counterpart. Among the major buyers of cassava flour/starch, China is predicted to import 4 million tonnes in 2018, a year-on-year decline of 28 percent, while imports by Japan, Indonesia and Malaysia are expected to fall slightly.

Reflecting the state of import demand, shipments of cassava products by the three major exporters, Thailand, Viet Nam and Cambodia, are considerably down in 2018. Concerning chips/pellets, Thailand's deliveries are expected to decrease by 41 percent to 3.9 million tonnes. In percentage terms, Viet Nam is anticipated to experience the largest year-on-year decline – 63 percent to 1.2 million tonnes. A sizeable decrease in Cambodia's sales is also foreseen – 42 percent to 1.3 million tonnes. As for flour/starch shipments, annual falls of 23 percent are forecast for Thailand and 24 percent for Viet Nam, to volumes of 6.4 million tonnes and 0.8 million tonnes, respectively.

Prospects for an international cassava market expanding beyond Asia remain largely elusive, with no sign of re-emerging demand for substantial cassava volumes in Europe (which once imported pellets in large quantities for its feed sectors), or of significant exports from the major producing regions of Africa or Latin America and the Caribbean. This is in spite of Ghana and Nigeria having been granted a duty

free quota to export 4 million tonnes of cassava chips to China on an annual basis.

UTILIZATION

Lower availabilities drive cassava utilization down in 2018

Cassava is utilized in a multitude of ways. Food constitutes the major end use of the crop, but local and regional markets for animal feed, industrial use and energy feature prominently. Importantly, the geography of cassava determines the form of utilization, and consequently the stimuli determining demand. However, assessing the levels of uptake by different markets is virtually impossible, since little concerted effort is made at country level to assess utilization. On the other hand, due to the highly perishable nature of cassava roots once harvested, they are utilized almost entirely within the crop year, making market assessments somewhat easier.

Cassava is mainly used as a **foodstuff**. As a staple, the root crop has little importance in the global diet (typically around 20 kg per capita per year in fresh root equivalent), due to its perishability and bulkiness, which precludes its widespread trade. However, cassava has major dietary significance in the tropical areas where it is grown. This is particularly evident in sub-Saharan Africa, where cassava is an important dietary staple in root, but also in processed form. Indeed, fermented and non-fermented granulated and flour-based cassava products have become established forms of consuming the staple in the region, and many countries have launched value-addition initiatives in the cassava food chain, promoting the rural economy and helping to meet dietary needs.

In a similar vein, measures to promote added-value cassava at the expense of imported staples are also active. Nigeria, for example, continues to encourage the processing of cassava into flour as a substitute for wheat in bread, in an effort to help the country curb its high dependency on imported wheat. The policy objective to halve wheat imports by 2018 requires the mandatory blending of wheat flour with cassava flour. While the policy should act as a growth stimulus for Nigeria's cassava production and processing sectors, domestic cassava prices are reported to have increased significantly on the back of scarcity of the raw material, and the country's wheat imports are still expected to reach a record in 2018. Pressure in Ghana for policy-makers to introduce a mandatory 10 percent cassava-wheat flour blending ratio is gathering momentum, and is deemed feasible, given the low quantities of wheat that the country currently imports.

Since non-food markets for cassava are of little significance in sub-Saharan Africa, production levels

effectively translate into levels of food availability in the region. As a result, per capita food availability is estimated at approximately 86 kg in fresh root equivalent in 2018, down 0.5 percent from last year. The prospective fall in per capita food availability in 2018 stems from robust population growth exceeding production growth in the subregion.

Cassava also features prominently in diets in Latin America and the Caribbean, especially in Brazil, where the blending of cassava flour with wheat flour is mandatory. Likewise, in South Asia (India) and Southeast Asia (Indonesia and the Philippines), cassava is widely consumed as food. However, since feed markets for cassava are also well established in these regions, it is difficult to assess precise changes in utilization for direct human consumption.

The extent of demand for cassava as a raw material in the energy sector, particularly in East and Southeast Asia, is uncertain. Generally, rising gasoline prices in Southeast Asia has placed ethanol at a competitive advantage, in spite of mandatory blending. In Thailand for example, where cassava is a common energy feedstock, E85 (85 percent fuel ethanol and 15 percent gasoline) competed very favourably with regular gasoline in 2018. However, production shortages of the raw material may suggest that other feedstocks, especially those derived from sugar cane, could be utilized more than cassava. On the other hand, lack of international demand for cassava could imply that the feedstock is diverted onto the Thai domestic market, thus negating any potential shortfall.

In China, the Implementation Plan Regarding the Expansion of Ethanol Production and Promotion for Transportation Fuel, launched in September 2017, targets nationwide use of E10 (10 percent fuel ethanol and 90 percent gasoline) in transport fuel by 2020 (utilizing 10 million metric tons of ethanol), citing the "imperative to reduce excessive maize stocks and reduce air pollution". While the Plan also outlined an acceleration in the construction of cassava-based fuel ethanol facilities, it is unlikely that cassava-ethanol utilization will increase in 2018, given that China typically sources much of its cassava for ethanol production from the regional market, and inflows are expected to be substantially down during this year.

Based on analysis in countries that have established markets for cassava feedstuffs, the global use of cassava as an animal **feed** in the form of chips and pellets could see a small rise in 2018, particularly in the larger producing countries of Latin America that are not expected to undergo a contraction in production. The lack of import demand for cassava chips and pellets in China points to a contraction in cassava feed use, suggesting that Thailand and Viet Nam could divert international supplies hitherto destined for China, to their own feed sectors.

FEATURE ARTICLES

DEPRESSED INTERNATIONAL COFFEE PRICES: INSIGHTS INTO THE NATURE OF THE PRICE DECLINE

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INTRODUCTION

Coffee is the most widely traded tropical product, with an estimated 25 million smallholder producers globally accounting for 80 percent of world production. A characteristic of the coffee market is the fact that production originates in developing countries, particularly the least developed countries. For many of these countries, coffee accounts for a sizeable share of export earnings and can contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by generating income, creating rural employment and alleviating poverty. Coffee export earnings can also be used to purchase food commodities from the international markets.

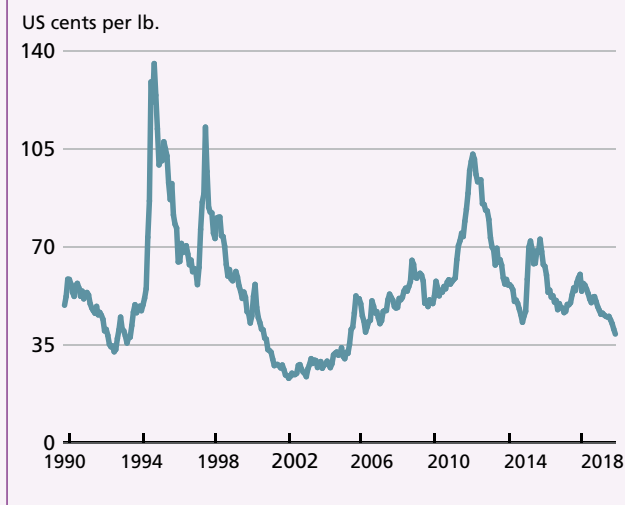
However, current depressed international coffee prices have rekindled memories of the coffee crisis of 2000–2004, which saw coffee price quotations hitting all-time lows. This time, although prices have not yet reached the levels that prevailed during the early 2000s, the protracted nature of the price decline is raising concerns among stakeholders. Apart from short-lived spikes in 2014 and 2016, nominal coffee prices have trended steadily downward since their peak of April 2011 (Figure 1). So far in 2018, world coffee prices, as measured by the International Coffee Organization (ICO) composite price index, are down about 14 percent from last year and have lost close to half their value since 2011. At this rate, they will likely end the year hovering around the lowest annual average since 2007. In real terms, prices are less than 45 percent of their 2011 level, and for many producers, they are lower than production costs. Clearly, the substantial drop in international coffee prices threatens the livelihood of millions of smallholder producers and risks reversing any gains made in living standards. This note examines the nature, origins and implications of the precipitous fall in world coffee prices, highlighting possible policy actions.

THE NATURE OF THE PRICE DECLINE

A number of reasons have been offered to explain the steady decline in world coffee prices. These include the rapid expansion of production capacity in the main producing countries, slow growth of global consumption especially in developed countries, technological advances in coffee processing, excess market power by the major coffee roasters, lack of diversification alternatives for smallholder producers, and the depreciation of the Brazilian real against the US dollar.

The fact is that weak coffee prices are largely the result of supply generally exceeding demand (Figure 2). In 2018, world coffee production is estimated to reach a record level of 170 million bags, driven by bumper crops in Brazil and Viet Nam, respectively the largest and second largest coffee producers in the world. As a result, world inventories are expected to stand at an all-time high. Over the past 10 years, world coffee production has consistently exceeded consumption by an average of 6 million bags, as global coffee intake has expanded at the lower rate of 2 percent per year – insufficient to keep pace with production growth. These frequent production surpluses have exerted significant downward pressure on world prices, further exacerbated by the inherent economic and physical characteristics of the coffee market. The demand for coffee is inelastic, implying that substantial changes in consumption can be expected only when there is a considerable change in prices. Similarly, supply is also inelastic due to the perennial nature of the crop (with supply elasticity estimated at 0.25). Investing in coffee production requires a long-term commitment, as coffee bears fruits only after 3 to 5 years and achieves economic viability a few years later. Short-term strategies for coping with low prices can include taking less care of the trees and reducing harvesting, but these actions create new

Figure 1. World coffee prices in real terms, ICO composite price



Source: International Coffee Organization (ICO)

challenges by increasing unemployment and encouraging migration out of rural areas. In some instances, supply response to falling international prices is muted by policies in the producing countries, where governments provide large subsidies for input use or set up minimum prices for coffee beans. Frequent currency devaluation also distorts price signals in domestic markets. Therefore, the inelastic nature of demand and supply means that declines in coffee prices tend to be sharp and persistent.

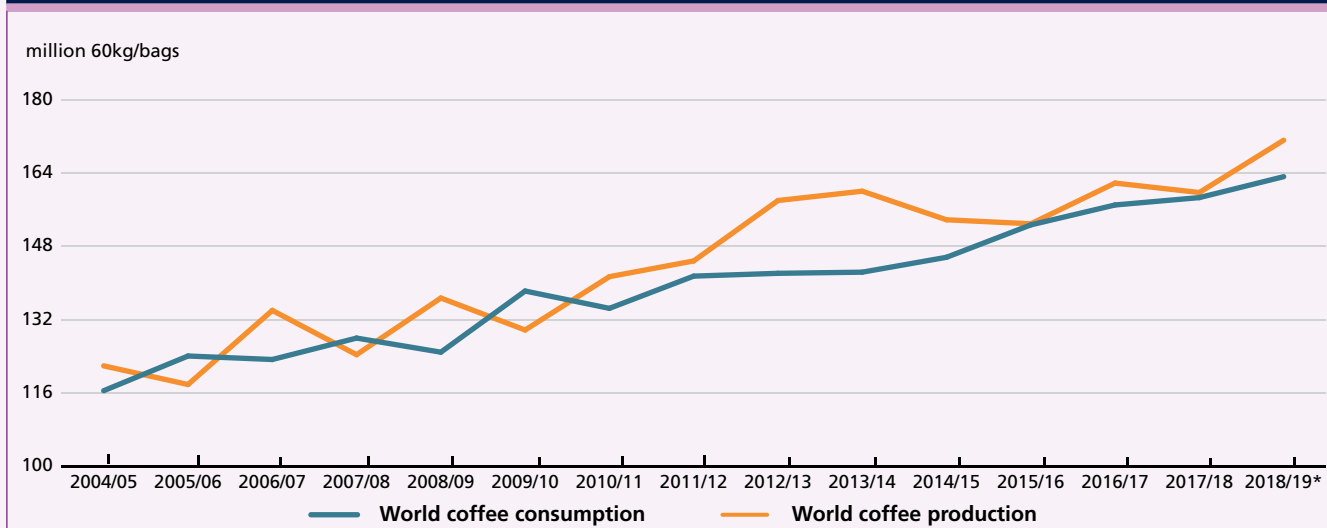
The impact of falling prices on producing countries hinges on their degree of dependency on coffee exports. While many countries have reduced export dependency over the years (e.g. Brazil from about 60 percent in the

1960s to 7 percent in 2016), others continue to rely on coffee export earnings for socio-economic development. For example, export earnings from coffee account for 68 percent of agricultural exports in Burundi, 41.5 percent in Honduras, 39 percent in Uganda, 36 percent Colombia, 34 percent in Rwanda and 29 percent in Ethiopia. High dependency means that the impact of persistently low prices can have wide-ranging and lasting impacts on rural communities, through significant multiplier effects on employment, income and the various upstream and downstream sectors associated with the coffee value chain. For smallholders, falling revenues often lead to coping strategies that involve cutting expenditure on education, health, and ultimately the number of meals per day and the quality of food consumed. During the last coffee crisis, Colombia documented an increase in the incidence of malnutrition, where the number of households reportedly living below the poverty line grew from 54 percent to 61 percent between 1997 and 2000.

In an effort to alleviate the effects of the current crisis, several countries have taken measures targeting the coffee subsector. For example, Colombia has set up a fund of up to USD 34 million to help coffee farmers deal with the declining prices, while Kenya is implementing a series of legislative actions, including a USD 15 million subsidy programme, to support the affected farmers. Perhaps the most emblematic action so far is a letter by coffee growers from more than 30 countries addressed in October 2018 to chief executives in the coffee industry, asking for a coordinated action to mitigate the impact of depressed coffee prices.

Diminishing export earnings also have broad-based macroeconomic consequences, which often translate into a

Figure 2. World coffee production and consumption



* Production and consumption for 2018-2019 are preliminary forecasts
Source: FAS/USDA

reduction in governments' income tax receipts and foreign currency earnings. For many poor food-importing countries, foreign currency earnings help to sustain current account deficits without having to raise debt to unsustainable levels. Research in this area shows that the linkages between fiscal position and commodity export earnings remain quite strong in several contexts, particularly in Africa. Between 2014 and 2016, coffee export earnings fell by 30 percent in Ethiopia and 25 percent in Burundi, while they were down by 24 percent and 10 percent in Uganda and Honduras, respectively. The impact of the price falls on smallholder producers depends on the extent and speed of international price transmission to domestic markets. As is the case in other contexts, the transmission is asymmetric, in the sense that declines in international prices transmit to farmers at a higher magnitude and a much faster speed than they transmit to final consumers. This is generally attributed to a smaller share of growers in the final retail price, due to a number of factors that include relatively higher costs of processing, transport and services, long value chains, technological progress, and a high degree of market concentration among roasters and coffee retailers¹. This means that demand does not generally respond to declines in international coffee prices, because price declines are only partially – if at all – transmitted to the retail level. With inherently inelastic demand for coffee, coupled with price rigidity at the retail level, supply shocks can have drastic effects on coffee prices.

DECOMPOSING VARIATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL COFFEE PRICES

As discussed in the previous section, the economic and physical nature of the coffee market, characterized by inelastic supply and demand, renders prices subject to extreme volatility. To assess the role of market fundamentals in influencing price fluctuations, we use a structural vector autoregression (SVAR) model to estimate the effects of four main factors on world coffee price fluctuations. These factors, identified based on economic theory, are: 1) global economic activity to capture changes in global demand for commodities; 2) crude oil prices as a proxy for speculative activity; 3) the spread between distant and nearby futures coffee prices to reflect the effect of precautionary demand (based on the competitive storage model); and 4) nearby futures coffee prices to capture changes in stocks. The selected set of variables helps to identify shocks specific

to the coffee market (i.e. precautionary demand for coffee and changes in stocks) from those related to external factors (i.e. global economic activity and market speculation). The reason behind the use of crude oil prices as proxy for speculative activity relies on research findings which show that co-movement between crude oil and agricultural commodity prices has increased, reflecting financial speculation through index trading². On the other hand, the identification of shocks through precautionary demand for coffee is carried out using the spread between distant and nearby futures contracts. This follows the competitive storage model, which specifies that when the futures price is greater than the spot price net of storage costs, precautionary demand for inventory should rise.

In addition to the above factors, the estimated model includes deterministic variables that account for periods of frost affecting coffee producing regions in Brazil, the world's largest coffee producer, and technological improvements over the sample period³. We then use the model to trace the effect of a shock to a variable on the price of coffee. Results show that the portion of observed changes in coffee prices associated with speculation activity is relatively small across the sample period. Likewise, the impact of changes in global demand for commodities on coffee prices is found to be relatively limited and fails to explain the observed price spikes. On the other hand, the analysis suggests that the bulk of price movements is caused by shocks specific to the coffee market itself. Both coffee-market-specific variables, namely precautionary demand and changes in stocks, have marked effects on price fluctuations. In particular, changes in stocks display the largest variability and effects on price movements. For example, between 2011 and 2013, the portion of coffee prices responding to changes in stocks displays substantial variability, driven by significant negative shocks on the back of large production availabilities. A similar situation is observed for the period from 1998 to 2004, when coffee prices touched historical lows. For the period January-July 2018, the results indicate that both components linked with changes in stock levels and precautionary demand are responsible for price variations, reflecting the prevalence of a large global production surplus. Precautionary demand is influenced negatively, as low prices incentivize coffee stockholders to dispose of their holdings on the market. Occasionally, as was the case between 2002 and 2008, the component tracking changes in economic activity can have a relatively stronger influence on coffee prices, in

¹ Lewin, B., Giovannucci, D., Varangis, P., 2004. Coffee Markets: New Paradigms in Global Supply and Demand (SSRN Scholarly Paper No. ID 996111). Social Science Research Network, Rochester, NY.

² See Tang, K., and W. Xiong. 2012. Index Investment and the Financialization of Commodities. *Financial Analysts Journal* 68:54-74.

³ The analysis covers the sample period from September 1998 to July 2018.

comparison with its overall effect over the entire period. Likewise, the effect of crude oil prices is limited, though its influence on coffee quotations is greater during 2007-2008. This may suggest some feedback effects from the financial sector. Overall, however, the empirical evidence seems to indicate a well-functioning market structure, to the extent that coffee price variations reflect, for the most part, market fundamentals of supply and demand conditions.

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO ADDRESS RECURRENT IMBALANCES IN THE COFFEE MARKET?

Results from decomposing coffee price shocks illustrate that recurrent large production surpluses weigh negatively on prices. This, coupled with a long-term decline in real coffee prices due to technological improvements, means that smallholder producers have to face a tightening price-cost squeeze, which threatens their livelihood and food security. Clearly, the greatest impact on coffee prices would come from actions aimed at controlling production and/or stimulating demand. Over the years, the coffee industry has tried both strategies.

In 2000, in the midst of a coffee crisis, the Association of Coffee Producing Countries (ACPC) promoted a coffee export-retention scheme, where 20 percent of coffee exports would be withheld from the market. In the end, only a few countries actually retained any coffee, and the agreement fell apart. In a sense, this reflects the challenge of implementing producers-only agreements, as these require strong commitments and policing free-riders – those supplying outside the agreement. Other producers-only schemes, such as those covering cocoa and sugar, also fell short of creating and maintaining a price floor. These supply retention agreements were part of the International Commodity Agreements (ICAs) with ‘economic clauses’ that were designed in the 1970s in response to depressed tropical commodity prices, but were generally unsuccessful in meeting their original intent.

On the demand side, several generic promotional campaigns were launched by the industry to boost consumption, particularly among the youth. These initiatives often highlighted the potential health benefits of coffee intake. Plans were also implemented to raise product quality by removing coffee exports failing to meet specified minimum standards. Although these strategies achieved some limited success, they suffered from poor commitments due to the necessity of ensuring long-term financing and reconciling sometimes diverging interests among exporters.

Tackling the current state of low coffee prices will require some sort of coordinated international action. Yet, what is needed is not market intervention, but rather market cooperation – mostly cooperation among exporters, with the involvement of importers, to ensure that the global coffee market expands reasonably and protects the livelihood of millions of smallholder producers. Market cooperation means, for example, sharing the most accurate and reliable market intelligence, including information on the short- and medium-term outlook, as well as on production expansion plans. It also means developing and implementing global coordinated promotional activities that have the commitment of exporters and importers. Finally, creating value added coffee products at the origin could also alleviate exposure to volatile raw coffee prices. This hinges, however, on the willingness of the major importing countries to reduce tariffs on processed coffee products, which remain relatively constraining in many cases.

DEVELOPMENTS IN BANANAS AND MAJOR TROPICAL FRUITS

This feature represents a follow-up to the analysis on recent market developments in bananas and major tropical fruits published in the June and November 2017 editions of Food Outlook, respectively.¹

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AMPLE SUPPLIES BOOST TRADE NOTABLY AND WEIGH ON PRICES

On the back of expanding supplies, global export volumes of bananas and tropical fruits rose by 18 percent on average during the first six months of 2018, compared to the same period in 2017. World shipments of bananas, pineapples and avocados each posted a double-digit growth rate from last year, while mango exports expanded by 7 percent. Exports of papayas, disrupted by heavy rains in Mexico – the largest global supplier – contracted by 18 percent compared to 2017. Growth in supplies of all the commodities, except papaya, was generally on account of favourable weather and growing conditions in the key producing regions, as well as increases in harvested areas.

The ample supplies of bananas, pineapples and avocados for export have resulted in significant price drops in 2018 in the key import markets of the European Union

and the United States. The early start of warm weather conditions in Europe resulted in strong competition from temperate fruits produced in the EU, and significantly deterred import demand for bananas and tropical fruits from March/April 2018 onwards. Similarly, growth in demand for bananas and major tropical fruits in the US has been slower than the fast growth in supplies.

If the export supply conditions observed in the first half of 2018 continue, global aggregate shipments of bananas and the four major tropical fruits combined could reach close to 30 million tonnes by the end of the year. The demand for exotic fruits, such as baby pineapples and mangoes, typically increases sharply in the pre-Christmas season in both the US and the EU, giving prospects for a halt to the price declines.

Estimates indicate that global production of bananas and major tropical fruits combined could reach 235 million tonnes in 2018, which would represent a 2-percent increase from the previous year. Typically, about 10 to 15 percent of the global production of bananas and major tropical fruits are traded, with the remainder of production consumed domestically.

World exports: Bananas and major tropical fruits

	Jan-Jun 2017 (tonnes)	Jan-Jun 2018 (tonnes)	2018 f'cast (tonnes)	Percentage change (2) over (1)
	(1)	(2)	(Jan-Dec)	
Banana	9 109 576	10 960 388	21 738 995	+20
Avocado	1 013 559	1 233 998	1 983 876	+22
Mango	980 707	1 048 966	1 865 619	+7
Pineapple	1 542 979	1 803 520	3 352 227	+17
Papaya	204 092	166 583	285 259	-18
Total	12 850 913	15 213 456	29 192 619	+18

BANANAS

Global exports of bananas reached close to 11 million tonnes during the period January-June 2018, a 20 percent increase over 2017, pointing to a forecast of 21.7 million tonnes for the whole of 2018. The predicted expansion is primarily on account of strong supplies from Latin America. In Europe, the unexpected warm weather conditions in the first quarter of the year resulted in the early arrival of temperate summer fruits, which significantly affected demand for bananas throughout the EU.

¹ FAO Food Outlook June 2017 <http://www.fao.org/3/a-i7343e.pdf>

FAO Food Outlook November 2017 <http://www.fao.org/3/a-i8080e.pdf>

Indicative EU import unit values² of bananas closely reflect the overall market situation. Early in the year, a shortage in export supply resulted in unit values reaching a peak of USD 820 per tonne in February 2018. Meanwhile, abundant export supplies, coupled with declining demand in Europe, resulted in a significant drop during the summer months, with unit values reaching a trough of USD 685 in August 2018. A similar tendency was observed in the US.

PINEAPPLES

Global trade in pineapples expanded by an estimated 17 percent in volume terms during the first half of 2018, suggesting total exports of 3.35 million tonnes in the current year. Export growth was mainly on account of a recovery from the weather-induced production shortage in Costa Rica, the largest supplier of pineapple globally. Compared to the first six months of 2017, Costa Rica's pineapple exports expanded by 40 percent in 2018, destined primarily to the US and the EU, which together accounted for approximately 45 percent of the country's total shipments.

Growth in the demand for pineapples in the key import markets of the US and the EU lagged behind that of supplies, resulting in a significant depressing effect on prices. While in the US the larger inflow of pineapples from Costa Rica outstripped demand, in the EU, strong competition from abundantly available temperate summer fruits further subdued demand for pineapples. Indicative EU import unit values of pineapples consequently declined from USD 875 per tonne in January 2018 to USD 690 per tonne in August 2018.

MANGOES (MANGO, MANGOSTEEN AND GUAVA)

Global exports of mangoes increased by approximately 7 percent in the first half of 2018, to an estimated 1 million tonnes, suggesting that total exports in 2018 could reach 1.9 million tonnes. The two leading mango suppliers, Mexico and Peru, registered significant growth in exports, expanding their shipments by 9 percent and 39 percent, respectively. While Mexico ships approximately 85 percent of its produce to the US, Peru mainly caters for the European market.

Demand for mangoes remained strong in the two key import markets, the US and EU, supported by the fruit's unique flavour and its novelty compared with

more common fruits such as bananas and pineapples. While indicative EU import unit values for mangoes have continued to display strong seasonal fluctuations, ample demand resulted in increases from USD 1 650 per tonne in January 2018 to USD 2 500 per tonne in August 2018.

AVOCADOS

Global exports of avocados reached an estimated 1.2 million tonnes in the first half of 2018, a 22 percent increase over the same period of 2017, on account of ample production growth in Mexico, the largest supplier globally, as well as a significant expansion of supplies from emerging producers, namely Peru, South Africa and Kenya. The overall expansion points to exports likely reaching 2 million tonnes in 2018.

Mexico shipped about 75 percent of its produce to the US, while exports from all three emerging suppliers were primarily destined to the EU. Driven by rising consumer preferences, avocado has ranked as one of the most demanded tropical fruits in recent years, as reflected by its rising export earnings. Such ample market potential has stimulated investments in avocado production, leading to an expansion not only in established producing countries, but also in emerging production areas.

Following the weather-induced shortages in avocado supplies experienced during 2017, which sent prices soaring, indicative import unit values of avocados were strongly affected by the higher volumes of supply in 2018, and declined from a peak of USD 3 040 per tonne in February 2018 to USD 1 970 per tonne in August 2018.

PAPAYAS

Global exports of papayas declined to an estimated 167 000 tonnes during the first half of 2018, down 18 percent compared to 2017, on account of adverse weather conditions in Mexico, the world's leading supplier. Based on this pace, papaya exports in 2018 could decline to 285 000 tonnes. Papaya supplies from Mexico are exclusively destined to the US market, where demand for the fruit is particularly strong during the summer months of the northern hemisphere. In light of low supplies, Mexican exports to the US experienced a 24 percent year-on-year decline during the period January-June 2018 – a gap which could not be filled by Mexico's main competitors, Guatemala and Brazil.

Despite the shortages in supply, indicative US import unit values of papaya displayed a tendency to remain stable, fluctuating around USD 600 per tonne throughout the year.

² In the absence of reported price data for the commodities in question, indicative unit values were calculated from trade values and quantities in selected markets, and are an assumed proxy for international prices.

MARKET POLICY DEVELOPMENTS

GRAINS: MAJOR POLICY DEVELOPMENTS MID-JUNE TO MID-OCTOBER 2018*

COUNTRY	DATE	PRODUCT	POLICY CATEGORY/ INSTRUMENT	DESCRIPTION
Algeria	Aug-18	Barley and maize	Import policy	Exempted barley and maize sales operations, as well as materials and products destined for livestock feed from value added tax (VAT).
	Aug-18	Grains	Export policy	Published Resolution 290/2018, temporarily suspending the Record of Affidavits for Overseas Sale (DJVE) for grains, oilseeds and by-products.
Argentina	Sep-18		Export duty	Introduced a 12 percent export duty on all products, valid with immediate effect until 31 December 2020 (Decree 793/2018). The measure aims to increase Government revenue amid high inflation (34.4 percent in August) and a sliding currency. The 12 percent export tax is subject to a cap of 4 pesos per US dollar of export value for primary products, including agricultural goods, and 3 pesos per US dollar for other goods. The amount of tax to be paid will depend on commodity prices and the exchange rate.
	Sep-18	Grains	Transport measures	Implemented a digital system to facilitate cargo unloading from trucks in the ports of Gran Rosario and the Province of Buenos Aires, in order to reduce logistics costs and increase harvest profitability.
	Jul-18	Grains	Government support	Assigned AUS 1 billion (USD 741 million) drought support, which includes freight subsidies to transport feed and water; and AUS 150 million (USD 107.9 million) for infrastructure improvements.
Australia	Aug-18	Wheat	Bilateral agreement	The Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership was concluded. The agreement enables Australia to export 500 000 tonnes of feed grains, including wheat, to Indonesia. The exports would be free of duty in the first year, with 5 percent of annual growth in volume thereafter. In return, Australia would immediately eliminate all remaining tariffs on Indonesian imports. The agreement will be brought into effect by 2020.
Brazil	Jun-18	Grains	Government procurement	Approved the new minimum prices for selected agricultural commodities produced in the summer season, including cereals and beans. The minimum prices for these products were increased by around 7 percent year-on-year. The minimum prices of maize and sorghum were increased by nearly 13 percent and 8 percent respectively in the north, midwest, southeast and south of the country, while they were reduced in other areas.
	Jul-18	Grains	Transport measures	Approved a decree setting minimum prices for truck freight, as one of several measures proposed by the Government to end an 11-day truck driver protest in May that blocked Brazil's roads and brought shipment of goods to a halt.
	Sep-18	Grains	Transport measures	Increased minimum freight rates charged on trucks by 5 percent, in an attempt to end the prevailing strike by truck drivers.

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China	Aug-18	Maize	Futures market	China's Dalian Commodity Exchange set the price limits of maize and maize starch futures contracts at 4 percent, and their minimum trading margin at 5 percent of the contract value.
	Aug-18	Grains	Import tariff	Announced a list of proposed supplemental tariffs ranging from 10 to 25 percent on USD 60 billion worth of US imports, including wheat, rice, soybean and maize products.
	Aug-18	Wheat	Government procurement	Lowered the floor price for some wheat classes sold from state stocks in order to reduce their stockpiles, effective from 3 September.
	Sep-18	Barley and maize	Bilateral agreement	Agreed to allow barley and maize exports from Kazakhstan to access the Chinese market by the end of the year.
Egypt	Aug-18	Wheat	Import requirements	Allowed continued imports of wheat with a maximum moisture of 13.5 percent for another nine months.
EU	Aug-18	Grains	Government support	Relaxed regulations governing the granting of financial assistance, in view of a prolonged drought. Affected producers will be able to receive up to 70 percent (previously 50 percent) of their direct income support entitlements, and up to 85 percent (previously 75 percent) of rural development entitlements by mid-October 2018, instead of December 2018.
Georgia	Sep-18	Wheat	Transport measures	Postponed banning wheat imports until 1 October 2019.
Germany	Aug-18	Wheat	Government support	Announced an emergency drought relief package worth EUR 340 million (USD 389 million).
India	Jul-18	Maize	Government procurement	Increased the minimum support price of maize for the 2018/19 season by INR 255 to INR 1 700 per quintal (by USD 40 to USD 247.5 per tonne).
	Jul-18	Grains	Government procurement	Approved a hike in minimum support prices for all 24 Kharif crops (including grains) for 2018-19, in line with the country's goal of doubling farmers' incomes by 2022.
	Jul-18	Wheat	Government market intervention	Announced the selling of 7-8 million tonnes at INR 1 890 per quintal (USD 257 per tonne) to meet demand from flour millers and other bulk consumers.
	Oct-18	Barley and wheat	Government procurement	Increased the minimum support price for wheat by 6 percent to INR 1 840 per quintal (USD 248 per tonne), while the minimum support price for barley was increased by 2 percent, to INR 1 440 per quintal (USD 194 per tonne).
	Jul-18	Wheat	Import policy	Revoked the suspension of wheat imports from Canada, which was imposed for five weeks amid concerns over the presence of unauthorized genetically modified wheat.
Japan	Sep-18	Wheat	Government market intervention	Raised the selling price of imported wheat to domestic millers by 2.2 percent from the previous six-month period. The average price is set at JPY 55 560 (USD 498) per tonne from October to March.

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Jordan	Oct-18	Barley and wheat	Government market intervention	Announced it will start selling wheat and barley to farmers at the subsidized prices of JD 500 (USD 705.2) per tonne for wheat, and JOD 420 (USD 592.4) per tonne for barley.
Kazakhstan	Oct-18	Wheat	Government market intervention	Announced the construction of a grain hub in Egypt, in order to restore and expand Kazakhstan wheat exports to this country.
Kenya	Aug-18	Maize	Government market intervention	Announced plans to increase strategic food reserve to 8 million bags of maize in the medium term, in order to boost the country's food security.
Malawi	Sep-18	Maize	Government market intervention	Announced that maize grain held by the Agricultural Development and Marketing Corporation (ADMARC), a Government parastatal that procures and sells cereals, will be sold at MWK 170 per kg (USD 233.8 per tonne). This is more than 30 percent below the previous level of MWK 250 per kg (USD 343.8 per tonne), in place since October 2016.
Mexico	Jul-18	Grains	Government support	Introduced a new income support scheme of MXN 2 billion (USD 186 million) in the face of declining prices faced by grain and oilseed producers. The programme is estimated to cover about 11 million tonnes of maize, sorghum, wheat and soybeans, and is open to producers in selected states or regions that are registered with the Forward Contract Programme.
Morocco	Oct-18	Grains	Government support	Announced that 1 million ha of land will be distributed to smallholder farmers, in order to make the agricultural sector more efficient and ensure better employment conditions.
	Oct-18	Wheat	Import duty	Suspended custom duty on soft wheat from 1 November to 31 December. A 30 percent duty will be imposed, starting from 1 January 2019.
	Jun-18	Wheat	Export duty	Extended the zero export duty on wheat until 1 July 2019, in order to safeguard stability of the domestic grain market.
	Aug-18	Grains	Production support	Producers of fertilizer voluntarily agreed to freeze prices until completion of 2019/20 winter grain sowing.
Russian Fed.	Sep-18	Wheat	Export requirements	Introduced additional checks on wheat exports to Ecuador, Vietnam, Sudan, Egypt, Venezuela and Israel, due to a rise in complaints about quality from some major buyers.
	Oct-18	Grains	Stocks release	Approved the sale of 1.5 million tonnes of wheat, rye and feed barley from the public intervention fund in the period 2018-2019.
Saudi Arabia	Jul-18	Wheat	Government support	The Saudi Grains Organization (SAGO) approved a five-year domestic support programme to procure up to 700 000 tonnes of wheat annually from producers. During the agricultural season 2018/19, acquisition prices will be similar to the organisation's global import prices or at SAR 1 250 (USD 333) per tonne, whichever is higher. Prices will be subject to review after two agricultural seasons. Under the support scheme, farmers will be authorized to plant wheat on a maximum of 50 ha.
	Aug-18	Wheat	Import policy	Issued a moratorium on deliveries of wheat and barley from Canada.

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Serbia	Oct-18	Wheat	Bilateral agreement	Reached an agreement for wheat exports to Egypt by the end of this year, after a 30-year pause.
South Africa	Sep-18	Wheat	Import tariff	Lowered wheat import tariffs from ZAR 640.5 to ZAR 294.46 (USD 45 to USD 20.7) per tonne.
Sri Lanka	Sep-18	Wheat	Government market intervention	Reversed the LKR 5 (USD 0.03) price hike imposed by Prima Company (supplier of wheat flour) on 1 kg of wheat flour, to prevent what the Government considers to be an arbitrary price hike of this essential food item.
Sudan	Oct-18	Wheat	Government procurement	Raised the minimum price of a 50 kg bag of wheat by almost 150 percent as an incentive to farmers in central parts of the country, in order to help supply wheat in the marketplace and combat wheat and bread shortages that have affected consumers in recent months.
Tanzania	Jul-18	Wheat	Bilateral agreement	Announced a joint free trade wheat agreement with Kenya.
Thailand	Oct-18	Maize	Production support	Launched a maize growing promotion scheme under the Government's San Palang Pracharat public-private partnership initiative. The aim of the programme is to encourage rice farmers to switch from off-season rice to growing maize for animal feed on 319.7 million ha of land in 33 target provinces.
Turkey	Jul-18	Maize and wheat	Import tariff	Authorized the Turkish Grain Board to open a duty free tariff rate quota to import 750 000 tonnes of wheat and 700 000 tonnes of maize.
	Sep-18	Wheat	Export policy	Introduced a temporary limit on exports of wheat flour made from domestically produced grain to 1 percent of total shipments. Limits would be removed once domestic prices have stabilized.
Turkmenistan	Aug-18	Grains		Signed resolutions pursuant to which 760 000 ha of land are to be allocated for winter crops, with the aim of producing 1.6 million tonnes of grains in 2019.
	Oct-18	Wheat	Government procurement	Authorized an increase in the state purchase price for wheat, starting from 2019, as part of a reform measure to improve farmers' livelihoods.
Uganda	Aug-18	Maize	Government market intervention	Allocated SHS 100 billion (USD 26.4 million) to purchase maize from open market in order to revert falling maize prices.
Ukraine	Aug-18	Wheat	Government market intervention	Signed a memorandum of understanding with local traders, allowing 16 million tonnes of wheat exports in 2018/19 (July/June).

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United States	Jul-18	Grains	Import duty	Announced that a list of products imported from China worth USD 200 billion would be subject to an additional duty of 10 percent. The list includes wheat, rice, maize and soybean products.
	Aug-18	Grains	Government support	Launched a support package worth USD 12 billion to mitigate the effects of retaliatory tariffs that were applied on certain commodities in response to China tariffs. A Market Facilitation Programme (MFP) will grant direct payments of approximately USD 4.7 billion to producers. The bulk of such direct payments, i.e. USD 3.6 billion, will benefit soybean farmers, while the remainder will compensate the sorghum, maize, wheat, cotton, dairy and meat sectors. Programme enrolment under MFP opens on 4 September, and closes in January 2019.
	Sep-18	Maize and wheat	Import tariff	Announced a list of Chinese goods, including wheat and maize products, which would be subject to an additional tariff of 10 percent, effective from 24 September 2018. The additional tariff is expected to increase to 25 percent by the end of this year.

* A collection of major grain policy developments starting in July 2010 is available at:
<http://www.fao.org/economic/est-commodities/commodity-policy-archive/en/?groupANDcommodity=grains>

RICE: MAJOR POLICY DEVELOPMENTS MID-JUNE TO MID-OCTOBER 2018*

COUNTRY	DATE	POLICY CATEGORY/ INSTRUMENT	DESCRIPTION
Angola	Jul-18	Stockholding policy, strategic reserve	Created the State's Strategic Food Reserve with the purpose of stabilizing the supply of basic foodstuffs. The reserve will be managed by the Customs Warehouse of Angola (Entrepósito Aduaneiro de Angola), reportedly comprising some 60 000 tonnes of rice, wheat flour, maize flour and beans. Of that total, some 21 000 tonnes would consist of rice.
Argentina	Sep-18	Export taxes	Decreed that exported goods would be subject to export taxes, effective from 4 September 2018 until 31 December 2020. In the case of rice, the decision reimposed export taxes, last removed in December 2015, setting them at 12 percent, with a ceiling of ARS 4 for every US dollar of value, or of the official free-on-board (FOB) price.
Bangladesh	Sep-18	Government procurement	Raised the 2018 Boro procurement target to 1.4 million tonnes, up from a previous 1.05 million tonnes. The duration of the Boro procurement drive was also extended by 15 days, to 15 September 2018.
	Oct-18	Production support	Announced that it would allocate BDT 800 (USD 9.5) million to provide seed and fertilizer assistance to some 691 000 smallholders. The measure seeks to aid production of 11 crops, including Boro rice. It will provide each Boro rice farmer with 5 kg of seeds and 30 kg of fertilizer, free of costs.
	Jun-18	Finance and credit facilities	Instructed banks to stop issuing Letters of Credit to rice importers at zero margin, while extending the loan disbursement tenure for rice millers and traders from 30 to 45 days, with immediate effect.
Brazil	Jun-18	Minimum support prices	Set Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for the 2019/20 season (2018/19 season for Brazil), effective from February 2019 to January 2020. The MSP for fine long grain paddy was raised by 1.19 percent to BRL 728.8 (USD 193) per tonne for the Southern region (except Paraná), while it was left unchanged at BRL 720.17 (USD 190) per tonne for all other regions. The MSPs for long grain paddy were similarly left unvaried at BRL 378.0 (USD 100) per tonne for the Southern region (except Paraná), and at BRL 407.5 (USD 108) per tonne for all other regions.
China (Mainland)	Jun-18	Import tariff	Announced that an additional 25 percent import tariff would be imposed on a set of goods originating in the United States, including paddy, husked, semi/wholly milled and broken rice. The measure was a response to US tariff increases on imports of various Chinese products approved days earlier. It became effective on 6 July 2018.
	Jun-18	Import tariff	Announced amendments to import tariffs levied on rice, effective from 1 July 2018. Specifically, out-of-quota duties on non-long grain paddy, husked and semi/wholly milled rice imported from member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) were raised from 5 percent to 50 percent. Additionally, changes to the product classification system would have relocated long grain glutinous rice from non-Indica tariff lines to long grain lines, alongside Indica imports.
Colombia	Aug-18	Warehouse receipts programme	Set aside COP 30 billion (USD 9.6 million) to implement a storage incentive programme for 2018 second semester crops. The scheme will cover the equivalent of up to 272 000 tonnes of dry paddy, from 31 August 2018 to 30 December 2018, extending an outlay of COP 28 890 (USD 9.2) to cover the monthly cost of storing a tonne of dry paddy, husked or milled rice for up to three months. To qualify for the incentive, buyers must purchase supplies at reference prices ranging from COP 117 000 to 144 800 per 125 kg of wet paddy (USD 300 to 371 per tonne), depending on the various producing zones.
	Aug-18	Import quota	Reached an agreement with Peruvian counterparts, whereby Peru would rescind retaliatory import duties on ten Colombian products in exchange for Colombia's removal of entry barriers of rice originating in Peru. According to Peruvian officials, the agreement envisages Colombia progressively removing restrictions on Peruvian rice imports, as of 1 September 2018, and establishing an initial import quota of 45 000 tonnes for Peruvian rice. This volume would grow progressively until September 2022, when unlimited imports of Peruvian rice would be allowed into Colombia.

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Costa Rica	Sep-18	Safeguard measures	Decided that imports of selected classes of husked rice (SAC codes 100620000091 and 10062000099), originating in countries not party to a preferential trade agreement with Costa Rica, would accrue an additional import tariff of 11.67 percent, after cumulative imports of these classes (starting from 1 January 2018) exceeded 6 366.83 tonnes. The surcharge will apply to imports in excess of this volume, and will be levied on top of a 35 percent import duty accrued by these classes. The measure is effective from 21 September 2018 to 31 December 2018.
Ecuador	Sep-18	Production support	In an effort to help the rice sector cope with declining profit margins, the Government announced that it would provide producers with input assistance, promote exports, enhance the National Storage Unit's (<i>Unidad Nacional de Almacenamiento</i>) capacity to absorb local produce, and step up border protection to curb undocumented rice imports. Among other measures, steps to enhance the placement of produce would also be taken through the establishment of more collection centres and the introduction of the <i>PacifiCard Productiva</i> , a credit card that would allow farmers to receive immediate payment for produce sold at official prices, while also enabling processors to defer payments for their purchases by 30 to 90 days.
Egypt	Sep-18	Government procurement	Announced that it would pay between EGP 4 400 and EGP 4 700 (USD 245-262) per tonne of local paddy that it purchased from the 2018 harvest.
	Aug-18	Import agreement	According to press reports, the Government signed a memorandum of understanding on rice trade with Viet Nam, which would foresee the option of importing up to 1.0 million tonnes of Vietnamese rice.
European Union	Jun-18	Import tariff	Issued a regulation setting an additional customs duty on semi/wholly milled and fully broken rice originating in the United States at 25 percent. The measure will be effective from 22 June 2018, and for as long as the United States applies the higher import tariff on EU steel and aluminum products.
	Oct-18	Preferential trade arrangement	Issued statements noting that due to its concerns over human rights developments in Cambodia and Myanmar, it had begun the process of withdrawing trade concessions granted to Cambodia, under the Everything-But-Arms (EBA) agreement. According to the statement, "without clear and evident improvements on the ground" the process would lead to the suspension of said trade concessions for Cambodia. Additionally, it intended to conduct a high-level mission to Myanmar, within the framework of potentially withdrawing Myanmar's preferential market access to the EU under the EBA accord.
Honduras	Sep-18	Import quota	Established a shortage import quota of 60 000 tonnes of paddy, to be brought into the country between 1 September and 31 December 2018, free of duties.
India	Jul-18	Support prices, Government procurement	Raised minimum support prices for common paddy by 12.9 percent to INR 17 500 (USD 237) per tonne, and by 11.32 percent in the case of Grade A paddy to INR 17 700 (USD 240) per tonne.
Kenya	Jun-18	Import tariff	Renewed an exemption to the 75 percent rice import duty applicable under the Common External Tariff of the East African Community. Accordingly, imports of paddy, husked, semi/wholly milled rice and broken rice will continue to accrue a 35 percent tariff (or USD 200 per tonne, whichever is higher) for a period of one year, effective from 1 July 2018.
Nepal	Aug-18	Support prices	Set the minimum support price (MSP) for common paddy at NPR 24 606 (USD 207) per tonne, up from the NPR 22 300 (USD 187) set for the 2016/17 crop. In the case of Mota Dhan varieties, the MSP was set at NPR 23 312 (USD 196 per tonne), up from NPR 20 700 (USD 174) per tonne in 2016/17.
Peru	Jul-18	Import tariff	Issued new customs tables adjusting the additional duties levied on rice imports under the price band mechanism, and raised the ceiling of these additional tariffs to 20 percent of the imports' Cost, Insurance and Freight (CIF) value. The measure is effective until 31 December 2018. Thereafter, the cap on additional surcharges will revert to a previously applicable level of 15 percent of CIF value.

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Philippines	Jun-18	Price controls	Established Suggested Retail Prices (SRPs) for eight basic foodstuffs in Metro Manila. Prices of commodities subject to SRPs would accordingly not be able to exceed the SRP level by more than 10 percent, without sellers facing sanctions. In the case of regular milled rice, the SRP was set at PHP 39 (USD 0.72) per kg.
	Oct-18	Government procurement	Announced that the National Food Authority would offer an incentive of PHP 3.0 per kg (USD 55.4 per tonne) of clean dry paddy bought from local farmers. The incentive would be paid on top of the government procurement price of PHP 17 per kg (USD 314 per tonne) and a drying and delivery incentive of PHP 0.7 per kg (USD 13 per tonne). Additional efforts to shore up domestic procurement of paddy would include linking state programmes distributing farm machinery and providing credit assistance to sales to the National Food Authority.
	Jul-18	Import quota	Extended the delivery deadline of the first phase of rice imports conducted under 2017/18 Minimum Access Volume (MAV) quotas by 15 days to 15 September 2018. A 29 August 2018 decision extended this delivery deadline by an additional 15 days, while also specifying that imports under 2016/17 MAV quotas would be allowed to arrive in the country by 15 September 2018, rather than by 31 August 2018.
	Aug-18	Import quota	Approved immediate imports of 133 500 tonnes of rice to quell hikes in rice prices in Zamboanga, Basilan, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi. The imports would be conducted under the 2017/18 MAV omnibus quota, with 30 000 tonnes to be delivered in the second half of September 2018, and the balance by 30 November 2018.
	Sep-18	Import quota	Authorized the National Food Authority to import 250 000 tonnes of rice on a government-to-private basis, in order to reconstitute state reserves. In light of crop damages inflicted by the strike of Typhoon Mangkhut, a successive decision raised the import authorization to 750 000 tonnes, for delivery from 30 November 2018 onwards. This import volume would comprise 25 percent broken rice, to be sourced through three fortnightly tenders for 250 000 tonnes, each, to be held starting on 18 October 2018. The National Food Authority was additionally given standby authority to purchase 1.0 million tonnes of rice in 2019.
	Sep-18	Import requirements, facilitation	Issued an Administrative Order instructing the National Food Authority, the Sugar Regulatory Administration, and the Department of Trade and Industry to remove administrative hurdles and non-tariff barriers to imports of agricultural commodities, with immediate effect. Such measures would include expediting goods unloading, streamlining import procedures and requirements, the reduction or removal of import fees, registration exemptions and liberalizing the issuance of rice import permits and trader accreditation. The National Food Authority Council was also authorized to import rice beyond MAV commitments, if conditions so warranted, and subject to existing legal provisions.
	Oct-18	Import quota, price controls	Approved a proposal by the Department of Trade and Industry that would have 350 000 tonnes of rice imported directly by selected retailers, on condition that they sell these supplies at a fixed retail price of PHP 38 (USD 0.7) per kg.
	Sep-18	Government procurement	Announced that the Government would purchase 340 000 tonnes of rice from the 2018 harvest between 25 September and 31 December 2018, in order to refurbish stockpiles and stabilize local prices. An additional 10 000 tonnes would be purchased as the country's contribution to the ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve (APTERR).
Republic of Korea	Sep-18	Government procurement	Decided that it would continue applying a 45 percent import duty (or USD 345 per tonne, whichever is higher) on milled and broken rice imports until 30 June 2019, instead of the 75 percent rice import tariff applicable under the Common External Tariff of the East African Community.
Rwanda	Jun-18	Import tariff	
Sri Lanka	Aug-18	Government procurement	Set aside LKR 4.9 billion (USD 28.9 million) to purchase paddy from the 2018 Yala harvest. The procurement drive would target the absorption of 120 000 tonnes of paddy, with the Paddy Marketing Board offering farmers LKR 41 per kg of Samba purchased (USD 241 per tonne), and LKR 38 per kg (USD 224 per tonne) in the case of Nadu paddy. The entity will also provide packaging material for purchased supplies, which will be redistributed at affordable prices through Lak Sathosa outlets. In order to provide further assistance to producers at harvest time, a subsequent decision raised the maximum volume that the Paddy Marketing Board can purchase per farmer to 5 000 kg, up from a previous limit of 3 000 kg.

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Thailand	Jul-18	Production support	Renewed three schemes aiming to stabilize local prices at harvest time. The first, an on-farm mortgaging programme, would cover 2.0 million tonnes of paddy between September 2018 and September 2019, except in southern parts of the country, where it would be implemented from June 2019 to October 2019. Mortgaging prices under the scheme would be raised 9 percent above 2017/18 levels in the case of Hom Mali paddy to THB 11 800 (USD 359) per tonne, by 5 percent for Pathum Thani fragrant to THB 8 900 (USD 271) per tonne, and by 4 percent in the case of white paddy to 7 500 (USD 228) per tonne, while glutinous prices would be cut by 6 percent to THB 10 200 (USD 310) per tonne. Farmers participating in the scheme would receive an additional THB 1 500 per rai (USD 285 per ha) as compensation for harvesting, and quality improvements for a maximum of THB 18 000 (USD 547) or 12 rai (1.9 ha) per household. This compares with a THB 1 200 per rai (USD 228 per ha) outlay extended for the purpose in 2017/18. Under another scheme, THB 12.5 billion (USD 380 million) would go to provide credit to farmer organizations in order to delay the sales of 2.0 million tonnes of paddy, while another programme would provide a 3 percent interest subsidy to millers and traders who agree to store supplies for 60 to 180 days. The latter scheme aims to delay sales of 5.0 million tonnes of paddy.
	Sep-18	Production adjustment programme	Approved a budget of THB 461 million (USD 14 million) to encourage rice producers cultivating 2 million rai (320 000 ha) under irrigation across 33 provinces to grow maize during the 2018/19 off-season cycle. Under the programme, participating farmers would be provided with a THB 2 000 per rai (USD 380 per ha) loan at a subsidized interest rate of 0.1 percent, for up to 15 rai (2.4 ha), while officials would also take steps to facilitate maize sales at remunerative prices and offer crop insurance against natural disasters.
	Aug-18	Stock release	Sold 267 000 tonnes of rice for feed and industrial uses from government stocks through two tenders held on 29 and 30 August 2018. According to reports, these volumes constituted the last public stockpiles of rice accumulated through the defunct paddy-pledging programme.
Turkey	Jun-18 to Aug-18	Import tariff	Levied an additional import duty of 25 percent on rice originating in the United States, effective 21 June 2018, in response to US tariff increases on imports of selected steel and aluminum products. A decision published on 15 August 2018 doubled this additional levy, bringing total import duties on US rice to 84 percent for paddy, 86 percent for husked rice, and 95 percent for semi/wholly milled and broken rice.
	Aug-18	Import quota, import tariffs	Authorized the Turkish Grain Board to import 100 000 tonnes of rice, free of duties, until 31 August 2019.
United States	Aug-18	Production support, government procurement	Laid out details of a USD 12 billion short-term support package to agricultural producers, in order to help them cope with losses incurred as a result of trade disputes. Under the measure, assistance for the rice sector would be channeled through the Food Purchase and Distribution Program, under which USD 48.1 million would go to purchase domestic rice, to be distributed under nutrition assistance schemes. Under two separate programmes, payments would be extended to producers of seven products (not including rice), while USD 200 million would be allocated to promote the development of new export markets for all US agricultural sectors.
	Sep-18	Import tariff	Announced that a range of imported goods originating in China, including husked, semi/wholly milled and broken rice, would be subject to an additional import tariff of 10 percent, as of 24 September 2018. This additional duty would rise to 25 percent on 1 January 2019.
Venezuela	Aug-18 to Sep-18	Price controls	Set the consumer price for Type I rice at VES 42.0 per kg, with immediate effect. Based on this decision, ceilings on consumer prices for Type II rice were subsequently set at VES 36.33 per kg, and at VES 31.87 per kg in the case of Type III rice.
Viet Nam	Aug-18	Export requirements	Issued Decree 107/2018/ND-CP relaxing conditions on rice exports. Among its provisions, the Decree stipulates that in order to be eligible for rice exports, traders must count on at least one storage and one milling facility that meet national standards and regulations, whether owned or leased. They must also maintain the equivalent of 5 percent of the volume they shipped in the preceding six months on reserve. Traders exporting organic, parboiled and multi-micronutrient fortified rice will not be subject to these conditions, nor will they be required to acquire export certificates. The Decree is effective 1 October 2018, repealing Decree 109/2010/ND-CP, which in 2010 stipulated provisions to determine minimum export prices, made it requisite for rice exporters to own warehouses for at least 5 000 tonnes and processing capacity of at least 10 tonnes per hour, further to requiring that traders register export contracts with the Viet Nam Food Association and maintain the equivalent of 10 percent of the volumes they shipped in the preceding six months on reserve.

* The full collection starting in January 2011 is available at: http://www.fao.org/economic/est/est_commodities/commodity_policy_archive/en/?groupANDcommodity=rice.

OILCROPS: MAJOR POLICY DEVELOPMENTS MID-JUNE TO MID-OCTOBER 2018*

COUNTRY	PRODUCT	DATE	POLICY CATEGORY/ INSTRUMENT	DESCRIPTION
Argentina	Soybeans, sunflower seed, groundnut (incl. respective oils/meals)	Sep-18	Export policy	Reduced the export tax on soybeans, soymeal and soyoil to 18 percent, after deciding to suspend its policy of gradually reducing export taxes for soymeal and soyoil for six months in mid-August. On top of that, a new export levy of 12 percent was introduced, with a maximum limit of 4 ARS (11 US cents) for each US dollar export value. While sunflower seed and groundnut also face a 4 ARS export levy, only 3 ARS (8 US cents) are assessed on the respective oils and meals.
	Biodiesel	Sep-18	Biofuel policy	Implemented three successive increases in the price that oil companies are required to pay for biodiesel.
Australia	All crops	Aug-18	Agricultural policy	Announced a number of federal and state level relief packages to assist farmers hit by this year's widespread drought.
Brazil	Biodiesel	Jul-18	Biofuel policy	Raised the allowed voluntary percentage of biodiesel mixture in regular diesel for certain groups of users, in a bid to expand domestic biodiesel consumption.
	Glyphosate	Aug-18	Pesticide regulation	Federal court overruled an injunction suspending the use of products containing glyphosate, a herbicide widely employed for soybeans and other crops, citing potential economic damage at national level.
	Grains, oilseeds	June-18	Transport policy	Implemented temporary reductions in fuel taxes and introduced minimum freight rates to halt a nationwide strike by Brazil's truck drivers.
	Grains, oilseeds	Sep-18	Transport policy	Raised the countrywide minimum truck freight rates by 5 percent, following a rise in the market price of transport diesel.
	Rapeseed	Sep-18	Sector development measures	Granted state funding to the country's Canola Council in a bid to advance growth and profitability in the rapeseed sector, focusing on the development of new and improved products.
Canada/United States/Mexico	Oilcrops	Sep-18	Trade agreement	Agreed to replace the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) with the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), under which trade facilitation measures for oilcrops would remain in place.
China (Mainland)/Kazakhstan	Rapeseed, rapeseed meal	Jul-18	Trade arrangement	Agreed to relax sanitary requirements related to agricultural product trade – a development that could boost Kazakhstan's shipments of rapeseed and rapeseed meal to China.
China (Mainland)	Soybeans, soyoil rapeseed oil	Jul-18 to Sep-18	Public stockholding	Held public auctions of soybeans, soybean oil and rapeseed oil, with less than one-third of the quantities offered finding a buyer.
	Soybeans	Sep-18	Agricultural policy	Envisaged a further expansion in domestic soybean plantings over the next five years, hand-in-hand with a reduction in maize sowings.
	Selected oilseeds, oils and meals	Sep-18	Trade dispute	Implemented, effective 24 September 2018, retaliatory tariffs of 10 percent on selected, weakly traded oilseeds, vegetable oils/meals and fish oil/meal imported from the United States, plus rates of 5 percent on a number of other oilseeds, vegetable oils and meals of animal origin. The measure follows the earlier introduction of a 25 percent tariff on soybean imports from the US.
	Rapeseed meal	Oct-18	Import policy	Removed a ban on imports of rapeseed meal from India that was introduced in 2011 over quality concerns.
	Aflatoxin	Sep-18	Pesticide regulation	Planned to develop a regional policy framework to address human and animal health threats posed by aflatoxin contamination.
East African Community				
Ecuador	Palm oil	Jul-18	Sector development measures	Presented a five-year action plan to make the country's palm oil supply chain more sustainable, including key objective to make RSPO (Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil) certification the national norm.

COUNTRY	PRODUCT	DATE	POLICY CATEGORY/ INSTRUMENT	DESCRIPTION
Eurasian Economic Union	Trans-fatty acid	Jan-18	Food standards	Set the maximum permitted percentage of trans fats in food products at 2 percent of total fat content.
European Union	Gene-edited crops	Jul-18	GMO policy	Ruled that crops and other organisms obtained through innovative genome editing techniques fall under EU laws regulating the use of GMOs, and are therefore subject to lengthy approval processes and stringent traceability, labelling and monitoring requirements.
	Olive tree	Jul-18	Disease control	Developed a remote, airborne imaging method capable of scanning orchards and detecting olive trees infected by the <i>xylella fastidiosa</i> bacterium before visible symptoms appear.
	All crops, livestock products	Aug-18	Agricultural policy	Announced a set of support measures for European farmers affected by the current season's extreme drought, including allowing farmers to receive their direct and rural development payments earlier than scheduled, and to use fallow land with more flexibility. Member states are also allowed to provide compensation for damage without notifying the Commission.
	Biodiesel	Sep-18	Trade dispute	Decided to postpone the introduction of provisional countervailing duties on biodiesel imported from Argentina.
France	Soybeans, palm oil	Jul-18	Climate policy	Launched a public consultation on its draft National Strategy to Combat Imported Deforestation (SNDI), aimed at ending the import of forestry and agricultural products, including soybeans and palm oil.
India	Biodiesel	Jun-18	Biofuel policy	Released its National Policy on Biofuels, which includes indicative mandatory blending targets for biodiesel by 2030 and emphasizes the reliance on biofuels produced from domestic raw materials.
	Coconut oil	Jun-18	Food standards	Banned the manufacture, storage, sale and distribution of 45 brands of coconut oil in Kerala State, after detecting samples that were adulterated and unsafe for human consumption.
	Oilseeds	Jun-18	Public procurement	Procured a record amount of oilseeds from farmers at minimum support prices in the 2017/18 season.
	Grains, oilseeds	Jul-18	Agricultural policy	Significantly raised minimum support prices for the major 2018/19 Kharif crops.
	Food product labels	Jul-18	Food standards	Proposed to require oil manufacturers to disclose the exact composition of blended oils on product labels, to enable consumers to make informed choices.
	Biodiesel	Jul-18	Biofuel policy	Launched discussions on setting up a system for the collection of used cooking oil and its conversion into biodiesel.
	Palm oil	Jul-18	Sector development measures	Encouraged farmers in Telangana State to embark on oil palm cultivation, in a bid to reduce India's dependence on imported vegetable oils.
	Soybean oil, palm olein, wheat	Jul-18	Trade dispute	Filed a WTO notification listing US products – including wheat, crude soybean oil and refined palm olein – that could be subject to retaliatory import duties, thereby responding to the United States' higher duties on imports of steel and aluminium from India.
	Oilcrops	Sep-18	Sector development measures	Presented new strategies to raise domestic oilcrop production over the next four years, with a view to helping to reduce the country's dependence on edible oil imports.
	Oilcrops	Sep-18	Public procurement	Reformed its procurement policy for agricultural crops with a focus on those where domestic demand exceeds local supplies, including a couple of oilseed specific schemes, with a view to helping to raise farmers' incomes by covering gaps in existing public procurement and compensation mechanisms.
	Grains, oilcrops	Oct-18	Agricultural policy	Raised the minimum support prices for the major 2018/19 Rabi crops.

COUNTRY	PRODUCT	DATE	POLICY CATEGORY/ INSTRUMENT	DESCRIPTION
Indonesia	Palm oil	Jul-18 to Oct-18	Export policy	Kept the country's sliding tax on crude palm oil exports at zero, marking 18 months in succession with no export tax.
	Biodiesel	Aug-18, Sep-18	Biofuel policy	Required, starting 1 September 2018, all diesel fuel sold in the country to contain biodiesel, and widened the ability of the country's Oil Palm Estate Fund to subsidize the price gap between conventional diesel and biodiesel, reflecting increased efforts to raise domestic palm oil uptake.
	Oil palm	Sep-18	Environmental policy	Signed a three-year nationwide moratorium on new oil palm plantation licences, supplementing an existing ban on primary forest and peat land clearing.
	Primary products	Sep-18	Export policy	Laid out new rules requiring commodity exporters to guarantee funding for shipments exclusively through local banks, as part of policies to address ongoing currency and current account problems.
	Palm oil	Sep-18	Foreign agricultural investment	Supported initiatives to establish overseas palm oil processing facilities that would source crude palm oil primarily from Indonesia, complementing past efforts to raise demand for locally produced palm oil.
Kazakhstan/China (Mainland)	Rapeseed, rapeseed meal	Jul-18	Trade arrangement	Agreed to relax sanitary requirements related to agricultural product trade – a measure that could boost Kazakhstan's shipments of rapeseed and rapeseed meal to China.
Malaysia	Palm oil	Sep-18 to Oct-18	Export policy	Suspended the country's export tax on crude palm oil for the months of September and October.
	Plantation crops	Sep-18	Labour policy	Announced a new minimum wage that will take effect nationwide on 1 January 2019.
	Coconut	Sep-18	Sector development measures	Planned to set up a special body to manage and regulate the country's coconut industry.
	Palm oil	Sep-18	Market regulation	Sought the assistance of the Government of Sabah State to ensure that local smallholders achieve Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil (MSPO) certification, instead of pursuing a separate state specific certification scheme.
	Palm oil, rapeseed	Sep-18	Bilateral cooperation	Decided to set up an expert committee to explore opportunities for sustainable production, bilateral trade, exchange of relevant technologies and possible collaboration in downstream palm oil industry applications, with a view to securing Malaysia's palm oil exports to Switzerland without harming Swiss rapeseed producers.
Mexico/Canada/United States	Oilcrops	Sep-18	Trade agreement	Agreed to replace North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) with the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), under which trade facilitation measures for oilcrops would remain in place.
Pakistan	Soybean oil	Apr-18	Import policy	Raised the import custom duty on crude soybean oil, with the aim of protecting local soft oil production.
Philippines	Coconut	Sep-18	Sector development measures	Approved a bill creating a trust fund to be used over the next 25 years for the benefit of the country's coconut farmers.
Switzerland/Malaysia	Palm oil, rapeseed	Sep-18	Bilateral cooperation	Decided to set up an expert committee to explore opportunities for sustainable production, bilateral trade, exchange of relevant technologies and possible collaboration in downstream palm oil industry applications, with a view to protecting the interests of Swiss rapeseed producers, while Malaysia raises its palm oil exports to Switzerland.
Tanzania	Oilcrops	Sep-18	Sector development measures	Pursued plans to modernize domestic production of oil palm, sunflower seed, groundnut, sesame, coconut palm and coconut, with a view to reducing the country's dependence on edible oil imports and improve the livelihood of smallholder farmers.
Thailand	Trans-fatty acid	Jul-18	Health policy	Banned, effective 13 July 2018, the production, import and sale of partially hydrogenated oils (PHOs) and foods containing the same, allowing for a 180-day grace period.

COUNTRY	PRODUCT	DATE	POLICY CATEGORY/ INSTRUMENT	DESCRIPTION
Turkey	Sunflower seed, oil and meal	Jun-18	Import policy	Decided to leave the import tariffs on sunflower seed, oil and meal at their reduced levels, to ensure that domestic demand for edible oils was met.
Ukraine	Soybeans, rapeseed	Jul-18	Export policy	Postponed the abolition of a VAT refund on exports of soybeans and rapeseed until 31 December 2021, but only for farmers and companies exporting their own crops.
United States	GM crops	May-18	GMO policy	Called for public comments on a legislative framework for the labelling of GMOs, notably on detailed standards for the disclosure of food ingredients, with a view to assisting consumers in making informed choices.
	Biodiesel	Jun-18	Biofuel policy	Proposed the blending mandates for renewable fuels in 2019 and 2020, entailing i) increases in 'cellulosic biofuel' and 'advanced biofuel' volumes in 2019; ii) unchanged levels of 'conventional' biofuels in 2019; and iii) a moderate increase for 'biomass-based diesel' targets in 2020.
	Trans-fatty acid	Jun-18	Health policy	Decided, with regard to the nationwide ban on food products containing partially hydrogenated oils (PHOs), to extend the compliance date for certain specified applications of PHOs to 1 June 2019. Also allowed all food products containing PHOs produced prior to 18 June 2018 to be distributed until 1 January 2020.
	Glyphosate	Jul-18	Pesticide regulation	Federal courts are considering cases linking the use of glyphosate, a herbicide widely employed for soybeans and other crops, to human health issues.
	Crops, livestock products	Aug-18	Agricultural policy	Announced details of public assistance to be provided to farmers impacted by China's introduction of retaliatory tariffs, including direct payments, Government procurement of affected commodities for distribution to public nutrition programmes, and trade promotion programmes to assist in developing new export markets.
	Oilcrops	Sep-18	Trade agreement	Agreed to replace North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) with the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), under which trade facilitation measures for oilcrops would remain in place.
Viet Nam	Soybeans, wheat	Sep-18	Import policy	Sent non-compliance notifications to the United States regarding wheat and soybean consignments contaminated with seeds of perennial weed <i>Cirsium arvense</i> .
Zimbabwe	Soybeans	Jul-18	Sector development measures	Raised the price of soybeans delivered to the state-run Grain Marketing Board in a bid to stimulate domestic soybean production.

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MEAT: MAJOR POLICY DEVELOPMENTS MID-JUNE TO MID-OCTOBER 2018*

COUNTRY	DATE	PRODUCT	POLICY CATEGORY/ INSTRUMENT	DESCRIPTION
Argentina	Sep-18	Bovine meat	Export tax	Imposed an export tax on meat products (four pesos per USD for raw/primary products and three pesos per USD for value-added products), and reduced the original export tax rebate from 3.5 percent to 1.0 percent for chilled beef, and from 4.0 percent to 1.25 percent for frozen beef.
Canada	Jul-18	Bovine meat	Tariff rate	Announced a list of goods, including beef, targeted for retaliation over tariffs imposed by the United States on steel and aluminium imports from Canada.
China (Mainland)	Jun-18	Poultry meat	Anti-dumping measure	Imposed a temporary anti-dumping measure on poultry meat imports from Brazil, which requires Chinese importers of Brazilian poultry meat to pay deposits ranging from 18.8 percent to 38.4 percent of the value of the shipments from 9 June 2018.
	Jun-18	Bovine meat	Market access	Signed a health and safety accord, which will allow chilled and frozen beef to be imported from France. This reversed an embargo introduced in the 1990s, in the wake of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) outbreaks in Europe, and follows similar agreements signed with Ireland, the Netherlands and Denmark during the past few months.
	Jul-18	All	Tariff rate	Imposed a retaliatory tariff of 25 percent on 545 US products, including bovine and pigmeat.
	Jul-18	Pigmeat	Tariff rate	Established, on a temporary basis, tariffs lower than the current Most Favoured Nation rates for some consumer products, including certain pigmeat products (raw, cooked and cured hams) and pellets, imported from Argentina.
European Union	Oct-18	Pigmeat	Import ban	Banned imports of pigs and pork products from Belgium, Bulgaria, Japan and Moldova to prevent the spread of African swine fever.
	Jun-18	All	Domestic policy	Published its legislative proposals for the new Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) beyond 2020. The new CAP is likely to grant more responsibilities to Member State governments, and to continue coupled direct payments for beef production.
	Jul-18	All	Trade agreement	Signed an Economic Partnership Agreement with Japan, allowing the European Union to increase exports of beef and pigmeat. The agreement included provisions for mutual recognition of geographical indicators of selected agricultural commodities in both countries.
Ghana	Jun-18	Bovine meat	Market access	Confirmed acceptance of a Veterinary Health Certificate for the import of cattle from the United States, proposed by the US Department of Agriculture.
India	Sep-18	Pigmeat	Market access	Approved imports of Brazilian pigmeat.
Japan	Jul-18	Ovine meat	Import ban lifted	Reopened its market to ovine meat from the United States after 14 years.

COUNTRY	DATE	PRODUCT	POLICY CATEGORY/ INSTRUMENT	DESCRIPTION
Mexico	Jun-18	Pigmeat	Tariff rate	Imposed retaliatory tariff on pigmeat imports from the United States at 10 percent in June, subsequently raised to 20 percent in July.
Morocco	Aug-18	Poultry meat	Import ban lifted	Lifted a ban on imports of poultry meat from the United States under an agreement for US exports to comply with its health and halal certificates.
Republic of Korea	Sep-18	All	Trade agreement	Signed the revised Korea-US Free Trade Agreement, allowing duty free access for pigmeat products and reduced tariff for bovine meat from the United States. The agreement stipulates that tariff rates on bovine meat must decline each year, and be completely removed by 2026.
Russian Federation	Jul-18	All	Import ban extended	Extended the food embargo on agricultural products from the United States, including meat, until 31 December 2019.
	Aug-18	Poultry meat	Market access	Removed special conditions previously required for the transit of US poultry products through the Russian Territory to Kazakhstan.
	Aug-18	All	Tariff rate quota	Announced tariff-rate quotas (TRQs) and respective volumes for imports of meat, poultry and whey into the Eurasian Economic Union for 2019. TRQs for the Russian Federation, Belarus and Kazakhstan remained unchanged, and as in previous years, Armenia will have no TRQs in 2019. Kyrgyzstan's TRQs for beef will be increased, while those for poultry will be reduced.
Saudi Arabia	Sep-18	All	Food standard	Launched an advanced halal identification system, aimed at guaranteeing that all meat products exported to Saudi Arabia, and a number of other countries, comply with Sharia standards. The system is overseen by the Muslim World League, which is authorized to issue halal certificates to exporters.
United States	Jul-18	All	Tariff rate	Imposed a 25 percent tariff on a number of goods from China, including dairy milkers, chicken incubators, and other livestock equipment.
	Aug-18	All	Trade agreement	Announced a preliminary agreement between the United States and Mexico on trade, which would maintain reciprocal duty free market access for agricultural goods.

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DAIRY: MAJOR POLICY DEVELOPMENTS MID-JUNE TO MID-OCTOBER 2018*

COUNTRY	DATE	PRODUCT	POLICY CATEGORY/ INSTRUMENT	DESCRIPTION
China (Mainland)	Jul-18	Dairy products	Tariff rate	Imposed 25 percent tariff on a number of agricultural products, including some dairy products, in retaliation for tariff introduced by the United States on Chinese goods. The list of dairy products did not include lactose, infant formula, casein or caseinates.
	Jul-18	Dairy products	Tariff rate	Adjusted the tariff structure, essentially lowering import tariffs on 1 449 consumer products, including dairy, below the Most Favoured Nation (MFN) tariff rates.
	Aug-18	Dairy products	Market access	Agreed to import dairy products from the United Kingdom, made with milk from third countries.
European Union	Jul-18	Dairy products	Trade agreement	Signed an Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) with Japan. Among other things, this will: (a) allow scrapping of Japanese duties on some dairy products such as Gouda and Cheddar cheese; (b) ensure protection under geographical indications (GIs) for more than 200 European agricultural products in Japan; and (c) protect some Japanese GIs in the European Union.
	Sep-18	Milk powder	Stocks	Fixed buying-in price at zero for skim milk powder (SMP) to the EU intervention stock for the 2018 window (1 March–30 September). Typically, the Intervention scheme allows the European Commission to buy in 60 000 tonnes of butter and 109 000 tonnes of SMP between 1 March and 30 September each year, at set prices of EUR 2 217 (USD 2 586)/tonne and EUR 1 698 (USD 1 981)/tonne respectively.
Ghana	Jun-18	Dairy products	Market access	Confirmed acceptance of a Veterinary Health Certificate for the export of cattle from the United States, proposed by the US Department of Agriculture. Cattle imports are expected to boost milk production to meet rising domestic demand.
India	Jun-18	Dairy products	Import ban extended	Extended the ban on milk and dairy product imports from China for six months. The ban has been in place since 2008 amid safety concerns.
Indonesia	Jul-18	Dairy products	Import policy	Issued a revised regulation on its milk supply and distribution policy. The new guidelines have rescinded an earlier regulation that mandated importers to establish 'partnership agreements' with local entities to procure local milk, and invest in local milk production and in promoting local fluid milk consumption.

COUNTRY	DATE	PRODUCT	POLICY CATEGORY/ INSTRUMENT	DESCRIPTION
Japan	Aug-18	Dairy products	Food standard	Introduced new standards for liquid infant formula under the Food Sanitation Act, which allows the production and sale of liquid baby formula for the first time.
	Aug-18	Dairy products	Trade agreement	Notified the World Trade Organization of its intention to amend the Act on the <i>Protection of the Names of Specific Agricultural, Forestry and Fishery Products and Foodstuffs</i> , to ensure the proper reciprocal protection of GIs within the ambit of the Japan-EU EPA signed in July 2018.
Mexico	Jun-18	Cheese	Tariff rate	Imposed import duties, ranging from 10 to 25 percent, on some cheese imports from the United States.
New Zealand	Jul-18	Dairy products	Production support	Announced plans to try to eradicate <i>Mycoplasma bovis</i> from its dairy herds.
	Sep-18	Dairy products	Production support	Allocated NZD 7 million (around USD 5 million) to boost dairy industry genetic research, with the objective of increasing milk yield, as the number of dairy cattle has reached 5 million, considered to be the maximum sustainable herd size.
	Jun-18	Dairy products	Import ban	Banned imports of some dairy products from Belarus in bulk form. Products included pasteurized milk and cream, sterilized and ultrapasteurized milk, milk and cream, whey and concentrate of whey and milk protein.
Russian Federation	Aug-18	Dairy products	Tariff rate quota	Published Decision No. 141 of the Eurasian Economic Commission establishing tariff-rate quotas (TRQs) and respective volumes of whey into the Eurasian Economic Union for 2019. TRQs remained unchanged from 2018.
Turkey	Jul-18	Dairy products	Import ban lifted	Reopened market to US dairy products, ending a ban lasting nearly three years, after reaching an agreement for a new certificate.
United States	Jul-18	Dairy products	Tariff rate	Imposed a 25 percent tariff on a number of goods from China, including dairy milkers and other livestock equipment.

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General

- FAO estimates and forecasts are based on official and unofficial sources.
- Unless otherwise stated - all charts and tables refer to FAO data as source.
- Estimates of world imports and exports may not always match - mainly because shipments and deliveries do not necessarily occur in the same marketing year.
- Tonnes refer to metric tonnes.
- All totals are computed from unrounded data.
- Regional totals may include estimates for countries not listed. The countries shown in the tables were chosen based on their importance of either production or trade in each region. The totals shown for Central America include countries in the Caribbean.
- Estimates for China also include those for the Taiwan Province - Hong Kong SAR and Macao SAR - unless otherwise stated.
- Up to 2012/13 - the European Union includes 27 member states. From 2013/14 - the European Union includes 28 member states.
- '-' means nil or negligible.
- Cereals include wheat - rice and coarse grains. Coarse grains include maize - barley - sorghum - millet - rye - oats and NES (not elsewhere specified).

Production

- **Cereals:** Data refer to the calendar year in which the whole harvest or bulk of harvest takes place.

Utilization

- **Cereals:** Data are on individual country's marketing year basis.

Trade

- Trade between **European Union** member states is excluded - unless otherwise stated.
- **Wheat:** Trade data include wheat flour in wheat grain equivalent. The time reference period is July/June - unless otherwise stated.
- **Coarse grains:** The time reference period is July/June - unless otherwise stated.
- **Rice - dairy and meat products:** The time reference period is January/December.
- **Oilseeds - oils and fats and meals:** The time reference period is October/September - unless otherwise stated.

Stocks

- **Cereals:** Data refer to carry-overs at the close of national crop seasons ending in the year shown.

Price indices

- The FAO price indices are calculated using the Laspeyres formula; the weights used are based on the average export value of each commodity for the 2002-2004 period.

COUNTRY CLASSIFICATION

In the presentation of statistical material - countries are subdivided according to geographical location as well as into the following two main economic groupings: "developed countries" (including the developed market

economies and the transition markets) and "developing countries" (including the developing market economies and the Asia centrally planned countries). The designation "Developed" and "Developing" economies is intended for statistical convenience and does not necessarily express a judgement about the stage reached by a particular country or area in the development process.

References are also made to special country groupings: Low-Income Food-Deficit Countries (LIFDCs) - Least Developed Countries (LDCs). The LIFDCs include 54 countries that are net importers of basic foodstuffs with per caput income below the level used by the World Bank to determine eligibility for International Development Aid (IDA) assistance (i.e. USD 1 945 in 2011). The LDCs group currently includes 48 countries with low income as well as weak human resources and low level of economic diversification. The list is reviewed every three years by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

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APPENDIX TABLE 1(A): CEREAL STATISTICS

	Production			Imports			Exports		
	2014-2016 average	2017 <i>estim.</i>	2018 <i>f'cast</i>	14/15-16/17 average	2017/18 <i>estim.</i>	2018/19 <i>f'cast</i>	14/15-16/17 average	2017/18 <i>estim.</i>	2018/19 <i>f'cast</i>
<i>million tonnes</i>									
ASIA	1 124.1	1 157.4	1 158.1	201.9	216.7	210.6	56.3	63.4	63.0
Bangladesh	38.4	38.6	40.2	6.5	9.2	8.2	0.1	-	-
China	501.1	503.2	496.9	35.5	34.6	33.3	1.0	1.9	2.2
India	240.1	258.0	261.8	2.5	1.5	0.4	13.3	13.6	14.0
Indonesia	64.9	70.7	72.4	12.4	13.6	12.3	0.2	0.3	0.2
Iran, Islamic Republic of	17.0	18.5	19.1	12.9	12.5	13.0	-	0.5	0.1
Iraq	4.8	4.8	4.1	3.5	5.5	5.3	-	-	-
Japan	8.8	8.7	8.6	23.3	24.2	23.9	0.3	0.2	0.3
Kazakhstan	18.1	19.7	20.6	0.3	0.1	0.1	7.7	10.0	10.6
Korea, Republic of	4.5	4.2	4.2	14.6	14.8	15.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Myanmar	19.3	20.5	21.2	0.4	0.5	0.5	2.9	4.0	4.2
Pakistan	38.4	40.7	38.7	0.5	0.2	0.2	4.6	5.3	5.1
Philippines	19.5	20.6	20.8	7.1	8.0	8.6	0.1	-	0.1
Saudi Arabia	0.6	0.3	0.3	17.1	16.7	17.3	-	-	-
Thailand	25.0	27.3	28.0	4.5	3.5	3.6	10.9	11.1	9.7
Turkey	35.2	35.8	35.7	6.6	11.3	8.2	4.3	4.7	4.5
Viet Nam	34.1	32.9	33.8	11.6	14.4	14.2	7.1	7.1	7.5
AFRICA	174.4	188.4	183.8	89.6	91.7	91.2	7.0	7.1	7.0
Algeria	3.5	3.4	6.0	13.4	13.1	12.7	-	-	-
Egypt	22.4	21.3	20.5	19.8	22.9	22.9	0.3	0.1	-
Ethiopia	24.8	26.7	26.6	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.2	1.2	1.2
Morocco	7.4	9.8	10.5	7.4	6.8	6.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Nigeria	22.6	23.2	22.4	7.4	8.0	8.5	0.7	0.7	0.7
South Africa	13.5	19.6	15.8	4.3	3.0	2.6	1.3	2.4	2.3
Sudan	6.9	5.2	6.0	2.9	2.8	2.7	0.5	0.2	0.4
CENTRAL AMERICA	42.3	44.0	43.4	31.1	34.6	37.1	2.6	2.9	3.0
Mexico	36.0	37.4	37.0	19.1	22.0	24.2	2.3	2.7	2.8
SOUTH AMERICA	180.4	215.8	194.8	30.2	32.1	33.3	63.3	79.6	75.8
Argentina	59.0	75.8	70.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	32.2	42.5	44.5
Brazil	93.1	113.3	97.9	9.3	8.6	9.4	24.9	32.5	26.1
Chile	3.6	3.3	3.4	2.8	3.7	3.6	0.1	0.1	0.1
Colombia	3.0	3.5	3.4	7.0	7.7	8.0	-	-	-
Peru	4.2	4.0	4.1	5.3	5.8	6.2	0.1	0.1	-
Venezuela	2.3	1.3	1.2	3.6	3.7	3.4	-	-	-
NORTH AMERICA	502.1	493.9	505.6	9.3	10.4	10.1	114.7	117.7	128.0
Canada	54.5	56.3	57.6	1.9	2.1	2.0	26.6	27.8	29.7
United States of America	447.5	437.6	448.0	7.4	8.3	8.1	88.1	89.9	98.3
EUROPE	510.3	524.0	486.1	24.4	30.9	31.8	121.6	126.0	120.5
European Union	314.4	310.1	287.8	20.5	26.5	27.0	43.8	30.3	31.3
Russian Federation	107.4	130.8	110.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	33.9	52.6	44.1
Serbia	10.0	6.8	10.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	3.3	1.8	2.1
Ukraine	63.0	60.8	62.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	39.7	40.0	42.0
OCEANIA	41.9	34.5	29.5	1.7	1.7	1.8	26.2	23.8	18.6
Australia	40.8	33.5	28.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	26.2	23.8	18.6
WORLD	2 575.2	2 658.1	2 601.2	388.1	418.1	415.9	391.6	420.4	415.9
Developing countries	1 464.1	1 541.4	1 520.2	314.9	337.1	334.9	118.9	139.6	134.7
Developed countries	1 111.2	1 116.6	1 081.1	73.2	80.9	80.9	272.6	280.8	281.1
LIFDC	470.3	495.6	494.3	61.6	65.9	66.1	23.4	23.9	24.1
LDC	173.8	181.3	181.8	36.6	40.5	40.4	8.8	9.7	9.9

APPENDIX TABLE 1(B): CEREAL STATISTICS

	Total Utilization			Stocks ending in			Per caput food use		
	14/15-16/17 average	2017/18 estim.	2018/19 f'cast	2015-2017 average	2018 estim.	2019 f'cast	14/15-16/17 average	2017/18 estim.	2018/19 f'cast
	(..... million tonnes.....)						(..... Kg/year.....)		
ASIA	1 246.5	1 296.7	1 318.9	470.1	499.7	486.8	155.9	156.1	156.4
Bangladesh	44.4	47.1	48.5	7.5	9.6	9.8	210.6	213.7	214.5
China	504.6	526.6	539.1	319.7	359.4	348.3	147.7	148.4	148.2
India	233.3	238.9	244.5	41.8	41.7	45.3	147.6	147.4	148.1
Indonesia	78.1	81.7	85.6	9.5	10.0	9.9	188.7	188.3	189.5
Iran, Islamic Republic of	29.6	32.2	33.1	9.2	6.5	5.3	202.4	201.8	202.9
Iraq	9.0	9.3	9.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	189.7	187.3	187.5
Japan	32.1	32.4	31.9	7.0	6.7	6.8	94.0	93.5	93.1
Kazakhstan	10.5	10.3	9.8	2.9	2.6	2.9	156.8	156.5	156.0
Korea, Republic of	19.1	19.8	19.3	4.0	3.1	3.1	127.9	125.0	123.3
Myanmar	17.2	17.0	17.1	3.0	2.7	2.9	210.9	211.0	210.8
Pakistan	34.2	36.7	35.8	5.5	4.2	2.3	147.3	147.3	147.1
Philippines	26.5	27.7	29.0	4.0	4.1	4.6	156.7	158.0	158.6
Saudi Arabia	17.6	17.8	17.8	7.6	6.3	6.0	145.2	140.6	138.9
Thailand	21.8	21.6	21.6	13.8	8.0	7.8	117.7	116.7	117.9
Turkey	38.4	40.3	40.4	5.6	6.0	4.8	239.3	238.9	239.0
Viet Nam	37.4	41.8	41.2	4.9	5.1	4.6	177.3	177.7	175.9
AFRICA	253.0	266.5	268.2	54.0	58.8	57.1	147.8	148.6	148.6
Algeria	16.5	16.7	17.5	5.4	5.4	6.6	230.1	229.0	230.1
Egypt	41.8	43.4	44.1	6.6	7.0	6.3	268.4	270.0	269.1
Ethiopia	24.3	26.6	27.0	4.0	5.6	5.8	182.7	190.3	192.6
Morocco	14.6	15.8	15.8	6.5	6.6	7.3	239.3	242.7	243.9
Nigeria	28.9	30.8	30.0	3.3	2.3	2.1	125.0	125.0	125.5
South Africa	16.0	17.0	16.2	3.0	4.9	4.6	163.6	164.8	165.1
Sudan	8.5	8.5	8.6	3.1	2.8	2.1	183.4	175.2	173.7
CENTRAL AMERICA	69.4	75.0	78.0	10.1	13.4	13.1	159.0	161.5	163.2
Mexico	51.9	56.2	58.7	4.9	7.6	7.5	185.9	186.5	187.0
SOUTH AMERICA	145.3	153.1	157.1	41.9	55.9	49.3	118.8	120.3	122.2
Argentina	26.5	28.8	30.7	9.3	13.4	9.0	134.9	135.3	135.7
Brazil	78.6	82.3	82.5	14.8	19.7	16.8	112.9	114.3	114.6
Chile	5.8	5.9	6.2	3.7	4.7	5.5	145.8	147.1	147.7
Colombia	9.6	10.2	10.9	1.9	2.5	2.4	98.7	111.9	124.9
Peru	8.3	8.9	9.7	3.9	5.7	6.5	152.3	159.9	159.4
Venezuela	6.3	5.1	4.9	1.4	0.5	0.3	128.2	107.8	109.1
NORTH AMERICA	384.2	390.5	402.9	91.2	99.5	86.0	110.0	110.9	110.7
Canada	31.0	32.5	32.8	11.0	10.8	9.1	95.8	96.3	96.3
United States of America	353.2	358.0	370.2	80.3	88.8	76.9	111.6	112.5	112.4
EUROPE	409.8	416.9	412.1	67.8	78.4	63.3	133.4	133.8	133.7
European Union	290.9	298.0	293.0	36.5	40.9	31.2	133.8	134.6	134.5
Russian Federation	70.4	74.4	73.0	14.3	23.7	17.4	126.7	126.3	126.2
Serbia	6.7	5.4	7.9	1.0	0.8	1.3	174.0	175.0	175.6
Ukraine	24.7	22.2	21.5	9.9	6.2	5.6	144.9	143.2	143.4
OCEANIA	16.2	15.2	15.3	8.3	9.1	6.3	91.3	92.0	92.0
Australia	13.6	12.7	12.6	7.9	8.7	5.8	100.1	101.0	101.3
WORLD	2 524.4	2 613.9	2 652.6	743.6	815.0	761.9	147.8	148.3	148.6
Developing countries	1 630.1	1 705.7	1 739.3	556.6	606.4	585.0	152.8	153.3	153.6
Developed countries	894.3	908.2	913.4	187.0	208.6	177.0	126.2	126.7	126.6
LIFDC	509.4	530.1	536.8	96.3	99.1	97.6	146.6	147.0	147.3
LDC	199.6	210.4	213.9	41.6	45.3	43.0	153.5	154.6	154.7

APPENDIX TABLE 2(A): WHEAT STATISTICS

	Production			Imports			Exports		
	2014-2016 average	2017 <i>estim.</i>	2018 <i>f'cast</i>	14/15-16/17 average	2017/18 <i>estim.</i>	2018/19 <i>f'cast</i>	14/15-16/17 average	2017/18 <i>estim.</i>	2018/19 <i>f'cast</i>
	<i>million tonnes</i>								
ASIA	319.6	333.1	326.2	82.6	87.9	86.2	15.1	17.7	17.4
Bangladesh	1.3	1.3	1.3	4.6	5.9	6.0	-	-	-
China	128.4	133.0	128.0	5.0	5.6	5.9	0.2	0.2	0.2
of which Taiwan Prov.	-	-	-	1.3	1.4	1.4	-	-	-
India	91.5	98.5	99.7	2.2	1.3	0.2	1.0	0.5	0.6
Indonesia	-	-	-	9.2	10.7	10.5	0.1	0.1	0.1
Iran, Islamic Republic of	11.1	12.5	13.4	3.3	-	0.2	-	0.5	0.1
Iraq	3.6	3.5	3.0	2.3	4.0	3.8	-	-	-
Japan	0.9	0.9	0.9	5.6	5.6	5.8	0.2	0.2	0.2
Kazakhstan	13.9	14.8	15.0	0.3	0.1	0.1	6.9	8.5	8.5
Korea, Republic of	-	-	-	4.2	4.5	4.4	-	-	-
Pakistan	25.6	26.7	25.5	0.7	-	-	0.7	1.2	1.2
Philippines	-	-	-	5.2	5.7	5.8	0.1	-	-
Saudi Arabia	0.7	-	-	3.4	3.4	3.4	-	-	-
Thailand	-	-	-	4.1	3.0	3.2	-	-	-
Turkey	20.7	21.5	21.0	4.8	6.5	5.0	4.2	4.5	4.4
AFRICA	26.1	27.1	29.0	48.4	49.1	47.5	1.0	0.9	0.9
Algeria	2.5	2.4	3.9	8.2	8.2	7.6	-	-	-
Egypt	9.3	8.8	8.8	11.5	12.4	12.5	-	-	-
Ethiopia	4.4	4.6	4.6	1.2	1.3	1.3	-	-	-
Morocco	5.3	7.1	7.3	4.7	3.7	3.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Nigeria	0.1	0.1	0.1	4.7	5.1	5.1	0.4	0.4	0.4
South Africa	1.7	1.5	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.4	0.2	0.1	0.1
Tunisia	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.9	2.0	1.9	0.1	-	-
CENTRAL AMERICA	3.8	3.5	2.9	8.8	9.4	9.8	1.3	1.2	1.4
Cuba	-	-	-	0.8	0.9	0.9	-	-	-
Mexico	3.8	3.5	2.9	4.7	5.2	5.5	1.2	1.1	1.3
SOUTH AMERICA	25.1	25.8	28.7	14.1	15.2	16.0	10.8	13.9	15.0
Argentina	14.8	18.5	20.0	-	-	-	8.2	13.4	14.2
Brazil	6.2	4.3	5.4	6.5	6.7	7.2	1.1	0.2	0.3
Chile	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.0	1.4	1.4	-	-	-
Colombia	-	-	-	1.9	2.0	2.0	-	-	-
Peru	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.9	2.0	2.2	-	-	-
Venezuela	-	-	-	1.4	1.4	1.4	-	-	-
NORTH AMERICA	87.8	77.3	82.3	3.2	4.5	3.8	46.6	44.9	53.0
Canada	29.7	30.0	31.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	22.0	21.8	24.0
United States of America	58.0	47.3	51.3	3.0	4.4	3.8	24.6	23.1	29.0
EUROPE	252.6	271.9	241.7	8.0	7.8	9.0	73.8	82.5	74.4
European Union	154.0	152.0	137.0	5.8	5.5	6.5	31.7	22.5	21.5
Russian Federation	64.9	85.9	71.6	0.4	0.3	0.3	25.0	40.7	35.5
Ukraine	25.6	26.2	24.6	-	0.1	0.1	15.6	17.8	16.0
OCEANIA	26.4	21.6	17.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	18.2	15.6	11.1
Australia	25.9	21.2	16.6	-	-	-	18.2	15.6	11.1
WORLD	741.3	760.4	727.9	166.0	174.8	173.2	166.8	176.6	173.2
Developing countries	345.9	360.5	358.3	138.5	145.8	143.8	20.1	24.2	25.1
Developed countries	395.4	399.9	369.6	27.5	29.0	29.4	146.6	152.5	148.1
LIFDC	142.1	148.9	146.4	36.9	38.6	38.8	3.0	3.0	3.1
LDC	14.0	13.3	12.5	21.3	23.1	23.7	0.2	0.1	0.1

APPENDIX TABLE 2(B): WHEAT STATISTICS

	Total Utilization			Stocks ending in			Per caput food use		
	14/15-16/17 average	2017/18 estim.	2018/19 f'cast	2015-2017 average	2018 estim.	2019 f'cast	14/15-16/17 average	2017/18 estim.	2018/19 f'cast
	million tonnes						Kg/year		
ASIA	376.7	385.9	387.5	134.2	163.2	170.6	64.8	65.2	65.2
Bangladesh	5.4	6.9	7.2	1.4	2.4	2.4	26.5	29.8	29.8
China	121.9	122.4	122.6	73.2	105.3	116.6	62.5	62.4	62.4
of which Taiwan Prov.	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	45.7	45.7	45.6
India	94.5	95.2	97.3	18.8	18.0	20.0	59.6	59.8	59.8
Indonesia	8.8	11.1	10.7	1.0	1.2	0.8	25.1	26.0	25.8
Iran, Islamic Republic of	14.4	14.8	14.6	7.2	3.3	2.2	166.4	166.3	166.4
Iraq	6.4	6.6	6.8	1.2	1.3	1.3	149.3	149.7	150.0
Japan	6.4	6.3	6.3	1.6	1.7	1.8	40.6	40.4	40.4
Kazakhstan	7.1	6.8	6.4	2.5	2.2	2.4	142.5	142.0	141.3
Korea, Republic of	4.2	4.5	4.4	0.7	1.0	1.0	47.7	47.9	47.7
Pakistan	25.2	26.3	25.7	3.2	2.3	1.0	124.4	124.4	124.5
Philippines	5.1	5.4	5.8	0.7	1.0	1.0	23.1	23.4	23.5
Saudi Arabia	3.5	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.2	3.0	99.3	98.7	98.3
Thailand	3.7	2.8	3.3	1.3	1.8	1.7	16.0	16.0	16.3
Turkey	22.0	22.4	22.7	3.4	3.8	2.7	210.2	209.9	210.0
AFRICA	71.7	74.8	75.2	21.2	20.2	19.7	50.4	50.3	49.9
Algeria	10.3	10.8	10.8	3.7	3.8	4.5	208.8	208.1	209.5
Egypt	20.7	21.2	21.6	4.5	4.3	4.0	185.4	186.1	186.2
Ethiopia	5.6	6.0	6.1	0.8	0.9	0.8	44.4	46.1	46.0
Morocco	9.5	10.4	10.1	5.1	5.4	5.7	208.8	211.2	212.8
Nigeria	4.0	4.1	4.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	20.3	20.2	19.9
South Africa	3.2	3.2	3.3	0.6	0.5	0.3	56.7	56.4	56.6
Tunisia	3.0	3.0	3.0	0.5	0.6	0.5	209.3	209.4	209.3
CENTRAL AMERICA	11.0	11.6	11.8	2.2	2.6	2.5	44.0	44.9	45.3
Cuba	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.1	57.0	63.4	63.5
Mexico	7.1	7.5	7.6	0.9	1.2	1.1	48.5	48.8	48.9
SOUTH AMERICA	27.1	28.1	28.6	8.6	8.2	7.9	59.1	59.7	60.0
Argentina	5.8	5.8	5.9	3.4	2.5	1.7	117.5	117.6	117.7
Brazil	11.3	11.8	11.9	1.7	1.8	2.0	52.7	53.7	53.6
Chile	2.4	2.5	2.5	1.0	1.4	1.8	108.7	108.9	108.8
Colombia	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.7	1.0	0.9	29.5	29.4	29.5
Peru	2.1	2.3	2.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	61.0	67.4	67.9
Venezuela	1.4	1.3	1.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	46.8	40.7	42.6
NORTH AMERICA	40.8	38.2	40.2	32.7	36.1	31.2	82.6	82.7	82.7
Canada	9.1	8.9	9.1	6.4	6.2	5.2	80.7	81.2	81.2
United States of America	31.7	29.3	31.1	26.4	29.9	26.0	82.8	82.9	82.9
EUROPE	183.2	190.1	188.3	31.6	40.4	28.2	107.4	107.8	107.8
European Union	127.0	128.6	128.8	15.5	21.0	14.0	109.1	109.6	109.6
Russian Federation	37.1	43.7	42.2	10.1	15.7	9.9	100.1	100.0	99.9
Ukraine	10.6	9.3	8.7	3.9	1.7	1.6	112.1	111.8	111.7
OCEANIA	8.7	8.4	8.7	5.7	6.1	4.3	67.4	67.5	67.4
Australia	7.4	7.2	7.4	5.4	5.8	4.0	80.0	80.2	80.3
WORLD	719.1	737.2	740.1	236.2	276.8	264.4	66.7	66.9	66.8
Developing countries	450.6	465.1	468.1	156.9	184.8	191.7	60.0	60.3	60.3
Developed countries	268.5	272.1	272.0	79.3	92.0	72.8	95.2	95.4	95.3
LIFDC	176.4	180.8	182.7	37.9	35.9	34.4	52.9	53.2	53.0
LDC	34.0	36.7	37.1	10.4	10.1	8.8	29.5	30.5	30.3

APPENDIX TABLE 3(A): COARSE GRAIN STATISTICS

	Production			Imports			Exports		
	2014-2016 average	2017 estim.	2018 f'cast	14/15-16/17 average	2017/18 estim.	2018/19 f'cast	14/15-16/17 average	2017/18 estim.	2018/19 f'cast
<i>million tonnes</i>									
ASIA	357.0	366.2	368.2	97.9	105.7	103.5	4.2	5.5	5.8
China	229.6	226.0	226.3	23.8	23.2	21.9	0.1	0.1	0.1
of which Taiwan Prov.	0.2	0.2	0.2	4.3	4.4	5.1	-	-	-
India	42.1	46.6	46.8	0.4	0.2	0.2	1.1	1.0	0.7
Indonesia	19.7	24.3	25.7	2.3	0.7	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.1
Iran, Islamic Republic of	4.3	4.0	3.7	8.3	11.2	11.5	-	-	-
Japan	0.2	0.2	0.2	17.0	17.8	17.4	-	-	-
Korea, Republic of	0.2	0.2	0.2	10.0	9.9	10.4	-	-	-
Malaysia	0.1	0.1	0.1	3.7	4.2	4.2	-	-	-
Pakistan	6.0	6.6	6.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	-	-	-
Philippines	7.5	7.9	8.2	0.6	0.7	0.7	-	-	-
Saudi Arabia	0.3	0.3	0.3	12.4	12.1	12.6	-	-	-
Thailand	4.8	5.0	5.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.3
Turkey	13.9	13.7	14.1	1.5	4.5	2.9	0.1	0.1	0.1
Viet Nam	5.3	5.1	4.8	7.4	9.0	9.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
AFRICA	128.2	140.6	134.0	25.9	26.3	26.0	5.2	5.9	5.8
Algeria	1.0	1.0	2.1	5.1	4.8	5.0	-	-	-
Egypt	8.9	8.1	8.3	8.2	10.3	10.0	-	-	-
Ethiopia	20.2	22.0	21.9	0.1	-	-	1.2	1.2	1.2
Morocco	2.1	2.7	3.1	2.7	3.0	3.0	-	-	-
Nigeria	18.8	19.0	18.0	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2
South Africa	11.8	18.0	14.0	1.6	0.2	0.2	1.2	2.3	2.2
Sudan	6.3	4.7	5.5	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.4
Tanzania, United Rep. of	7.3	7.1	7.2	-	-	-	0.4	0.3	0.3
CENTRAL AMERICA	36.7	38.6	38.5	19.9	22.8	24.9	1.1	1.6	1.5
Mexico	32.1	33.7	33.9	13.7	16.1	18.0	1.1	1.5	1.5
SOUTH AMERICA	138.6	173.0	149.5	14.3	15.0	15.4	49.4	62.1	57.5
Argentina	43.1	56.4	49.7	0.1	0.1	0.1	23.6	28.7	29.8
Brazil	79.0	100.7	84.3	2.2	1.2	1.4	23.1	31.3	25.0
Chile	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.6	2.1	2.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Colombia	1.5	1.6	1.7	5.0	5.6	5.8	-	-	-
Peru	1.9	1.7	1.8	3.0	3.5	3.6	-	-	-
Venezuela	1.8	1.1	1.1	1.9	1.8	1.6	-	-	-
NORTH AMERICA	407.5	410.9	416.3	5.0	4.6	5.0	64.8	69.8	71.8
Canada	24.8	26.4	26.5	1.4	1.6	1.5	4.6	6.0	5.7
United States of America	382.7	384.6	389.8	3.6	3.1	3.5	60.2	63.9	66.1
EUROPE	255.1	249.7	241.9	14.0	20.6	20.2	47.4	43.0	45.5
European Union	158.6	156.4	149.1	12.8	19.1	18.6	11.8	7.4	9.5
Russian Federation	41.8	44.3	37.8	0.2	0.3	0.3	8.7	11.8	8.5
Serbia	7.4	4.5	7.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	2.4	0.9	1.1
Ukraine	37.4	34.6	38.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	24.1	22.2	26.0
OCEANIA	15.1	12.3	12.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	7.8	8.0	7.3
Australia	14.4	11.7	11.4	-	-	-	7.8	8.0	7.3
WORLD	1 338.2	1 391.3	1 360.3	177.3	195.3	195.3	180.0	195.8	195.3
Developing countries	640.5	691.5	666.9	137.3	149.3	150.0	58.2	71.3	66.3
Developed countries	697.7	699.9	693.5	40.0	46.0	45.4	121.8	124.5	129.0
LIFDC	158.6	170.0	166.5	8.1	9.0	9.1	4.9	4.3	4.2
LDC	85.0	92.4	90.3	4.1	5.1	5.3	4.8	5.1	5.2

APPENDIX TABLE 3(B): COARSE GRAIN STATISTICS

	Total Utilization			Stocks ending in			Per caput food use		
	14/15-16/17 average	2017/18 estim.	2018/19 f'cast	2015-2017 average	2018 estim.	2019 f'cast	14/15-16/17 average	2017/18 estim.	2018/19 f'cast
	(. million tonnes)						(. Kg/year)		
ASIA	438.4	473.6	490.4	178.5	174.9	149.7	13.8	13.8	13.8
China	239.9	259.4	271.2	153.1	150.8	127.3	9.3	9.4	9.3
of which Taiwan Prov.	4.5	4.7	5.2	0.2	0.4	0.5	7.0	7.0	7.0
India	41.6	45.3	47.0	2.9	2.0	1.3	19.4	19.5	19.6
Indonesia	22.9	23.4	26.7	1.9	2.5	2.0	29.2	29.2	29.1
Iran, Islamic Republic of	12.2	14.3	15.2	1.4	2.3	2.3	1.3	1.3	1.2
Japan	17.2	17.8	17.4	2.1	1.9	2.0	3.3	3.3	3.3
Korea, Republic of	10.4	10.6	10.6	1.7	1.1	1.1	4.3	4.3	4.3
Malaysia	3.7	4.1	4.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	1.7	1.8	1.9
Pakistan	6.0	7.2	7.0	1.6	1.2	0.6	10.3	10.2	9.9
Philippines	8.2	8.1	8.9	0.7	1.1	1.2	18.6	18.6	18.5
Saudi Arabia	12.8	12.8	12.9	3.8	2.9	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.9
Thailand	4.4	4.9	5.1	0.7	0.6	0.6	2.7	2.7	2.7
Turkey	15.6	17.0	16.9	2.1	2.1	2.1	19.9	19.7	19.7
Viet Nam	12.3	14.5	14.3	1.4	1.2	0.7	6.9	7.3	7.4
AFRICA	147.0	154.7	154.4	27.9	33.2	32.5	72.4	72.5	72.1
Algeria	6.1	5.8	6.6	1.7	1.6	2.1	18.6	17.9	17.6
Egypt	17.1	18.0	18.3	1.6	1.9	1.9	45.1	45.1	44.2
Ethiopia	18.3	20.0	20.3	3.1	4.5	4.9	134.8	138.9	140.8
Morocco	5.0	5.3	5.6	1.3	1.2	1.6	29.6	30.1	29.5
Nigeria	18.4	19.9	18.5	2.4	1.6	1.2	74.0	74.7	73.5
South Africa	11.9	12.8	11.9	2.3	4.2	4.1	91.1	92.6	92.4
Sudan	5.9	5.6	5.7	1.2	1.0	0.8	116.6	105.4	103.2
Tanzania, United Rep. of	6.8	6.9	7.1	1.6	1.4	1.2	87.4	87.4	87.5
CENTRAL AMERICA	54.4	59.1	61.9	7.4	10.2	9.9	97.4	98.5	99.5
Mexico	43.9	47.8	50.3	4.0	6.3	6.3	131.0	131.2	131.4
SOUTH AMERICA	103.0	109.6	113.1	31.2	45.4	39.4	27.5	28.5	29.8
Argentina	20.2	22.5	24.3	5.6	10.6	7.1	7.3	7.3	7.3
Brazil	59.5	62.4	62.5	12.6	17.4	14.4	25.4	25.6	25.7
Chile	3.2	3.2	3.4	2.7	3.3	3.6	24.9	25.3	25.4
Colombia	6.3	6.7	7.3	0.9	1.0	1.1	37.0	48.1	60.3
Peru	4.0	4.2	4.9	3.2	5.0	5.8	26.5	27.3	26.3
Venezuela	4.0	3.2	3.0	1.1	0.4	0.1	57.8	50.5	49.9
NORTH AMERICA	339.0	347.7	358.1	57.0	62.5	53.3	18.0	18.1	18.0
Canada	21.6	23.2	23.3	4.5	4.6	3.9	4.7	4.7	4.6
United States of America	317.4	324.4	334.9	52.4	57.9	49.4	19.5	19.6	19.5
EUROPE	222.3	222.2	219.4	35.4	37.3	34.4	20.8	20.7	20.6
European Union	160.6	166.0	160.9	20.5	19.3	16.6	19.2	19.3	19.3
Russian Federation	32.5	30.0	30.1	4.1	7.9	7.4	21.8	21.3	21.2
Serbia	5.1	3.7	6.1	0.5	0.5	0.5	24.4	24.6	24.7
Ukraine	14.0	12.8	12.6	6.0	4.5	4.0	30.1	28.7	28.9
OCEANIA	6.8	6.0	5.9	2.4	2.7	1.7	8.1	8.1	7.9
Australia	5.9	5.2	4.9	2.3	2.6	1.5	9.7	9.6	9.5
WORLD	1 311.0	1 372.9	1 403.3	339.7	366.1	321.0	27.3	27.7	27.9
Developing countries	704.6	756.6	781.6	238.2	254.8	222.5	29.1	29.5	29.7
Developed countries	606.4	616.3	621.7	101.6	111.3	98.5	19.9	19.9	19.9
LIFDC	160.5	173.1	173.6	27.0	28.6	26.3	38.3	38.7	38.8
LDC	83.8	90.2	91.4	17.0	19.5	18.3	58.0	58.5	58.8

APPENDIX TABLE 4(A): MAIZE STATISTICS

	Production			Imports			Exports		
	2014-2016 average	2017 estim.	2018 f'cast	14/15-16/17 average	2017/18 estim.	2018/19 f'cast	14/15-16/17 average	2017/18 estim.	2018/19 f'cast
..... million tonnes									
ASIA	309.1	316.6	318.5	64.5	73.7	74.5	3.2	3.8	3.6
China	220.1	216.0	216.7	7.7	8.6	9.6	-	-	-
of which Taiwan Prov.	0.2	0.2	0.2	4.2	4.3	5.0	-	-	-
India	24.2	28.7	28.5	0.2	-	-	0.9	0.8	0.6
Indonesia	19.7	24.3	25.7	2.2	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.1
Iran, Islamic Republic of	1.3	0.9	0.9	6.7	8.3	8.5	-	-	-
Japan	-	-	-	15.0	15.9	15.4	-	-	-
Korea, Republic of	0.1	0.1	0.1	9.9	9.8	10.2	-	-	-
Malaysia	0.1	0.1	0.1	3.6	4.2	4.2	-	-	-
Pakistan	5.4	6.1	5.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Philippines	7.5	7.9	8.2	0.6	0.6	0.7	-	-	-
Thailand	4.6	4.9	5.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.3
Turkey	6.3	5.9	6.0	1.2	3.7	2.6	0.1	0.1	0.1
Viet Nam	5.2	5.1	4.8	7.4	8.9	9.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
AFRICA	74.9	87.1	78.1	21.9	22.3	22.5	3.7	4.5	4.3
Algeria	-	-	-	4.3	4.1	4.4	-	-	-
Egypt	8.0	7.1	7.3	8.2	10.3	10.0	-	-	-
Ethiopia	7.6	8.4	8.4	-	-	-	0.8	0.7	0.7
Kenya	3.5	3.0	3.2	1.0	1.3	1.2	-	-	-
Morocco	0.1	0.1	0.1	2.1	2.6	2.6	-	-	-
Nigeria	10.4	11.1	10.1	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2
South Africa	11.2	17.6	13.5	1.5	-	-	1.1	2.3	2.2
Tanzania, United Rep. of	6.2	6.0	6.1	-	-	-	0.4	0.3	0.3
CENTRAL AMERICA	29.7	32.1	31.9	19.2	22.3	23.6	1.1	1.5	1.5
Mexico	25.4	27.6	27.6	12.9	15.7	16.7	1.1	1.5	1.5
SOUTH AMERICA	125.4	160.4	136.6	12.8	13.7	14.0	46.0	58.8	54.4
Argentina	35.5	49.5	43.3	-	-	-	20.4	25.6	27.0
Brazil	76.2	97.8	80.8	1.5	0.7	0.8	23.1	31.3	25.0
Chile	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.4	2.0	1.9	-	-	-
Colombia	1.5	1.6	1.7	4.6	5.2	5.5	-	-	-
Peru	1.6	1.5	1.6	2.9	3.4	3.5	-	-	-
Venezuela	1.7	1.0	1.0	1.9	1.8	1.6	-	-	-
NORTH AMERICA	376.8	385.1	389.8	2.5	2.4	2.6	53.0	59.6	63.8
Canada	13.0	14.1	14.5	1.2	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.8	1.8
United States of America	363.8	371.0	375.4	1.3	1.0	1.2	51.7	57.8	62.0
EUROPE	116.1	110.9	113.4	12.8	18.7	18.4	28.7	26.3	28.2
European Union	65.9	65.0	63.0	12.1	17.8	17.5	2.9	1.6	1.5
Russian Federation	13.3	13.2	10.9	-	0.1	0.1	4.3	5.8	3.7
Serbia	6.9	4.0	6.7	-	-	-	2.3	0.9	1.0
Ukraine	26.6	24.7	29.0	-	0.1	0.1	19.0	17.7	21.6
OCEANIA	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
WORLD	1 032.7	1 092.7	1 068.9	133.8	153.3	155.8	135.8	154.7	155.8
Developing countries	525.3	576.1	549.1	100.2	114.2	117.4	52.9	66.4	61.5
Developed countries	507.4	516.6	519.8	33.6	39.2	38.4	82.9	88.3	94.3
LIFDC	89.4	100.6	96.6	6.3	7.1	7.2	3.1	2.8	2.6
LDC	45.5	52.9	49.7	3.5	4.4	4.7	3.4	3.9	3.8

APPENDIX TABLE 4(B): MAIZE STATISTICS

	Total Utilization			Stocks ending in			Per caput food use		
	14/15-16/17 average	2017/18 estim.	2018/19 f'cast	2015-2017 average	2018 estim.	2019 f'cast	14/15-16/17 average	2017/18 estim.	2018/19 f'cast
	(..... million tonnes.....)						(..... Kg/year.....)		
ASIA	358.2	394.2	414.7	164.8	163.4	137.5	8.2	8.3	8.3
China	215.0	235.2	249.7	149.0	147.1	123.0	6.0	6.1	6.0
of which Taiwan Prov.	4.4	4.6	5.1	0.2	0.4	0.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
India	23.7	27.3	28.5	1.4	1.5	1.0	6.9	7.1	7.0
Indonesia	22.8	23.3	26.6	1.9	2.5	2.0	28.8	28.8	28.7
Iran, Islamic Republic of	7.6	8.7	9.4	0.7	1.5	1.5	0.9	0.9	0.9
Japan	14.8	15.7	15.3	1.8	1.6	1.7	0.8	0.8	0.8
Korea, Republic of	10.1	10.3	10.3	1.7	1.1	1.0	1.9	2.0	2.0
Malaysia	3.7	4.1	4.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	1.7	1.8	1.9
Pakistan	5.4	6.6	6.4	1.6	1.2	0.6	8.2	8.1	8.0
Philippines	8.1	8.1	8.8	0.7	1.1	1.2	18.5	18.5	18.5
Thailand	4.2	4.7	4.9	0.7	0.6	0.6	1.2	1.2	1.2
Turkey	7.5	8.5	8.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	16.2	16.1	16.1
Viet Nam	12.1	14.4	14.2	1.4	1.2	0.7	6.8	7.2	7.4
AFRICA	91.5	97.9	96.9	15.8	21.8	20.8	39.7	40.1	39.9
Algeria	4.1	4.1	4.4	1.3	1.2	1.2	3.5	3.4	3.3
Egypt	16.2	17.0	17.3	1.5	1.8	1.8	41.9	42.0	41.3
Ethiopia	6.8	7.5	7.5	0.6	0.8	0.9	43.9	45.2	46.5
Kenya	4.3	4.4	4.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	80.9	81.3	80.1
Morocco	2.2	2.5	2.5	0.7	0.9	1.1	10.1	10.5	10.4
Nigeria	10.3	11.6	10.4	1.0	0.7	0.6	34.9	36.1	35.5
South Africa	11.3	12.2	11.2	1.9	4.0	3.9	88.3	89.9	89.7
Tanzania, United Rep. of	5.6	5.8	6.0	1.4	1.2	1.0	69.5	70.0	70.4
CENTRAL AMERICA	46.7	52.1	53.9	7.0	9.8	9.5	96.5	97.5	98.6
Mexico	36.5	41.2	42.6	3.7	6.0	6.0	130.6	130.8	131.0
SOUTH AMERICA	91.8	99.0	101.7	27.4	41.9	35.9	25.8	26.8	28.2
Argentina	15.5	18.5	20.3	4.3	10.0	6.5	7.1	7.1	7.1
Brazil	56.0	59.1	58.3	12.2	17.0	14.0	24.0	24.1	24.2
Chile	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.2	2.6	2.8	21.1	21.3	21.4
Colombia	6.0	6.4	7.0	0.9	1.0	1.1	35.6	47.1	59.5
Peru	3.6	3.9	4.6	3.2	5.0	5.8	20.1	20.7	20.9
Venezuela	3.8	3.1	2.8	1.1	0.3	-	57.3	50.0	49.4
NORTH AMERICA	317.6	327.8	336.4	50.9	56.8	48.3	14.8	14.8	14.8
Canada	12.8	14.0	14.3	2.0	2.4	2.2	3.2	3.2	3.2
United States of America	304.8	313.8	322.1	48.8	54.4	46.1	16.1	16.2	16.1
EUROPE	100.6	100.4	105.4	17.5	17.2	15.4	8.4	8.4	8.4
European Union	75.3	78.7	80.5	9.8	10.0	8.5	9.8	9.9	9.9
Russian Federation	8.7	7.1	7.6	0.7	1.3	1.0	1.4	1.4	1.4
Serbia	4.5	3.2	5.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	22.6	22.8	22.8
Ukraine	8.3	7.7	7.8	4.4	2.6	2.3	11.1	11.2	11.3
OCEANIA	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.1	2.3	2.3	2.3
WORLD	1 007.0	1 072.2	1 109.8	283.4	311.1	267.4	17.2	17.5	17.7
Developing countries	558.0	610.7	636.5	210.0	230.2	196.9	18.4	18.8	18.9
Developed countries	449.1	461.5	473.3	73.4	80.9	70.5	11.9	12.1	12.1
LIFDC	91.6	102.5	103.0	14.1	16.8	14.8	18.4	18.8	18.8
LDC	45.5	50.5	51.5	8.0	10.5	9.4	27.8	28.2	28.5

APPENDIX TABLE 5(A): BARLEY STATISTICS

	Production			Imports			Exports		
	2014-2016 average	2017 <i>estim.</i>	2018 <i>f'cast</i>	14/15-16/17 average	2017/18 <i>estim.</i>	2018/19 <i>f'cast</i>	14/15-16/17 average	2017/18 <i>estim.</i>	2018/19 <i>f'cast</i>
<i>million tonnes</i>									
ASIA	20.3	21.6	22.0	23.7	25.0	24.5	0.8	1.4	2.0
China	1.8	2.0	1.8	7.8	8.8	9.1	-	-	-
India	1.6	1.8	1.8	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	-	-
Iran, Islamic Republic of	3.0	3.1	2.8	1.7	2.9	3.0	-	-	-
Iraq	0.8	0.8	0.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Japan	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.2	1.3	1.2	-	-	-
Kazakhstan	2.8	3.3	4.2	-	-	-	0.7	1.4	2.0
Saudi Arabia	-	-	-	9.1	8.0	7.6	-	-	-
Syrian Arab Republic	0.5	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	-	-	-
Turkey	7.0	7.1	7.4	0.5	0.8	0.2	-	-	-
AFRICA	6.0	6.6	8.0	3.1	2.9	2.5	-	-	-
Algeria	0.9	0.9	2.0	0.8	0.7	0.6	-	-	-
Ethiopia	2.0	2.1	2.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Libya	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	-	-	-
Morocco	1.9	2.5	2.9	0.6	0.4	0.4	-	-	-
Tunisia	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.4	-	-	-
CENTRAL AMERICA	0.8	1.0	1.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	-	-	-
Mexico	0.8	1.0	1.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	-	-	-
SOUTH AMERICA	4.8	4.8	5.5	1.2	1.0	1.1	2.4	2.7	2.6
Argentina	3.7	3.7	4.1	-	-	-	2.4	2.7	2.5
NORTH AMERICA	12.4	11.0	11.6	0.5	0.2	0.4	1.6	2.2	2.1
Canada	8.0	7.9	8.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.4	2.1	2.0
United States of America	4.4	3.1	3.3	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1
EUROPE	91.3	90.9	85.0	0.5	0.8	0.9	17.7	15.8	16.5
Belarus	1.7	1.4	1.7	0.1	-	-	-	-	-
European Union	60.5	59.0	57.0	0.3	0.4	0.5	8.6	5.5	7.6
Russian Federation	18.6	20.6	17.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	4.1	5.8	4.5
Ukraine	8.9	8.3	7.4	-	-	-	4.8	4.3	4.2
OCEANIA	10.8	9.3	8.6	-	-	-	6.4	7.3	6.5
Australia	10.4	8.9	8.2	-	-	-	6.4	7.3	6.5
WORLD	146.5	145.2	141.7	29.1	30.2	29.7	28.9	29.5	29.7
Developing countries	26.9	28.3	29.9	26.5	27.4	26.6	2.6	2.8	2.6
Developed countries	119.6	116.8	111.8	2.7	2.8	3.1	26.4	26.7	27.1
LIFDC	5.5	6.1	5.7	0.8	0.9	1.0	0.2	-	-
LDC	2.6	2.6	2.6	-	-	-	-	-	-

APPENDIX TABLE 5(B): BARLEY STATISTICS

	Total Utilization			Stocks ending in			Per caput food use		
	14/15-16/17 average	2017/18 <i>estim.</i>	2018/19 <i>f'cast</i>	2015-2017 average	2018 <i>estim.</i>	2019 <i>f'cast</i>	14/15-16/17 average	2017/18 <i>estim.</i>	2018/19 <i>f'cast</i>
	(. million tonnes)						(. Kg/year)		
ASIA	42.9	45.0	43.5	9.6	9.2	10.2	0.7	0.7	0.7
China	9.2	10.9	10.3	2.3	2.4	3.0	0.2	0.2	0.2
India	1.5	2.0	2.0	-	-	-	1.0	1.3	1.3
Iran, Islamic Republic of	4.5	5.6	5.8	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.3
Iraq	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.1	-	-	3.6	3.4	3.3
Japan	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	2.3	2.4	2.4
Kazakhstan	2.1	2.0	2.1	0.3	0.2	0.3	1.1	1.1	1.1
Saudi Arabia	9.2	8.5	7.6	3.5	2.6	2.6	0.9	0.9	0.8
Syrian Arab Republic	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.3	0.4	0.4	14.9	15.3	15.3
Turkey	7.5	7.7	7.6	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
AFRICA	9.5	9.4	9.8	1.9	1.3	2.0	2.7	2.7	2.6
Algeria	1.9	1.6	2.0	0.5	0.4	0.8	15.0	14.5	14.3
Ethiopia	2.0	2.1	2.1	0.1	-	-	17.2	17.7	17.2
Libya	1.1	1.1	1.1	-	-	-	13.5	13.5	13.3
Morocco	2.7	2.8	3.1	0.7	0.2	0.5	19.4	19.5	19.1
Tunisia	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.4	8.0	7.8	7.7
CENTRAL AMERICA	1.0	1.2	1.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	-	-	-
Mexico	1.0	1.2	1.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	-	-	-
SOUTH AMERICA	3.7	3.0	4.1	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.5
Argentina	1.5	1.0	1.6	0.5	0.3	0.5	-	-	-
NORTH AMERICA	11.1	10.2	10.6	3.7	3.3	2.9	0.5	0.5	0.5
Canada	6.7	6.8	6.8	1.6	1.3	1.0	0.3	0.3	0.3
United States of America	4.3	3.4	3.7	2.1	2.1	1.9	0.6	0.6	0.6
EUROPE	74.3	74.9	70.3	11.3	12.0	11.2	1.2	1.1	1.1
Belarus	1.6	1.5	1.2	0.9	0.8	1.4	-	-	-
European Union	52.6	54.4	50.4	7.2	6.0	5.5	0.8	0.7	0.7
Russian Federation	14.4	13.8	13.8	1.8	3.6	2.9	1.8	1.8	1.8
Ukraine	4.2	3.7	3.4	1.2	1.4	1.2	3.0	2.6	2.6
OCEANIA	3.9	3.2	3.0	1.2	1.3	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1
Australia	3.4	2.8	2.6	1.1	1.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2
WORLD	146.3	146.7	142.4	28.4	27.7	27.5	1.0	1.0	1.0
Developing countries	51.1	52.6	52.5	10.7	9.1	10.7	1.0	1.1	1.0
Developed countries	95.2	94.1	89.9	17.7	18.5	16.7	1.0	1.0	1.0
LIFDC	6.2	6.6	6.5	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.4
LDC	2.6	2.6	2.6	0.3	0.1	0.2	1.9	1.9	1.9

APPENDIX TABLE 6(A): SORGHUM STATISTICS

	Production			Imports			Exports		
	2014-2016 average	2017 <i>estim.</i>	2018 <i>f'cast</i>	14/15-16/17 average	2017/18 <i>estim.</i>	2018/19 <i>f'cast</i>	14/15-16/17 average	2017/18 <i>estim.</i>	2018/19 <i>f'cast</i>
	<i>million tonnes</i>								
ASIA	9.1	8.8	9.1	9.0	6.1	3.9	0.1	0.1	0.1
China	2.9	3.3	3.1	8.1	5.4	3.1	-	-	-
India	5.0	4.6	5.0	-	-	-	0.1	-	-
Japan	-	-	-	0.8	0.6	0.7	-	-	-
AFRICA	28.1	27.0	28.1	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.1
Burkina Faso	1.6	1.6	1.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ethiopia	4.6	5.2	5.2	-	-	-	0.4	0.5	0.5
Nigeria	6.9	6.3	6.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sudan	5.2	3.7	4.5	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.4
CENTRAL AMERICA	6.1	5.3	5.6	0.6	0.1	1.0	-	-	-
Mexico	5.7	5.0	5.2	0.6	0.1	1.0	-	-	-
SOUTH AMERICA	6.3	5.8	4.9	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.9	0.5	0.3
Argentina	3.2	2.5	1.6	-	-	-	0.8	0.5	0.3
Brazil	1.9	1.9	2.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Venezuela	0.1	0.1	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
NORTH AMERICA	12.8	9.2	9.7	0.1	0.1	-	8.1	5.9	3.9
United States of America	12.8	9.2	9.7	0.1	0.1	-	8.1	5.9	3.9
EUROPE	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
European Union	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.1	0.4	0.2	-	-	-
OCEANIA	1.8	1.0	1.4	0.1	-	-	1.0	0.4	0.5
Australia	1.8	1.0	1.4	-	-	-	1.0	0.4	0.5
WORLD	65.3	58.3	59.8	10.7	7.9	6.1	11.3	7.9	6.1
Developing countries	49.4	46.8	47.4	9.7	6.7	5.1	2.0	1.5	1.5
Developed countries	16.0	11.5	12.4	1.0	1.2	1.0	9.3	6.5	4.6
LIFDC	32.8	31.0	32.6	0.8	0.9	0.8	1.1	0.9	1.1
LDC	19.5	18.8	20.0	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.9	0.8	1.0

APPENDIX TABLE 7(A): OTHER COARSE GRAIN STATISTICS: MILLET - RYE
- OATS AND OTHER GRAINS

	Production			Imports			Exports		
	2014-2016 average	2017 <i>estim.</i>	2018 <i>f'cast</i>	14/15-16/17 average	2017/18 <i>estim.</i>	2018/19 <i>f'cast</i>	14/15-16/17 average	2017/18 <i>estim.</i>	2018/19 <i>f'cast</i>
	<i>million tonnes</i>								
ASIA	18.5	19.2	18.6	0.7	0.9	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.1
AFRICA	19.1	19.9	19.8	-	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.4
CENTRAL AMERICA	0.1	0.2	-	-	0.2	0.1	-	0.1	-
SOUTH AMERICA	2.1	2.0	2.5	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
NORTH AMERICA	5.5	5.6	5.2	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.0
EUROPE	46.6	46.8	42.4	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
OCEANIA	1.9	1.4	1.4	-	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2
WORLD	93.7	95.1	89.9	3.6	3.9	3.7	4.0	3.7	3.7

APPENDIX TABLE 6(B): SORGHUM STATISTICS

	Total Utilization			Stocks ending in			Per caput food use		
	14/15-16/17 average	2017/18 estim.	2018/19 f'cast	2015-2017 average	2018 estim.	2019 f'cast	14/15-16/17 average	2017/18 estim.	2018/19 f'cast
	million tonnes						Kg/year		
ASIA	17.7	14.4	12.8	1.7	1.0	1.0	1.4	1.3	1.3
China	10.6	8.0	6.2	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5
India	5.0	4.5	4.9	0.3	-	-	3.6	3.3	3.5
Japan	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	-	-	-
AFRICA	27.9	28.0	28.2	4.9	3.8	3.4	18.2	17.9	17.7
Burkina Faso	1.7	1.6	1.6	0.6	0.4	0.4	76.9	77.9	77.5
Ethiopia	4.1	4.5	4.7	0.5	0.8	0.8	31.2	32.7	32.9
Nigeria	6.8	6.8	6.6	1.0	0.4	0.3	33.1	32.5	31.9
Sudan	4.9	4.5	4.5	0.9	0.6	0.4	97.4	89.1	87.2
CENTRAL AMERICA	6.5	5.6	6.6	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.7
Mexico	6.2	5.2	6.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	-	-	-
SOUTH AMERICA	5.5	5.7	4.9	2.6	2.2	2.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Argentina	2.3	2.3	1.6	0.7	0.3	0.1	-	-	-
Brazil	1.9	1.8	2.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	-	-	-
Venezuela	0.1	0.1	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
NORTH AMERICA	5.0	4.1	5.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.1
United States of America	5.0	4.0	5.8	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.1
EUROPE	1.2	1.3	1.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
European Union	0.9	1.1	1.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
OCEANIA	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.2
Australia	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.6	-	-	-
WORLD	64.6	59.8	60.4	11.4	9.2	8.5	3.8	3.8	3.8
Developing countries	56.6	52.9	51.7	9.4	7.1	6.6	4.6	4.6	4.7
Developed countries	8.0	6.9	8.7	2.0	2.0	1.9	0.2	0.2	0.2
LIFDC	32.5	32.2	32.7	5.3	3.8	3.5	9.6	9.4	9.5
LDC	19.2	19.4	19.7	3.8	3.2	2.9	14.9	14.9	14.8

APPENDIX TABLE 7(B): OTHER COARSE GRAIN STATISTICS: MILLET - RYE - OATS AND OTHER GRAINS

	Total Utilization			Stocks ending in			Per caput food use		
	14/15-16/17 average	2017/18 estim.	2018/19 f'cast	2015-2017 average	2018 estim.	2019 f'cast	14/15-16/17 average	2017/18 estim.	2018/19 f'cast
	million tonnes						Kg/year		
ASIA	19.6	20.0	19.4	2.4	1.3	1.0	3.5	3.5	3.5
AFRICA	18.1	19.4	19.5	5.3	6.3	6.3	11.7	11.8	11.9
CENTRAL AMERICA	0.2	0.2	0.2	-	-	-	0.3	0.3	0.2
SOUTH AMERICA	2.1	1.9	2.4	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.1
NORTH AMERICA	5.3	5.6	5.3	1.7	1.5	1.2	2.6	2.7	2.6
EUROPE	46.2	45.6	42.5	6.3	7.8	7.6	11.1	11.0	10.9
OCEANIA	1.5	1.3	1.4	0.3	0.6	0.5	5.4	5.5	5.3
WORLD	93.1	94.2	90.7	16.6	18.1	17.6	5.4	5.4	5.4

APPENDIX TABLE 8(A): RICE STATISTICS

	Production			Imports			Exports		
	2014-2016 average	2017 estim.	2018 f'cast	2015-2017 average	2018 f'cast	2019 f'cast	2015-2017 average	2018 f'cast	2019 f'cast
<i>..... million tonnes, milled equivalent</i>									
ASIA	447.4	458.0	463.7	21.5	23.1	20.9	37.0	40.1	39.8
Bangladesh	34.7	34.2	35.8	1.2	1.8	0.5	-	-	-
China	143.2	144.1	142.6	6.6	5.8	5.5	0.7	1.6	1.9
of which Taiwan Prov.	1.2	1.3	1.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	-	-
India	106.5	112.9	115.3	-	-	-	11.2	12.2	12.7
Indonesia	45.2	46.3	46.7	0.9	2.2	1.1	-	-	-
Iran, Islamic Republic of	1.6	2.0	1.9	1.2	1.2	1.3	-	-	-
Iraq	0.1	0.2	0.1	1.0	1.1	1.2	-	-	-
Japan	7.7	7.5	7.5	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.1	-	-
Korea DPR	1.6	1.6	1.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Korea, Republic of	4.2	4.0	3.9	0.4	0.4	0.5	-	0.1	-
Malaysia	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.1	-	-
Myanmar	16.9	17.7	18.2	-	-	-	2.0	2.7	3.0
Pakistan	6.9	7.4	6.9	-	-	-	3.9	4.1	3.8
Philippines	12.0	12.7	12.6	1.2	1.7	2.1	-	-	-
Saudi Arabia	-	-	-	1.3	1.2	1.2	-	-	-
Sri Lanka	2.9	1.6	2.6	0.5	0.3	0.1	-	-	-
Thailand	20.2	22.3	22.8	0.2	0.3	0.2	10.4	10.8	9.4
Viet Nam	28.9	27.8	29.0	0.6	0.6	0.6	6.9	7.0	7.3
AFRICA	20.1	20.7	20.8	15.2	16.3	17.7	0.7	0.4	0.3
Cote D'ivoire	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.5	1.5	1.6	-	-	-
Egypt	4.2	4.4	3.4	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.1	-
Madagascar	2.6	2.1	2.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	-	-	-
Nigeria	3.8	4.2	4.3	2.4	2.5	3.0	-	-	-
Senegal	0.6	0.7	0.6	1.4	1.3	1.5	-	-	-
South Africa	-	-	-	0.9	0.9	1.0	-	-	-
Tanzania, United Rep. of	1.9	1.6	2.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
CENTRAL AMERICA	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.4	2.4	2.4	0.1	0.1	-
Cuba	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	-	-	-
Mexico	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.1	0.1	-
SOUTH AMERICA	16.6	17.0	16.7	1.8	1.9	1.9	3.1	3.6	3.3
Argentina	1.1	0.9	0.9	-	-	-	0.4	0.4	0.5
Brazil	8.0	8.4	8.2	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.7	1.0	0.8
Peru	2.1	2.1	2.1	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.1	-
Uruguay	0.9	1.0	1.0	-	-	-	0.9	0.9	0.8
NORTH AMERICA	6.8	5.7	6.9	1.1	1.2	1.3	3.4	3.0	3.2
Canada	-	-	-	0.4	0.4	0.4	-	-	-
United States of America	6.8	5.7	6.9	0.8	0.9	0.9	3.4	3.0	3.2
EUROPE	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
European Union	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.9	2.0	2.0	0.3	0.4	0.4
Russian Federation	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
OCEANIA	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.2
Australia	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
WORLD	495.7	506.3	513.0	44.9	48.0	47.3	44.9	48.0	47.3
Developing countries	477.7	489.4	495.0	39.2	42.0	41.1	40.6	44.1	43.3
Developed countries	18.0	16.8	18.0	5.7	6.0	6.2	4.2	3.9	4.0
LIFDC	169.6	176.7	181.4	16.7	18.3	18.2	15.5	16.6	16.8
LDC	74.7	75.7	79.0	11.2	12.3	11.4	3.9	4.4	4.6

APPENDIX TABLE 8(B): RICE STATISTICS

	Total Utilization			Stocks ending in			Per caput food use		
	14/15-16/17 average	2017/18 estim.	2018/19 t'cast	2015-2017 average	2018 estim.	2019 t'cast	14/15-16/17 average	2017/18 estim.	2018/19 t'cast
	<i>million tonnes, milled equivalent</i>						<i>Kg/year</i>		
ASIA	431.4	437.2	441.0	157.5	161.6	166.5	77.3	77.2	77.3
Bangladesh	36.0	35.7	36.4	5.8	6.8	7.0	180.4	180.0	180.6
China	142.7	144.8	145.4	93.4	103.3	104.4	75.9	76.6	76.5
of which Taiwan Prov.	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	48.2	49.2	49.3
India	97.2	98.4	100.2	20.1	21.7	24.0	68.5	68.2	68.6
Indonesia	46.4	47.2	48.1	6.6	6.3	7.1	134.3	133.1	134.6
Iran, Islamic Republic of	3.1	3.1	3.2	0.7	0.8	0.8	34.7	34.2	35.3
Iraq	1.3	1.2	1.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	34.1	31.7	31.9
Japan	8.6	8.3	8.2	3.3	3.0	3.1	50.1	49.8	49.4
Korea DPR	1.6	1.7	1.7	0.2	0.1	0.1	56.2	58.4	58.5
Korea, Republic of	4.6	4.8	4.3	1.5	1.0	1.0	75.9	72.8	71.2
Malaysia	2.7	2.8	2.8	0.4	0.3	0.3	81.0	80.8	80.6
Myanmar	15.2	15.0	15.0	2.8	2.5	2.6	193.7	194.0	193.9
Pakistan	2.9	3.2	3.1	0.6	0.8	0.7	12.6	12.7	12.6
Philippines	13.3	14.2	14.4	2.5	2.0	2.5	115.0	116.1	116.6
Saudi Arabia	1.4	1.3	1.3	0.4	0.2	0.1	42.9	39.0	37.7
Sri Lanka	3.1	2.7	2.8	0.6	0.2	0.3	123.2	122.1	122.8
Thailand	13.8	13.9	13.2	11.8	5.6	5.5	99.1	98.0	99.0
Viet Nam	21.7	22.3	22.3	3.1	3.1	3.2	154.6	153.2	150.5
AFRICA	34.3	37.0	38.7	5.0	5.5	5.0	25.0	25.9	26.6
Cote D'Ivoire	1.9	2.0	2.1	0.4	0.4	0.4	76.2	79.0	79.7
Egypt	3.9	4.2	4.2	0.6	0.8	0.4	37.9	38.9	38.7
Madagascar	2.8	2.8	2.9	0.3	0.3	0.3	100.8	98.4	99.7
Nigeria	6.5	6.8	7.4	0.7	0.5	0.6	30.7	30.1	32.0
Senegal	1.8	2.1	2.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	112.7	119.5	122.3
South Africa	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.2	0.1	0.1	15.8	15.8	16.1
Tanzania, United Rep. of	2.0	1.9	2.0	0.4	0.3	0.3	26.8	27.4	27.6
CENTRAL AMERICA	4.0	4.2	4.3	0.5	0.6	0.6	17.6	18.1	18.3
Cuba	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	67.3	68.4	68.7
Mexico	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.1	6.4	6.5	6.7
SOUTH AMERICA	15.1	15.4	15.4	2.2	2.3	2.0	32.1	32.1	32.3
Argentina	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.2	10.2	10.5	10.8
Brazil	7.9	8.2	8.1	0.5	0.5	0.4	34.8	35.0	35.3
Peru	2.3	2.4	2.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	64.9	65.2	65.2
Uruguay	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	-	0.1	10.9	10.8	11.0
NORTH AMERICA	4.4	4.7	4.6	1.5	1.0	1.4	9.4	10.1	10.0
Canada	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.1	-	-	10.5	10.4	10.5
United States of America	4.0	4.3	4.2	1.5	0.9	1.4	9.3	10.0	10.0
EUROPE	4.3	4.5	4.4	0.7	0.7	0.7	5.1	5.3	5.2
European Union	3.2	3.4	3.3	0.5	0.6	0.6	5.4	5.7	5.6
Russian Federation	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.1	0.1	-	4.9	4.9	5.0
OCEANIA	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.2	0.3	0.3	15.7	16.4	16.7
Australia	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	10.4	11.2	11.5
WORLD	494.3	503.8	509.2	167.7	172.0	176.6	53.7	53.8	54.0
Developing countries	474.9	484.0	489.6	161.6	166.8	170.8	63.7	63.5	63.7
Developed countries	19.5	19.8	19.6	6.1	5.3	5.7	11.1	11.4	11.3
LIFDC	172.4	176.2	180.6	31.4	34.6	36.9	55.4	55.2	55.6
LDC	81.8	83.5	85.3	14.2	15.7	15.9	65.9	65.6	65.6

Note: Totals and percentage change computed from unrounded data.

APPENDIX TABLE 9: CEREAL SUPPLY AND UTILIZATION IN SELECTED EXPORTERS (million tonnes)

	Wheat ¹			Coarse Grains ²			Rice (milled basis)		
	2016/17	2017/18 <i>estim.</i>	2018/19 <i>f'cast</i>	2016/17	2017/18 <i>estim.</i>	2018/19 <i>f'cast</i>	2016/17	2017/18 <i>estim.</i>	2018/19 <i>f'cast</i>
UNITED STATES (June/May)				UNITED STATES			UNITED STATES (Aug/July)		
Opening Stocks	26.6	32.1	29.9	48.1	62.2	57.9	1.5	1.5	0.9
Production	62.8	47.3	51.3	403.0	384.6	389.8	7.1	5.7	6.9
Imports	3.2	4.3	3.8	3.5	3.0	3.5	0.7	0.9	0.9
Total Supply	92.6	83.7	85.0	454.6	449.8	451.2	9.3	8.1	8.7
Domestic use	31.9	29.3	31.1	327.8	324.4	334.9	4.2	4.3	4.2
Exports	28.6	24.5	27.9	64.6	67.4	66.9	3.6	2.8	3.1
Closing stocks	32.1	29.9	26.0	62.2	57.9	49.4	1.5	0.9	1.4
CANADA (August/July)				CANADA			THAILAND (Aug/July)		
Opening Stocks	5.2	6.9	6.2	4.8	5.5	4.6	10.9	8.2	5.6
Production	32.1	30.0	31.0	26.7	26.4	26.5	21.5	22.3	22.8
Imports	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.9	1.8	1.5	0.2	0.4	0.2
Total Supply	37.4	37.0	37.3	32.4	33.7	32.6	32.6	30.9	28.6
Domestic use	10.4	8.9	9.1	22.1	23.2	23.3	13.5	13.9	13.2
Exports	20.2	21.9	23.0	4.8	5.8	5.5	10.8	11.4	9.9
Closing stocks	6.9	6.2	5.2	5.5	4.6	3.9	8.2	5.6	5.5
ARGENTINA (Dec./Nov.)				ARGENTINA			INDIA (Oct./Sept.)		
Opening Stocks	2.1	2.3	2.5	5.2	5.9	10.6	18.9	19.5	21.7
Production	18.6	18.5	20.0	47.0	56.4	49.7	109.7	112.9	115.3
Imports	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Supply	20.7	20.8	22.5	52.3	62.4	60.4	128.6	132.4	137.0
Domestic use	5.8	5.8	5.9	22.0	22.5	24.3	97.5	98.4	100.2
Exports	12.5	12.5	15.0	24.4	29.3	29.0	11.6	12.3	12.8
Closing stocks	2.3	2.5	1.7	5.9	10.6	7.1	19.5	21.7	24.0
AUSTRALIA (Oct./Sept.)				AUSTRALIA			PAKISTAN (Sept./Aug.)		
Opening Stocks	4.6	6.0	5.8	1.8	3.1	2.6	0.5	0.7	0.8
Production	31.8	21.2	16.6	18.3	11.7	11.4	6.8	7.4	6.9
Imports	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Supply	36.4	27.2	22.4	20.1	14.8	14.0	7.3	8.1	7.7
Domestic use	7.8	7.2	7.4	6.2	5.2	4.9	3.0	3.2	3.1
Exports	22.6	14.3	11.1	10.7	7.1	7.5	3.6	4.2	3.9
Closing stocks	6.0	5.8	4.0	3.1	2.6	1.5	0.7	0.8	0.7
EU (July/June)				EU			VIET NAM (Jan./Dec.)		
Opening Stocks	17.5	14.8	21.0	18.4	17.8	19.3	2.8	3.3	3.1
Production	144.5	152.0	137.0	153.1	156.4	149.1	28.1	27.8	29.0
Imports	5.0	5.5	6.5	15.2	18.3	18.6	0.6	0.7	0.6
Total Supply	167.0	172.3	164.5	186.7	192.5	187.0	31.5	31.8	32.7
Domestic use	125.4	128.6	128.8	161.0	166.0	160.9	22.0	22.3	22.3
Exports	26.8	22.7	21.7	7.9	7.1	9.5	6.1	6.3	7.2
Closing stocks	14.8	21.0	14.0	17.8	19.3	16.6	3.3	3.1	3.2
TOTAL OF ABOVE				TOTAL OF ABOVE			TOTAL OF ABOVE		
Opening Stocks	56.0	62.1	65.4	78.3	94.5	95.0	34.6	33.2	32.1
Production	289.8	269.0	255.9	648.1	635.5	626.5	173.2	176.1	180.9
Imports	8.3	9.9	10.4	19.7	23.2	23.7	1.5	2.0	1.7
Total Supply	354.1	341.0	331.7	746.1	753.2	745.2	209.3	211.3	214.7
Domestic use	181.3	179.8	182.3	539.1	541.3	548.3	140.2	142.1	143.0
Exports	110.7	95.9	98.7	112.4	116.7	118.4	35.7	37.0	36.9
Closing stocks	62.1	65.4	50.9	94.5	95.0	78.5	33.2	32.1	34.8

¹ Trade data include wheat flour in wheat grain equivalent. For the **EU** semolina is also included

² **Argentina** (December/November) for rye, barley and oats, (March/February) for maize and sorghum. **Australia** (November/October) for rye, barley and oats, (March/February) for maize and sorghum. **Canada** (August/July), **EU** (July/June), **United States** (June/May) for rye, barley and oats, (September/August) for maize and sorghum

APPENDIX TABLE 10: TOTAL OILCROPS STATISTICS (million tonnes)

	Production ¹			Imports			Exports		
	14/15-16/17 average	2017/18 <i>estim.</i>	2018/19 <i>f'cast</i>	14/15-16/17 average	2017/18 <i>estim.</i>	2018/19 <i>f'cast</i>	14/15-16/17 average	2017/18 <i>estim.</i>	2018/19 <i>f'cast</i>
ASIA	132.5	141.6	143.7	122.0	134.8	134.4	3.7	4.4	4.2
China	58.4	62.2	62.7	93.0	103.2	100.9	1.1	1.2	0.9
of which Taiwan Prov.	0.1	0.1	0.1	2.5	2.6	2.7	-	-	-
India	36.7	39.6	40.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.1	1.5	1.4
Indonesia	11.4	12.3	12.7	2.6	2.8	3.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Iran, Islamic Republic of	0.7	0.9	0.9	2.0	2.7	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.1
Japan	0.3	0.3	0.3	5.9	6.1	6.1	-	-	-
Korea, Republic of	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.6	1.7	1.7	-	-	-
Malaysia	4.9	5.1	5.2	0.8	0.9	1.0	0.1	0.1	-
Pakistan	4.5	4.4	4.9	2.3	3.8	4.1	-	-	0.1
Thailand	0.9	1.1	1.1	2.7	3.0	3.0	-	-	-
Turkey	3.2	3.7	3.6	3.2	2.7	2.8	0.1	0.2	0.2
AFRICA	20.3	21.0	21.4	4.2	5.4	5.8	0.8	0.9	0.8
Nigeria	4.7	4.6	4.7	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
CENTRAL AMERICA	2.0	2.0	2.1	6.7	7.4	7.9	0.2	0.2	0.2
Mexico	1.4	1.5	1.5	5.9	6.6	7.1	-	-	-
SOUTH AMERICA	184.9	182.0	201.8	2.9	6.1	7.0	74.8	87.0	91.9
Argentina	62.9	42.8	59.1	0.8	4.1	4.5	10.1	3.0	8.9
Brazil	105.2	123.3	124.6	0.4	0.3	0.6	56.3	75.6	74.5
Paraguay	9.7	10.1	10.7	-	-	-	5.1	6.2	5.2
Uruguay	3.3	2.1	3.5	-	-	-	3.0	2.1	3.1
NORTH AMERICA	146.0	162.1	168.7	2.4	2.5	2.2	71.3	75.6	74.6
Canada	25.8	30.2	29.7	0.6	0.9	0.7	15.3	16.7	17.9
United States of America	120.2	131.9	139.0	1.7	1.6	1.5	56.0	58.9	56.3
EUROPE	68.6	74.5	74.8	22.0	22.7	24.5	6.4	7.8	8.2
European Union	33.6	35.6	32.7	19.3	19.8	21.7	1.1	0.8	0.9
Russian Federation	14.3	16.6	17.8	2.1	2.2	2.0	0.7	1.3	1.7
Ukraine	18.5	19.9	21.8	-	-	-	4.1	5.2	5.0
OCEANIA	5.1	5.7	3.7	-	-	-	3.0	2.9	2.1
Australia	4.6	5.3	3.2	-	-	-	2.9	2.8	2.0
WORLD	559.4	589.0	616.1	160.3	178.9	181.8	160.1	178.8	181.9
Developing countries	339.8	346.7	369.1	129.9	147.6	149.1	79.5	92.6	97.1
Developed countries	219.6	242.2	247.1	30.4	31.3	32.8	80.6	86.3	84.7
LIFDC	62.1	65.0	66.4	4.8	6.4	7.1	2.0	2.5	2.4
LDC	13.5	13.8	13.8	1.4	1.6	1.9	0.6	0.6	0.6

¹ The split years bring together northern hemisphere annual crops harvested in the latter part of the first year shown, with southern hemisphere annual crops harvested in the early part of the second year shown; for tree crops which are produced throughout the year, calendar year production for the second year shown is used.

APPENDIX TABLE 11: TOTAL OILS AND FATS STATISTICS ¹ (million tonnes)

	Imports			Exports			Utilization		
	14/15-16/17 average	2017/18 <i>estim.</i>	2018/19 <i>f'cast</i>	14/15-16/17 average	2017/18 <i>estim.</i>	2018/19 <i>f'cast</i>	14/15-16/17 average	2017/18 <i>estim.</i>	2018/19 <i>f'cast</i>
ASIA	46.7	47.8	50.6	50.8	51.8	54.4	111.3	120.4	125.4
Bangladesh	2.1	2.5	2.6	-	-	-	2.5	2.9	3.1
China	9.7	10.3	11.2	0.6	0.5	0.6	39.3	42.2	43.9
of which Taiwan Prov.	0.5	0.5	0.5	-	-	-	0.9	1.0	1.0
India	15.2	14.9	15.7	0.2	0.2	0.2	24.4	25.6	26.0
Indonesia	0.1	0.1	0.1	28.3	29.3	30.9	11.1	13.0	14.7
Iran, Islamic Republic of	1.3	1.1	1.3	0.1	-	-	1.9	2.1	2.1
Japan	1.3	1.4	1.4	-	-	-	3.3	3.4	3.4
Korea, Republic of	1.1	1.3	1.3	-	-	-	1.5	1.7	1.7
Malaysia	1.5	1.3	1.2	18.1	17.7	18.9	4.8	5.2	5.4
Pakistan	3.2	3.3	3.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	5.0	5.4	5.4
Philippines	1.1	1.2	1.2	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.9	2.1	2.3
Singapore	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.7	0.7
Turkey	1.9	1.6	1.7	0.7	0.6	0.5	3.1	3.2	3.1
AFRICA	11.4	11.7	12.2	1.9	1.9	1.9	18.5	19.3	20.0
Algeria	0.9	0.9	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.0	1.0	1.1
Egypt	2.0	2.1	2.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	2.4	2.6	2.8
Nigeria	1.5	1.4	1.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	3.3	3.3	3.4
South Africa	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.1	-	-	1.4	1.5	1.5
CENTRAL AMERICA	2.6	2.6	2.7	1.3	1.5	1.6	5.2	5.3	5.7
Mexico	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.1	-	-	3.5	3.6	3.9
SOUTH AMERICA	3.2	3.2	3.3	10.4	10.1	10.8	17.8	18.4	19.3
Argentina	0.1	0.1	0.1	6.3	5.8	6.9	4.0	4.0	4.0
Brazil	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.8	1.7	1.3	9.0	9.5	10.3
Paraguay	-	-	-	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.1
Uruguay	0.1	0.1	0.1	-	-	-	0.1	0.2	0.2
NORTH AMERICA	5.4	5.8	6.1	6.9	7.3	7.2	20.8	22.7	23.0
Canada	0.5	0.4	0.4	3.5	3.8	3.8	1.6	1.6	1.7
United States of America	4.9	5.4	5.6	3.4	3.5	3.4	19.3	21.1	21.4
EUROPE	14.7	15.5	15.4	11.2	12.7	13.1	39.5	41.1	40.4
European Union	11.9	12.6	12.6	3.3	3.2	3.1	32.6	34.2	33.4
Russian Federation	1.4	1.4	1.4	2.4	3.1	3.3	4.6	4.6	4.7
Ukraine	0.3	0.3	0.3	5.0	5.8	6.2	1.0	0.9	0.9
OCEANIA	0.6	0.7	0.8	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.2	1.3	1.3
Australia	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0
WORLD	84.6	87.3	91.1	84.4	87.3	91.0	214.4	228.5	235.2
Developing countries	62.7	63.9	67.4	65.0	66.1	69.5	149.7	160.2	167.1
Developed countries	21.9	23.4	23.7	19.4	21.2	21.5	64.7	68.3	68.1
LIFDC	28.4	28.7	30.0	2.2	2.2	2.2	45.9	48.2	49.1
LDC	7.7	8.4	8.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	11.3	12.1	12.4

¹ Includes oils and fats of vegetable, marine and animal origin.

APPENDIX TABLE 12: TOTAL MEALS AND CAKES STATISTICS ¹ (million tonnes)

	Imports			Exports			Utilization		
	14/15-16/17	2017/18	2018/19	14/15-16/17	2017/18	2018/19	14/15-16/17	2017/18	2018/19
	average	estim.	f'cast	average	estim.	f'cast	average	estim.	f'cast
ASIA	36.3	39.5	42.4	13.4	15.0	15.7	161.5	179.8	183.9
China	3.1	4.1	5.9	2.1	2.2	2.0	89.4	101.5	104.3
of which Taiwan Prov.	0.5	0.5	0.5	-	-	-	2.5	2.6	2.6
India	0.4	0.6	0.6	2.0	2.9	3.7	14.7	15.8	15.7
Indonesia	4.3	4.7	4.9	4.4	4.9	5.1	4.9	5.2	5.3
Iran, Islamic Republic of	1.9	1.7	1.8	-	-	-	3.6	4.1	4.3
Japan	2.2	2.2	2.2	-	-	-	6.4	6.5	6.5
Korea, Republic of	3.6	3.6	3.6	0.2	0.1	0.1	4.8	4.8	4.9
Malaysia	1.4	1.6	1.6	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.1	2.3	2.5
Pakistan	0.9	0.3	0.4	0.2	-	-	4.1	5.0	4.9
Philippines	2.7	3.1	3.1	0.3	0.4	0.4	3.3	3.7	3.8
Saudi Arabia	1.2	1.5	1.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.6	1.9	2.1
Thailand	3.2	3.8	3.9	0.2	0.2	0.2	6.0	6.8	7.0
Turkey	2.0	2.4	2.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	5.4	5.8	5.8
Viet Nam	5.3	5.6	5.8	0.3	0.2	0.3	6.8	7.4	7.4
AFRICA	5.9	5.6	5.8	1.1	1.1	1.1	14.0	15.2	15.8
Egypt	1.7	1.2	1.1	-	-	-	3.2	3.7	3.8
South Africa	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	2.0	2.0	2.1
CENTRAL AMERICA	4.3	4.1	4.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	9.8	10.2	10.5
Mexico	2.4	2.2	2.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	7.2	7.6	7.8
SOUTH AMERICA	5.5	5.4	5.8	51.0	50.2	53.2	29.3	31.8	32.6
Argentina	-	-	-	31.4	27.8	31.5	4.5	5.8	5.8
Bolivia	-	-	-	1.7	1.6	1.7	0.3	0.4	0.4
Brazil	-	-	-	14.3	16.7	15.9	16.9	17.7	18.3
Chile	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.6	1.6	1.7
Paraguay	-	-	-	2.5	2.7	2.6	0.4	0.5	0.4
Peru	1.1	1.3	1.4	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.7	1.8
Uruguay	0.2	0.2	0.2	-	-	-	0.2	0.2	0.2
Venezuela	1.0	0.7	0.7	-	-	-	1.3	0.9	0.9
NORTH AMERICA	5.1	5.1	4.8	16.7	19.5	18.5	38.5	40.1	41.4
Canada	0.9	1.1	1.0	5.1	5.5	5.5	2.3	2.6	2.7
United States of America	4.1	4.0	3.7	11.6	14.0	13.1	36.2	37.5	38.7
EUROPE	30.4	31.5	31.2	8.2	8.9	9.3	68.9	72.7	72.3
European Union	27.7	29.1	28.8	1.4	1.4	1.2	58.1	61.1	60.6
Russian Federation	0.5	0.2	0.1	2.0	2.0	2.3	6.2	6.9	6.9
Ukraine	-	-	-	4.3	5.0	5.3	1.8	1.8	1.8
OCEANIA	3.4	3.9	4.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	4.2	4.9	4.9
Australia	1.2	1.2	1.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.8	2.0	2.0
WORLD	90.8	95.2	98.2	90.9	95.1	98.2	326.2	354.6	361.4
Developing countries	49.7	52.4	55.9	65.8	66.6	70.3	208.3	230.6	236.4
Developed countries	41.0	42.7	42.3	25.0	28.5	27.9	117.9	124.0	125.0
LIFDC	3.6	3.3	3.8	3.2	3.9	4.8	27.6	30.1	30.4
LDC	0.9	0.9	1.1	0.5	0.6	0.6	5.6	5.8	6.3

¹ Expressed in product weight; includes meals and cakes derived from oilcrops as well as fish meal and other meals from animal origin.

APPENDIX TABLE 13: SUGAR STATISTICS

(million tonnes - raw value)

	Production		Imports		Exports		Utilization	
	2017/18 estim.	2018/19 f'cast	2017/18 estim.	2018/19 f'cast	2017/18 estim.	2018/19 f'cast	2017/18 estim.	2018/19 f'cast
ASIA	75.1	76.5	33.3	34.5	12.8	16.1	83.4	85.5
China	10.5	10.7	5.7	6.0	0.1	0.1	16.6	17.0
India	31.0	34.0	1.5	1.5	2.0	3.0	25.0	26.1
Indonesia	2.2	2.3	4.6	5.0	-	-	6.9	7.2
Japan	0.7	0.8	1.4	1.4	-	-	2.1	2.1
Korea, Republic of	-	-	2.0	2.0	0.4	0.3	1.6	1.6
Malaysia	-	-	1.9	2.0	0.1	0.1	1.9	1.9
Pakistan	8.0	6.5	-	-	0.7	1.0	5.2	5.3
Philippines	2.3	2.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	2.3	2.3
Thailand	13.7	13.0	-	-	7.2	8.0	3.0	3.1
Turkey	2.4	2.7	-	-	-	0.3	2.4	2.5
Viet Nam	1.6	1.7	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.6	1.7
AFRICA	11.8	11.9	13.0	14.7	3.4	3.5	20.6	21.7
Algeria	-	-	1.9	2.1	0.4	0.5	1.5	1.5
Egypt	2.7	2.8	1.1	1.1	0.2	0.2	3.6	3.7
Eswatini	0.7	0.7	-	-	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.1
Ethiopia	0.5	0.7	-	0.1	-	0.1	0.5	0.6
Kenya	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	-	-	1.0	1.1
Mauritius	0.4	0.4	-	-	0.4	0.4	-	-
Morocco	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.8	0.2	0.2	1.3	1.3
Mozambique	0.5	0.5	-	-	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
South Africa	1.9	2.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	1.9	2.2
Sudan	0.7	0.7	1.4	1.7	0.4	0.4	1.7	2.0
Tanzania, United Rep, of	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	-	-	0.6	0.7
Zambia	0.4	0.4	-	-	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
CENTRAL AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN	13.9	13.8	0.4	0.5	6.2	5.9	8.1	8.3
Cuba	1.6	1.6	-	-	1.0	1.0	0.6	0.6
Dominican Republic	0.6	0.6	-	-	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4
Guatemala	2.8	2.7	-	-	1.9	1.9	0.8	0.9
Mexico	6.0	6.0	-	-	1.5	1.4	4.5	4.6
SOUTH AMERICA	40.7	41.0	1.7	1.5	24.6	24.4	19.3	19.4
Argentina	2.1	2.1	-	-	0.4	0.5	1.7	1.6
Brazil	33.3	33.5	-	-	23.5	23.0	11.5	11.7
Colombia	2.2	2.2	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.4	1.9	1.9
Peru	1.2	1.3	0.2	0.3	-	0.1	1.3	1.3
Venezuela	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.4	-	-	0.9	0.9
NORTH AMERICA	8.5	8.5	3.9	3.7	0.1	0.1	12.3	12.5
Canada	0.1	0.1	1.1	1.2	-	-	1.2	1.2
United States of America	8.4	8.4	2.8	2.5	0.1	0.1	11.1	11.3
EUROPE	29.5	28.3	2.4	2.5	4.3	3.6	26.2	26.6
European Union	20.0	18.6	1.6	1.6	3.0	2.0	17.5	17.9
Russian Federation	6.4	6.2	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.5	5.8	5.9
Ukraine	2.0	1.9	-	-	0.4	0.3	1.6	1.6
OCEANIA	5.0	5.2	0.4	0.2	4.1	4.3	1.2	1.3
Australia	4.7	4.9	0.1	0.1	3.9	4.1	0.9	0.9
Fiji	0.2	0.2	-	-	0.2	0.2	-	-
WORLD	184.4	185.2	55.1	57.5	55.5	57.9	171.1	175.3
Developing countries	139.2	140.7	46.2	48.7	47.0	49.9	126.9	130.2
Developed countries	45.2	44.5	8.9	8.8	8.5	7.9	44.2	45.0
LIFDC	44.8	46.5	12.8	13.0	4.3	5.8	45.1	47.0
LDC	3.9	4.4	8.2	8.9	1.3	1.4	10.4	11.8

APPENDIX TABLE 14: TOTAL MEAT STATISTICS¹
(thousand tonnes - carcass weight equivalent)

	Production		Imports		Exports		Utilization	
	2017 <i>estim.</i>	2018 <i>f'cast</i>	2017 <i>estim.</i>	2018 <i>f'cast</i>	2017 <i>estim.</i>	2018 <i>f'cast</i>	2017 <i>estim.</i>	2018 <i>f'cast</i>
ASIA	138 882	140 699	17 456	18 329	4 435	4 487	151 886	154 476
China	85 614	86 609	5 423	5 975	590	597	90 456	92 007
India	7 348	7 510	1	1	1 736	1 557	5 614	5 954
Indonesia	3 639	3 701	160	152	5	5	3 795	3 848
Iran, Islamic Republic of	3 165	3 208	167	184	53	55	3 280	3 336
Japan	3 979	4 027	3 635	3 790	18	18	7 558	7 808
Korea, Republic of	2 417	2 571	1 317	1 447	13	32	3 739	3 885
Malaysia	1 921	1 951	332	340	64	67	2 189	2 224
Pakistan	3 484	3 514	33	27	76	77	3 441	3 464
Philippines	3 484	3 566	542	602	9	7	4 017	4 161
Saudi Arabia	888	946	970	837	75	68	1 783	1 715
Singapore	120	122	386	366	39	62	467	426
Thailand	2 989	3 076	21	23	1 113	1 247	1 889	1 860
Turkey	3 536	3 600	23	73	477	537	3 082	3 135
Viet Nam	5 095	5 081	1 440	1 492	39	25	6 497	6 547
AFRICA	17 910	18 118	2 960	2 887	292	286	20 578	20 720
Algeria	744	752	65	56	1	1	807	807
Angola	293	298	505	506	-	-	798	804
Egypt	2 291	2 383	474	368	8	8	2 758	2 742
Nigeria	1 385	1 391	4	4	1	1	1 389	1 395
South Africa	3 181	3 259	623	637	172	159	3 632	3 737
CENTRAL AMERICA	9 831	10 058	3 425	3 592	692	728	12 564	12 922
Cuba	364	368	339	342	-	-	703	710
Mexico	6 801	6 980	2 167	2 300	443	475	8 524	8 805
SOUTH AMERICA	42 982	43 161	1 101	1 134	8 683	8 725	35 400	35 569
Argentina	5 592	5 718	55	55	554	693	5 093	5 080
Brazil	27 079	26 984	64	61	7 023	6 886	20 121	20 160
Chile	1 431	1 539	535	536	304	337	1 662	1 738
Colombia	2 738	2 826	205	237	25	25	2 918	3 038
Uruguay	684	665	58	72	412	415	330	322
Venezuela	1 130	1 073	57	17	-	-	1 187	1 090
NORTH AMERICA	50 610	51 934	2 969	2 996	9 615	9 966	43 940	44 925
Canada	4 763	4 872	762	789	1 897	1 921	3 611	3 731
United States of America	45 846	47 061	2 195	2 195	7 718	8 045	40 317	41 182
EUROPE	63 054	64 137	3 226	3 021	6 157	6 349	60 123	60 809
Belarus	1 203	1 237	55	54	438	466	820	825
European Union	47 810	48 597	1 286	1 286	4 986	5 069	44 110	44 814
Russian Federation	9 902	10 186	1 290	1 049	303	356	10 888	10 880
Ukraine	2 364	2 320	133	167	330	356	2 168	2 131
OCEANIA	6 718	6 941	443	445	2 899	3 080	4 267	4 301
Australia	4 752	4 961	200	197	1 905	2 064	3 051	3 089
New Zealand	1 449	1 461	79	83	991	1 012	537	531
WORLD	329 988	335 048	31 580	32 404	32 774	33 621	328 758	333 722
Developing countries	206 143	208 528	21 471	22 317	14 088	14 211	213 547	216 560
Developed countries	123 844	126 520	10 109	10 087	18 686	19 410	115 211	117 162
LIFDC	24 407	24 576	1 256	1 285	1 984	1 811	23 679	24 051
LDC	11 150	11 167	1 427	1 450	23	22	12 554	12 594

¹ including "other meat"

APPENDIX TABLE 15: BOVINE MEAT STATISTICS
(thousand tonnes - carcass weight equivalent)

	Production		Imports		Exports		Utilization	
	2017 <i>estim.</i>	2018 <i>f'cast</i>	2017 <i>estim.</i>	2018 <i>f'cast</i>	2017 <i>estim.</i>	2018 <i>f'cast</i>	2017 <i>estim.</i>	2018 <i>f'cast</i>
ASIA	19 442	19 618	5 572	6 012	1 982	1 823	23 043	23 840
China	7 638	7 714	1 596	1 991	41	36	9 203	9 689
India	2 553	2 557	-	-	1 708	1 529	845	1 028
Indonesia	565	574	149	137	-	-	714	711
Iran, Islamic Republic of	602	632	150	154	5	4	746	782
Japan	469	470	824	844	4	4	1 284	1 326
Korea, Republic of	281	285	488	518	4	3	771	797
Malaysia	50	51	197	192	11	11	236	232
Pakistan	1 846	1 866	4	4	65	66	1 786	1 804
Philippines	302	300	160	162	3	2	459	460
AFRICA	6 372	6 435	605	616	130	129	6 847	6 922
Algeria	149	152	58	52	-	-	207	204
Angola	104	107	131	114	-	-	235	221
Egypt	856	868	250	283	3	3	1 103	1 148
South Africa	984	1 027	22	23	69	65	937	985
CENTRAL AMERICA	2 652	2 710	490	509	453	479	2 689	2 740
Mexico	1 924	1 958	249	263	255	276	1 918	1 945
SOUTH AMERICA	15 580	15 984	396	414	2 945	3 290	13 031	13 108
Argentina	2 834	2 945	-	-	311	470	2 524	2 475
Brazil	9 553	9 914	53	49	1 858	2 038	7 748	7 925
Chile	200	199	264	283	10	10	454	472
Colombia	793	800	22	23	22	23	793	800
Uruguay	563	545	9	15	390	393	182	167
Venezuela	382	349	30	8	-	-	412	357
NORTH AMERICA	13 145	13 531	1 605	1 642	1 933	2 118	12 870	13 027
Canada	1 201	1 240	288	305	445	474	1 049	1 061
United States of America	11 944	12 291	1 314	1 334	1 487	1 644	11 819	11 963
EUROPE	10 582	10 690	1 092	1 062	883	872	10 791	10 879
European Union	7 889	8 015	305	324	492	470	7 702	7 869
Russian Federation	1 621	1 625	623	581	71	70	2 173	2 136
Ukraine	362	337	3	3	49	45	315	295
OCEANIA	3 080	3 267	56	54	1 900	2 029	1 236	1 293
Australia	2 387	2 564	16	15	1 357	1 468	1 046	1 111
New Zealand	679	689	14	13	540	558	153	144
WORLD	70 853	72 235	9 816	10 309	10 225	10 741	70 508	71 808
Developing countries	43 592	44 292	6 265	6 734	5 509	5 721	44 364	45 322
Developed countries	27 262	27 943	3 550	3 575	4 716	5 020	26 144	26 486
LIFDC	10 020	10 034	104	106	1 908	1 735	8 216	8 405
LDC	3 820	3 830	192	174	4	4	4 008	4 000

APPENDIX TABLE 16: OVINE MEAT STATISTICS (thousand tonnes - carcass weight equivalent)

	Production		Imports		Exports		Utilization	
	2017 <i>estim.</i>	2018 <i>f'cast</i>	2017 <i>estim.</i>	2018 <i>f'cast</i>	2017 <i>estim.</i>	2018 <i>f'cast</i>	2017 <i>estim.</i>	2018 <i>f'cast</i>
ASIA	9 064	9 122	594	648	42	43	9 616	9 727
Bangladesh	215	216	-	-	-	-	215	216
China	4 691	4 748	279	319	1	1	4 969	5 067
India	741	739	-	-	23	21	718	718
Iran, Islamic Republic of	395	392	14	26	-	-	409	418
Pakistan	469	473	-	-	6	6	463	467
Saudi Arabia	125	128	45	42	3	4	168	166
Turkey	425	427	1	1	-	-	426	428
AFRICA	2 825	2 833	29	28	32	32	2 822	2 829
Algeria	289	292	4	2	-	-	293	294
Nigeria	388	388	-	-	-	-	388	388
South Africa	195	197	7	7	1	1	200	203
Sudan	358	355	-	-	6	6	353	350
CENTRAL AMERICA	128	129	20	19	-	-	148	148
Mexico	101	102	10	9	-	-	111	111
SOUTH AMERICA	303	305	7	8	19	20	291	293
Brazil	125	126	7	8	-	-	131	134
NORTH AMERICA	83	84	148	146	4	4	227	226
United States of America	68	69	122	122	4	4	186	187
EUROPE	1 230	1 220	151	152	38	42	1 344	1 331
European Union	887	876	140	142	30	26	997	992
Russian Federation	215	215	3	3	-	8	218	210
OCEANIA	1 199	1 261	25	26	850	898	374	388
Australia	727	787	-	1	454	499	274	289
New Zealand	471	473	2	3	396	399	78	77
WORLD	14 833	14 954	973	1 027	984	1 039	14 822	14 942
Developing countries	12 321	12 389	649	700	93	94	12 877	12 995
Developed countries	2 512	2 565	324	327	891	944	1 945	1 947
LIFDC	4 122	4 122	22	23	57	55	4 087	4 090
LDC	1 603	1 606	7	7	16	16	1 594	1 597

APPENDIX TABLE 17: PIGMEAT STATISTICS
(thousand tonnes - carcass weight equivalent)

	Production		Imports		Exports		Utilization	
	2017 <i>estim.</i>	2018 <i>f'cast</i>	2017 <i>estim.</i>	2018 <i>f'cast</i>	2017 <i>estim.</i>	2018 <i>f'cast</i>	2017 <i>estim.</i>	2018 <i>f'cast</i>
ASIA	66 131	66 937	4 745	4 906	205	185	70 663	71 553
China	54 335	55 080	2 115	2 163	107	98	56 342	57 145
India	315	313	1	1	-	-	316	314
Indonesia	785	786	1	4	-	-	786	790
Japan	1 282	1 285	1 481	1 510	4	4	2 748	2 786
Korea, Republic of	1 280	1 373	654	733	2	2	1 935	2 005
Malaysia	218	219	28	30	4	5	242	244
Philippines	1 817	1 861	135	153	2	2	1 950	2 012
Thailand	948	952	1	1	21	23	928	930
Viet Nam	3 720	3 631	33	38	39	25	3 714	3 644
AFRICA	1 478	1 501	280	285	29	28	1 728	1 758
Madagascar	63	62	-	-	-	-	63	62
Nigeria	280	282	2	2	-	-	282	284
South Africa	249	264	37	42	26	25	260	281
Uganda	128	129	1	1	-	-	128	129
CENTRAL AMERICA	2 003	2 058	1 148	1 233	199	209	2 952	3 082
Cuba	232	236	20	19	-	-	252	255
Mexico	1 440	1 489	916	988	177	188	2 178	2 289
SOUTH AMERICA	5 980	6 023	340	365	1 026	931	5 294	5 456
Argentina	566	591	45	47	3	4	608	634
Brazil	3 725	3 677	2	2	856	742	2 871	2 937
Chile	489	528	123	111	162	180	449	459
Colombia	352	375	98	126	-	-	450	501
Venezuela	152	148	5	4	-	-	157	152
NORTH AMERICA	13 741	14 126	869	850	3 713	3 866	10 858	11 122
Canada	2 131	2 133	251	261	1 273	1 280	1 091	1 124
United States of America	11 610	11 993	613	585	2 440	2 586	9 763	9 994
EUROPE	28 892	29 415	557	410	2 992	3 052	26 457	26 773
Belarus	392	390	7	11	47	38	352	363
European Union	23 405	23 757	15	16	2 845	2 916	20 575	20 857
Russian Federation	3 520	3 738	401	216	58	60	3 863	3 894
Serbia	345	356	44	50	22	20	367	386
Ukraine	735	676	8	30	6	5	737	701
OCEANIA	556	576	254	255	40	44	773	782
Australia	408	428	168	166	39	43	541	546
Papua New Guinea	80	81	10	9	-	-	90	90
WORLD	118 781	120 636	8 191	8 304	8 204	8 317	118 725	120 526
Developing countries	74 411	75 336	5 054	5 301	1 455	1 350	78 013	79 188
Developed countries	44 370	45 300	3 137	3 002	6 749	6 967	40 711	41 337
LIFDC	1 651	1 657	142	140	3	3	1 789	1 793
LDC	1 976	1 989	169	174	1	1	2 144	2 162

APPENDIX TABLE 18: POULTRY MEAT STATISTICS (thousand tonnes - carcass weight equivalent)

	Production		Imports		Exports		Utilization	
	2017 <i>estim.</i>	2018 <i>f'cast</i>	2017 <i>estim.</i>	2018 <i>f'cast</i>	2017 <i>estim.</i>	2018 <i>f'cast</i>	2017 <i>estim.</i>	2018 <i>f'cast</i>
ASIA	42 288	43 067	6 495	6 712	2 182	2 412	46 581	47 373
China	17 466	17 583	1 427	1 496	426	447	18 467	18 631
India	3 591	3 752	-	-	4	6	3 587	3 747
Indonesia	2 173	2 225	4	4	-	-	2 177	2 229
Iran, Islamic Republic of	2 152	2 167	-	-	45	49	2 107	2 118
Japan	2 216	2 260	1 291	1 394	10	10	3 475	3 642
Korea, Republic of	845	902	150	171	7	27	997	1 046
Kuwait	59	63	139	137	-	-	198	200
Malaysia	1 648	1 676	68	80	49	51	1 667	1 705
Saudi Arabia	661	716	725	602	47	40	1 339	1 278
Singapore	102	104	158	162	19	17	241	249
Thailand	1 895	1 977	2	2	1 051	1 180	839	807
Turkey	2 175	2 236	3	4	437	498	1 741	1 742
Yemen	125	100	77	104	-	-	202	204
AFRICA	5 793	5 907	2 012	1 925	91	88	7 714	7 744
Angola	40	40	281	294	-	-	321	334
South Africa	1 730	1 748	557	565	70	62	2 218	2 251
CENTRAL AMERICA	4 928	5 041	1 749	1 813	39	38	6 638	6 816
Cuba	34	34	284	287	-	-	318	321
Mexico	3 234	3 328	978	1 027	10	10	4 202	4 345
SOUTH AMERICA	20 912	20 641	357	346	4 628	4 418	16 641	16 570
Argentina	2 003	1 992	9	7	208	186	1 804	1 813
Brazil	13 645	13 236	3	2	4 284	4 081	9 364	9 157
Chile	712	783	148	142	122	138	738	787
Venezuela	590	570	21	5	-	-	611	575
NORTH AMERICA	23 414	23 966	339	349	3 947	3 959	19 769	20 333
Canada	1 416	1 484	198	199	179	167	1 432	1 507
United States of America	21 998	22 482	137	146	3 769	3 792	18 333	18 822
EUROPE	21 156	21 619	1 259	1 230	2 160	2 298	20 256	20 550
European Union	14 587	14 907	726	704	1 537	1 575	13 776	14 036
Russian Federation	4 456	4 518	215	202	174	217	4 497	4 503
Ukraine	1 224	1 264	121	133	274	306	1 071	1 091
OCEANIA	1 452	1 405	104	105	68	67	1 488	1 443
Australia	1 208	1 160	15	15	42	41	1 180	1 134
New Zealand	209	210	1	1	26	26	184	185
WORLD	119 943	121 646	12 316	12 481	13 115	13 279	119 087	120 830
Developing countries	71 740	72 432	9 411	9 492	6 929	6 945	74 224	74 986
Developed countries	48 203	49 215	2 905	2 989	6 185	6 334	44 864	45 844
LIFDC	6 909	7 059	959	988	11	14	7 857	8 033
LDC	3 067	3 058	1 032	1 068	2	2	4 098	4 124

APPENDIX TABLE 19: MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS STATISTICS (thousand tonnes - milk equivalent)

	Production			Imports			Exports		
	2014-2016 average	2017 <i>estim.</i>	2018 <i>f'cast</i>	2014-2016 average	2017 <i>estim.</i>	2018 <i>f'cast</i>	2014-2016 average	2017 <i>estim.</i>	2018 <i>f'cast</i>
ASIA	313 857	322 409	333 972	40 701	43 014	44 456	6 625	6 630	6 458
China	41 954	40 288	42 238	12 126	13 554	13 619	69	49	46
India ¹	153 872	165 612	172 899	104	164	151	401	245	274
Indonesia	1 453	1 510	1 535	2 640	2 736	2 737	74	39	39
Iran, Islamic Republic of	7 330	6 855	6 980	429	343	347	591	843	743
Japan	7 371	7 276	7 311	1 911	2 171	2 316	7	9	10
Korea, Republic of	2 159	2 087	2 098	1 041	1 186	1 261	38	34	35
Malaysia	73	53	54	2 185	2 179	2 286	683	640	635
Pakistan	40 509	40 167	40 482	556	631	689	48	35	38
Philippines	16	15	16	1 919	2 164	2 241	150	49	77
Saudi Arabia	2 531	2 740	2 716	3 180	3 038	3 079	1 344	1 485	1 520
Singapore	-	-	-	1 707	1 563	1 560	598	471	440
Thailand	1 089	1 120	1 138	1 519	1 606	1 614	212	247	249
Turkey	18 467	17 917	19 619	203	119	178	683	862	775
AFRICA	45 759	45 080	45 572	10 330	9 836	10 328	1 315	1 292	1 288
Algeria	4 161	4 201	4 296	2 998	3 473	3 783	2	-	-
Egypt	4 976	4 670	4 694	1 799	956	1 114	561	552	567
Kenya	4 769	4 620	4 972	67	219	239	12	8	8
South Africa	3 464	3 624	3 591	263	329	355	375	387	383
Sudan	4 425	4 300	4 310	246	365	363	-	-	-
Tunisia	1 385	1 488	1 533	80	68	75	36	36	36
CENTRAL AMERICA	17 189	17 618	17 715	5 347	6 156	6 640	770	1 443	1 750
Costa Rica	1 105	1 144	1 152	62	71	67	161	128	128
Mexico	11 593	12 029	12 105	3 294	3 965	4 415	245	940	1 247
SOUTH AMERICA	63 841	63 290	63 958	3 498	3 426	3 415	4 261	3 268	3 598
Argentina	11 121	10 098	10 800	27	33	24	1 993	1 341	1 568
Brazil	34 699	35 257	34 869	1 097	1 133	901	322	98	58
Colombia	6 666	6 807	6 950	284	324	311	23	27	37
Uruguay	2 152	2 148	2 260	27	32	33	1 328	1 268	1 408
Venezuela	2 069	1 787	1 733	1 132	739	891	-	-	-
NORTH AMERICA	103 581	107 182	108 606	2 637	2 615	2 606	10 526	11 850	13 042
Canada	8 764	9 450	9 800	687	591	583	566	1 125	1 142
United States of America	94 816	97 730	98 805	1 933	2 007	2 006	9 959	10 724	11 899
EUROPE	220 514	224 600	226 099	6 957	6 401	5 576	24 689	26 553	26 273
Belarus	6 964	7 322	7 386	205	61	56	3 774	3 713	3 596
European Union	161 867	165 600	166 600	1 424	1 225	1 144	18 505	20 391	20 310
Russian Federation	30 776	31 112	31 645	4 434	4 202	3 441	302	257	227
Ukraine	10 710	10 324	10 126	83	64	74	661	815	809
OCEANIA	31 516	30 710	31 028	1 249	1 551	1 645	22 586	21 728	22 137
Australia ²	9 855	9 301	9 587	791	1 127	1 166	3 310	3 018	3 151
New Zealand ³	21 593	21 341	21 373	246	221	270	19 274	18 707	18 983
WORLD	796 257	810 888	826 949	70 718	72 998	74 665	70 773	72 763	74 546
Developing countries	407 084	415 186	427 979	56 902	58 966	61 076	12 503	12 107	12 569
Developed countries	389 173	395 702	398 971	13 816	14 031	13 590	58 270	60 657	61 977
LIFDC	242 020	251 973	259 979	5 947	6 307	6 580	1 090	933	952
LDC	31 120	30 574	30 639	3 948	3 925	4 161	207	234	222

¹ For production, the annual dairy cycle starting in April is applied

² For production, the annual dairy cycle starting in July is applied

³ For production, the annual dairy cycle starting in June is applied

Note: Trade values that refer to milk equivalents were derived by applying the following weights: butter (6.60), cheese (4.40), skim/whole milk powder (7.60), skim condensed/evaporated milk (1.90), whole condensed/evaporated milk (2.10), yoghurt (1.0), cream (3.60), casein (7.40), skim milk (0.70), liquid milk (1.0), whey dry (7.6). The conversion factors cited refer to the solids content method. Refer to IDF Bulletin No. 390 (March 2004)

APPENDIX TABLE 20: FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS STATISTICS ¹

	Capture fisheries production		Aquaculture fisheries production		Exports			Imports		
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
	<i>Million tonnes (live weight equivalent)</i>				<i>USD billion</i>			<i>USD billion</i>		
						<i>estim.</i>	<i>f'cast</i>		<i>estim.</i>	<i>f'cast</i>
ASIA²	50.7	50.2	67.9	71.5	54.5	58.2	61.9	43.8	48.2	52.7
China	18.7	18.5	47.4	49.5	22.6	23.4	24.8	14.0	15.9	18.2
of which: Hong Kong SAR	0.1	0.1	-	-	0.8	1.0	1.0	3.8	3.6	4.1
Taiwan Prov.	1.0	0.8	0.3	0.3	1.7	1.9	2.1	1.3	1.4	1.7
India	4.8	5.1	5.3	5.7	5.5	7.2	7.4	0.1	0.1	0.2
Indonesia	6.7	6.5	4.3	5.0	3.9	4.2	4.7	0.4	0.4	0.4
Japan	3.5	3.2	0.7	0.7	2.0	2.0	2.5	13.9	15.0	15.4
Korea, Republic of	1.6	1.4	0.5	0.5	1.7	1.7	1.8	4.6	5.1	5.9
Philippines	2.2	2.0	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.9	1.0	0.4	0.5	0.6
Thailand	1.5	1.5	0.9	1.0	5.9	5.9	6.0	3.1	3.6	4.0
Viet Nam	2.8	2.8	3.4	3.6	7.3	7.5	7.7	1.3	1.4	1.4
AFRICA	8.8	9.3	1.8	2.0	6.4	6.6	7.2	4.9	5.2	5.9
Egypt	0.3	0.3	1.2	1.4	-	-	-	0.7	0.6	0.9
Morocco	1.4	1.4	-	-	2.1	2.2	2.4	0.2	0.2	0.3
Namibia	0.5	0.5	-	-	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.1	-	0.1
Nigeria	0.7	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.7	0.8	0.8
Senegal	0.4	0.5	-	-	0.4	0.4	0.5	-	-	-
South Africa	0.6	0.6	-	-	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.5
CENTRAL AMERICA	2.1	2.1	0.4	0.4	2.5	2.9	3.2	1.7	1.9	1.9
Mexico	1.5	1.5	0.2	0.2	1.0	1.3	1.7	0.8	0.9	0.9
Panama	0.1	0.1	-	-	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
SOUTH AMERICA	9.3	8.1	2.3	2.3	13.9	16.3	17.9	2.6	2.9	3.1
Argentina	0.8	0.8	-	-	1.7	2.0	2.0	0.2	0.2	0.2
Brazil	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.3	1.2	1.4	1.3
Chile	1.8	1.5	1.0	1.0	5.1	6.0	6.7	0.3	0.4	0.4
Ecuador	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.5	3.9	4.6	5.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Peru	4.8	3.8	0.1	0.1	2.2	2.7	3.1	0.2	0.3	0.3
NORTH AMERICA	6.2	6.1	0.6	0.6	11.3	12.0	12.5	23.4	24.6	25.6
Canada	0.9	0.9	0.2	0.2	5.0	5.3	5.4	2.8	2.9	3.1
United States of America	5.0	4.9	0.4	0.4	5.8	6.1	6.5	20.5	21.6	22.5
EUROPE	14.1	13.7	2.9	2.9	50.8	54.0	58.6	56.9	61.1	66.3
European Union ²	5.3	5.2	1.3	1.3	32.8	35.0	37.6	52.0	55.8	60.2
of which extra-EU	-	-	-	-	5.5	6.2	6.5	27.2	29.0	31.6
Iceland	1.3	1.1	-	-	2.0	2.0	2.5	0.1	0.1	0.1
Norway	2.3	2.0	1.4	1.3	10.8	11.3	12.3	1.2	1.2	1.3
Russian Federation	4.5	4.8	0.2	0.2	3.9	3.9	4.3	1.7	1.9	2.4
OCEANIA	1.4	1.4	0.2	0.2	3.1	3.3	3.4	1.8	1.9	2.1
Australia	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.5	1.6	1.6
New Zealand	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
WORLD³	92.7	90.9	76.1	80.0	142.5	153.2	164.7	135.0	145.8	157.5
Excl. intra-EU	-	-	-	-	115.3	124.4	133.6	110.2	118.9	128.9
Developing countries	68.3	67.4	71.6	75.5	76.0	82.9	88.6	38.7	42.7	47.6
Developed countries	24.4	23.6	4.5	4.5	66.5	70.2	77.6	96.4	103.2	112.6
LIFDC	12.7	13.4	8.2	8.8	9.0	10.8	11.2	2.7	3.0	3.3
LDC	8.7	9.2	3.5	3.7	3.1	3.4	3.8	1.1	1.2	1.3

¹ Production and trade data exclude whales, seals, other aquatic mammals and aquatic plants. Trade data include fishmeal and fish oil

² EU 28. Including intra-trade. Cyprus is included in Asia as well as in the European Union

³ For capture fisheries production, the aggregate includes 39 006 tonnes in 2015 and 5 229 tonnes in 2016 from non-identified countries; these data are not included in any other aggregates. Totals may not match due to rounding

APPENDIX TABLE 21: SELECTED INTERNATIONAL PRICES FOR WHEAT AND COARSE GRAINS

Period	Wheat			Maize		Barley		Sorghum
	US No. 2 Hard Red Winter Ord. Prot. ¹	US Soft Red Winter No. 2 ²	Argentina Trigo Pan ³	US No. 2 Yellow ²	Argentina ³	France feed Rouen	Australia feed Southern States	US No. 2 Yellow ²
<i>(USD/tonne)</i>								
Annual (July/June)								
2007/08	270	201	234	188	180	178	179	170
2008/09	209	185	224	160	168	146	154	165
2009/10	316	289	311	254	260	266	248	248
2010/11	300	259	264	281	269	270	249	264
2011/12	348	310	336	311	277	297	298	281
2012/13	318	265	335	216	219	243	241	218
2013/14	266	221	246	173	177	205	242	210
2014/15	211	194	208	166	170	174	185	173
2015/16	197	170	190	156	172	157	161	151
2016/17	230	188	203	159	165	190	202	174
2017/18	230	188	203	159	165	174	217	174
2017 - June	214	177	182	148	149	187	202	171
2017 - July	220	176	179	148	150	188	185	167
2017 - August	219	171	178	149	158	176	184	174
2017 September	229	178	178	156	164	177	193	178
2017 - October	240	191	189	164	177	183	206	188
2017 - November	246	198	211	171	188	199	214	181
2017 - December	240	198	229	175	189	214	216	180
2018 - January	250	211	261	179	192	215	209	165
2018 - February	242	205	268	166	170	215	199	167
2018 - March	235	207	245	157	165	215	218	147
2018 - April	250	215	242	162	168	228	246	165
2018 - May	242	203	235	156	160	235	239	165
2018 June	241	210	233	161	163	233	240	160

¹ Delivered United States f.o.b Gulf; ² Delivered United States Gulf; ³ Up River f.o.b.
Sources: International Grain Council and USDA.

APPENDIX TABLE 22: TOTAL WHEAT AND MAIZE FUTURES PRICES

	July		September		December		March	
	July 2018	July 2017	Sept. 2018	Sept. 2017	Dec. 2018	Dec. 2017	March 2019	March 2018
<i>(USD/tonne)</i>								
Wheat								
Sept 25	191	167	198	174	203	179	203	183
Oct 2	191	163	198	170	202	175	204	180
Oct 9	189	160	197	168	201	173	203	178
Oct 16	192	160	200	167	204	172	205	177
Oct 23	187	160	194	167	199	172	202	177
Oct 30	184	156	190	163	195	168	197	173
Maize								
Sept 25	143	139	148	144	151	148	153	150
Oct 2	145	138	149	143	152	147	155	150
Oct 9	144	138	148	143	151	146	153	150
Oct 16	148	138	152	143	155	147	157	150
Oct 23	146	138	151	144	154	147	156	150
Oct 30	144	137	149	143	152	146	154	149

Source: Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT)

APPENDIX TABLE 23: SELECTED INTERNATIONAL PRICES FOR RICE AND PRICE INDICES

Period	International prices				FAO indices				
	Thai 100% B ¹	Thai broken ²	US long grain ³	Pakistan Basmati ⁴	Total	Higher quality	Lower quality	Japonica	Aromatic
Annual (Jan/Dec)(USD per tonne) (2002-2004=100)				
2011	565	464	577	1060	242	232	250	258	220
2012	588	540	567	1137	231	225	241	235	222
2013	534	483	628	1372	233	219	226	230	268
2014	435	322	571	1324	235	207	201	266	255
2015	395	327	490	849	211	184	184	263	176
2016	407	348	438	795	194	180	187	228	153
2017	415	334	456	1131	206	183	195	232	204
Monthly									
2017 – October	411	328	516	1169	216	188	195	250	216
2017 – November	424	330	516	1155	219	191	196	256	213
2017 – December	432	338	518	1136	220	192	197	254	216
2018 – January	462	352	526	1087	224	200	207	254	219
2018 – February	463	363	537	1095	227	200	211	257	227
2018 – March	453	376	539	1072	227	199	212	258	226
2018 – April	478	385	543	1053	229	210	219	255	221
2018 – May	477	388	550	1043	228	212	222	249	218
2018 – June	456	378	550	1042	235	209	219	271	219
2018 – July	420	363	546	1040	228	199	208	266	217
2018 – August	427	349	535	1029	224	199	203	258	218
2018 – September	427	352	519	995	222	197	200	259	213
2018 – October	432	358	510	961	218	197	200	252	204

¹ White rice - 100% second grade - f.o.b. Bangkok - indicative traded prices.

² A1 super - f.o.b. Bangkok - indicative traded prices.

³ US No.2 - 4% broken f.o.b.

⁴ Up to May 2011: Basmati ordinary - f.o.b. Karachi; from June 2011 onwards: Super Kernel White Basmati Rice 2%.

Note: The FAO Rice Price Index is based on 16 rice export quotations. 'Quality' is defined by the percentage of broken kernels - with higher (lower) quality referring to rice with less (equal to or more) than 20 percent broken. The sub-index for Aromatic Rice follows movements in prices of Basmati and Fragrant rice.

Sources: FAO for indices. Rice prices: Livericeindex.com - Thai Department of Foreign Trade (DFT) and other public sources.

APPENDIX TABLE 24: SELECTED INTERNATIONAL PRICES FOR OILCROP PRODUCTS AND PRICE INDICES

Period	International prices ¹					FAO indices ⁸		
	Soybeans ²	Soybean oil ³	Palm oil ⁴	Soybean cake ⁵	Rapeseed meal ⁶	Oilseeds	Vegetable oils	Oilcakes/meals
 (USD per tonne) (2002-2004=100)		
Annual (Oct/Sept)								
2004/05	275	545	419	212	130	104	103	101
2005/06	259	572	451	202	130	100	107	96
2006/07	335	772	684	264	184	129	150	128
2008/09	422	826	627	385	196	157	146	179
2009/10	429	924	806	388	220	162	177	183
2010/11	549	1308	1147	418	279	214	259	200
2011/12	562	1235	1051	461	295	214	232	219
2012/13	563	1099	835	539	345	213	193	255
2013/14	521	949	867	534	324	194	189	253
2014/15	407	777	658	406	270	155	153	194
2015/16	396	773	655	351	232	151	155	168
2016/17	404	806	729	336	225	154	160	171
2017/18	402	820	648	381	258	153	154	182
Monthly								
2017 - January	425	879	806	355	216	161	186	168
2017 - February	428	838	779	357	241	162	179	170
2017 - March	408	809	735	346	238	155	168	164
2017 - April	389	788	693	331	240	149	161	158
2017 - May	392	827	732	329	239	150	169	157
2017 - June	379	821	681	313	238	144	162	150
2017 - July	409	836	665	326	220	154	160	155
2017 - August	391	854	678	318	216	149	164	152
2017 - September	395	879	729	329	209	151	172	156
2017 - October	397	869	721	331	207	151	170	157
2017 - November	401	885	719	333	204	153	172	158
2017 - December	397	863	666	348	219	151	163	165
2018 - January	404	865	679	361	239	153	163	171
2018 - February	416	846	660	400	265	157	158	190
2018 - March	432	830	684	427	294	162	157	203
2018 - April	441	824	663	447	302	164	155	213
2018 - May	432	787	659	443	282	161	151	211
2018 - June	389	783	631	391	264	148	146	187
2018 - July	378	774	591	382	267	145	142	184
2018 - August	379	763	561	365	282	146	138	178
2018 - September	357	755	545	347	277	139	135	169
2018 - October ⁷	371	764	532	351	271	142	133	169

¹ Spot prices for nearest forward shipment

² Soybeans: US - No.2 yellow - c.i.f. Rotterdam.

³ Soybean oil: Dutch - fob ex-mill.

⁴ Palm oil: Crude - c.i.f. Northwest Europe.

⁵ Soybean cake: Pellets - 44/45 percent - Argentina - c.i.f. Rotterdam.

⁶ Rapeseed meal: 34 percent - Hamburg - f.o.b. ex-mill.

⁷ The international prices shown represent averages for the first three weeks of the month.

⁸ The FAO indices are based on the international prices of five selected seeds - ten selected oils and five selected cakes and meals. The indices are calculated using the Laspeyres formula; the weights used are the export values of each commodity for the 2002-2004 period.

Sources: FAO and Oil World.

APPENDIX TABLE 25: SELECTED INTERNATIONAL PRICES FOR SUGAR AND SUGAR PRICE INDEX

	I.S.A. daily price average ¹	FAO Sugar Price Index (2002/04 = 100)
	Raw sugar	
Annual (Jan/Dec)	(US Cents/lb)	(2002/04=100)
2009	18.1	257.3
2010	21.3	302.0
2011	26.0	368.9
2012	21.5	305.7
2013	17.7	251.0
2014	17.0	241.2
2015	13.4	190.7
2016	18.0	256.0
2017	16.0	227.3
Monthly		
2016 - August	20.1	285.6
2016 - September	21.5	304.8
2016 - October	22.2	315.3
2016 - November	20.2	287.1
2016 - December	18.5	262.6
2017 - January	20.3	288.5
2017 - February	20.3	287.9
2017 - March	18.1	256.5
2017 - April	16.4	233.3
2017 - May	16.1	227.9
2017 - June	13.9	197.3
2017 - July	14.6	207.5
2017 - August	14.3	203.9
2017 - September	14.4	204.2
2017 - October	14.3	203.5
2017 - November	15.0	212.7
2017 - December	14.4	204.1
2018 - January	14.1	199.9
2018 - February	13.6	192.4
2018 - March	13.1	185.5
2018 - April	12.0	176.1
2018 - May	12.4	175.3
2018 - June	12.5	177.4
2018 - July	11.7	166.3
2018 - August	11.1	157.3
2018 - September	11.4	161.4
2018 - October	12.5	175.4

¹ International Sugar Agreement (ISA) prices: simple average of the closing quotes for the first three future positions of the New York Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) Sugar Contract No. 11.

Source: International Sugar Organization (ISO). FAO for the sugar index.

APPENDIX TABLE 26: SELECTED INTERNATIONAL PRICES FOR MILK PRODUCTS AND DAIRY PRICE INDEX

Period	International prices				FAO dairy price index
	Butter ¹	Skim milk powder ²	Whole milk powder ³	Cheddar cheese ⁴	
Annual (Jan/Dec) (USD per tonne) (2002-2004=100) ...
2008	3 701	3 251	3 891	4 633	223
2009	2 736	2 332	2 556	2 957	150
2010	4 270	3 081	3 514	4 010	207
2011	4 876	3 556	4 018	4 310	230
2012	3 547	3 119	3 358	3 821	194
2013	4 484	4 293	4 745	4 402	243
2014	4 010	3 647	3 868	4 456	224
2015	3 212	2 113	2 509	3 340	160
2016	3 350	1 983	2 457	3 094	154
2017	5 573	2 025	3 179	3 848	202
Monthly					
2017 – October	6 306	1 856	3 198	4 125	215
2017 – November	5 732	1 763	2 985	4 044	204
2017 – December	4 969	1 723	2 886	3 594	184
2018 – January	4 843	1 740	2 977	3 413	180
2018 – February	5 129	1 864	3 127	3 644	191
2018 – March	5 588	1 784	3 228	3 700	197
2018 – April	5 961	1 813	3 301	3 788	204
2018 – May	6 245	1 941	3 289	4 094	215
2018 – June	6 271	2 018	3 290	3 981	213
2018 – July	5 777	1 949	3 130	3 700	199
2018 – August	5 463	1 937	3 102	3 713	196
2018 – September	5 156	2 023	3 048	3 619	191
2018 – October	4 702	1 935	2 910	3 513	182

¹ Butter - 82% butterfat - f.o.b. Oceania and EU; average indicative traded prices

² Skim Milk Powder - 1.25% butterfat - f.o.b. Oceania and EU - averaged indicative traded prices

³ Whole Milk Powder - 26% butterfat - f.o.b. Oceania and EU - average indicative traded prices

⁴ Cheddar Cheese - 39% max. moisture - f.o.b. Oceania - indicative traded prices

Note: The FAO Dairy Price Index is derived from a trade-weighted average of a selection of representative internationally-traded dairy products

Sources: FAO for indices. Product prices: Mid-point of price ranges reported by Dairy Market News (USDA)

APPENDIX TABLE 27: SELECTED INTERNATIONAL MEAT PRICES

Period	Bovine meat prices			Ovine meat price	Pigmeat prices			Poultry meat prices	
	Australia	United States	Brazil	New Zealand	United States	Brazil	Germany	United States	Brazil
Annual (Jan/Dec)	<i>(USD per tonne)</i>								
2008	3 024	4 325	3 785	2 975	2 270	3 000	2 364	997	1 896
2009	2 562	3 897	3 118	3 495	2 202	2 223	2 035	989	1 552
2010	3 272	4 378	3 919	3 662	2 454	2 747	1 913	1 032	1 781
2011	3 944	4 516	4 816	5 370	2 648	3 023	2 169	1 147	2 083
2012	4 176	4 913	4 492	4 754	2 676	2 784	2 233	1 228	1 931
2013	4 009	5 535	4 326	4 130	2 717	2 872	2 311	1 229	2 014
2014	5 016	6 678	4 515	4 687	3 183	3 434	2 106	1 206	1 940
2015	4 638	6 201	4 130	3 641	2 576	2 499	1 582	1 003	1 642
2016	4 059	5 569	3 836	3 571	2 424	2 143	1 682	914	1 532
2017	4 378	5 871	4 047	4 486	2 529	2 482	1 871	999	1 653
Monthly									
2017 – October	4 344	6 152	4 085	5 015	2 510	2 454	1 800	1 052	1 697
2017 – November	4 391	6 314	4 105	4 975	2 538	2 422	1 750	1 019	1 689
2017 – December	4 212	6 270	4 196	4 880	2 614	2 323	1 717	983	1 607
2018 – January	4 289	6 225	4 167	4 982	2 559	2 155	1 671	972	1 554
2018 – February	4 458	6 411	3 870	4 974	2 580	2 160	1 844	979	1 572
2018 – March	4 441	6 422	3 854	5 140	2 568	2 105	1 869	1 024	1 549
2018 – April	4 175	6 557	3 913	5 149	2 543	2 105	1 806	1 063	1 573
2018 – May	4 178	6 503	4 045	5 071	2 492	2 031	1 722	1 065	1 550
2018 – June	4 091	6 354	4 041	5 317	2 491	1 956	1 739	1 002	1 516
2018 – July	4 035	6 241	4 839	5 357	2 488	1 857	1 715	995	1 514
2018 – August	4 013	6 256	3 988	5 463	2 602	1 821	1 805	968	1 551
2018 – September	3 939	6 266	3 871	5 547	2 640	1 750	1 745	960	1 541
2018 – October	3 736	6 270	3 858	5 328	2 648	1 721	1 636	955	1 534

Bovine meat prices:

Australia: Cow 90CL export prices to the USA (FAS)

USA: Frozen beef - export unit value

Brazil: Frozen beef - export unit value

Ovine meat prices:

New Zealand: Lamb 17.5kg cwt - export price

Pigmeat prices:

USA: Frozen pigmeat - export unit value

Brazil: Frozen pigmeat - export unit value

Germany: Monthly market price for pig carcass grade E

Poultry meat prices:

USA: Broiler cuts - export unit value

Brazil: Export unit value for chicken (f.o.b.)

Prices for the two most recent months may be estimates and subject to revision.

APPENDIX TABLE 28: SELECTED INTERNATIONAL MEAT PRICES AND FAO MEAT PRICE INDICES

FAO indices

Period	Total meat	Bovine meat	Ovine meat	Pig meat	Poultry meat
Annual (Jan/Dec) (2002-2004=100)				
2008	161	158	128	152	184
2009	141	135	151	131	162
2010	158	165	158	138	179
2011	183	191	232	153	206
2012	182	195	205	153	201
2013	184	197	178	157	206
2014	198	231	202	164	200
2015	168	213	157	126	168
2016	156	191	154	123	156
2017	170	204	194	135	169
Monthly					
2017 – October	173	207	216	132	175
2017 – November	173	210	215	130	172
2017 – December	170	208	211	129	165
2018 – January	167	208	215	125	161
2018 – February	170	209	215	131	162
2018 – March	171	209	222	131	164
2018 – April	170	207	222	128	168
2018 – May	169	208	219	124	166
2018 – June	167	204	230	124	160
2018 – July	169	214	231	122	160
2018 – August	167	201	236	126	160
2018 – September	165	198	239	124	159
2018 – October	162	195	230	120	158

The **FAO Meat Price Indices** consist of 2 poultry meat product quotations (the average weighted by assumed fixed trade weights) - 3 bovine meat product quotations (average weighted by assumed fixed trade weights) - 3 pigmeat product quotations (average weighted by assumed fixed trade weights) - 1 ovine meat product quotation (average weighted by assumed fixed trade weights); the four meat group average prices are weighted by world average export trade shares for 2002/2004.

Prices for the two most recent months may be estimates and subject to revision.

APPENDIX TABLE 29: FISH PRICE INDICES

Period	Total	Aquaculture	Capture	White fish	Salmon	Shrimp	Pelagic excl. tuna	Tuna	Other fish
Annual (Jan/Dec) (2002-2004=100)								
2007	124	115	132	139	147	102	130	135	126
2008	136	120	148	151	151	109	148	162	133
2009	126	119	131	132	159	98	140	147	128
2010	137	137	136	138	187	109	144	146	146
2011	154	149	157	151	195	124	173	175	166
2012	144	124	157	145	146	107	207	195	176
2013	148	141	151	134	157	126	215	190	175
2014	157	158	153	142	159	148	210	175	185
2015	142	137	146	141	134	129	216	150	196
2016	146	145	146	141	162	129	207	153	194
2017	154	152	155	143	177	136	226	168	208
Monthly									
2016 - January	140	136	141	137	141	126	189	142	193
2016 - February	142	140	142	140	144	123	201	150	191
2016 - March	144	144	143	140	151	124	204	148	188
2016 - April	143	144	142	143	157	122	209	146	183
2016 - May	142	147	139	144	162	117	169	150	192
2016 - June	147	149	145	145	170	125	201	150	197
2016 - July	145	144	145	142	172	125	232	152	194
2016 - August	147	143	151	142	162	129	228	166	197
2016 - September	150	144	154	140	160	134	215	174	196
2016 - October	152	149	152	139	170	141	228	155	200
2016 - November	151	149	148	139	173	143	204	150	194
2016 - December	151	152	146	137	182	138	197	149	201
2017 - January	151	154	147	138	190	131	228	153	205
2017 - February	149	150	146	133	180	129	227	161	187
2017 - March	150	152	147	136	176	131	242	159	188
2017 - April	150	151	148	138	179	133	241	154	191
2017 - May	151	154	148	140	185	131	202	159	204
2017 - June	154	155	152	147	185	132	198	167	210
2017 - July	156	153	155	148	185	136	213	167	219
2017 - August	157	151	162	146	174	141	230	175	225
2017 - September	157	150	162	146	174	140	254	179	207
2017 - October	156	151	159	144	173	142	237	173	207
2017 - November	159	149	164	144	163	146	213	182	226
2017 - December	160	149	169	150	164	143	222	184	223
2018 - January	162	153	170	152	174	140	243	189	220
2018 - February	160	151	167	153	176	134	274	188	211
2018 - March	165	159	168	153	193	132	299	183	225
2018 - April	163	156	168	157	194	129	229	181	228
2018 - May	158	155	159	151	200	128	193	176	200
2018 - June	158	151	162	152	181	133	193	175	211
2018 - July	155	143	162	152	168	129	190	185	218

Source: Norwegian Seafood Council (NSC).

Note: The FAO Fish Price Index is based on nominal import values expressed in CIF in the three major import markets; Japan - USA and EU. Separate indexes exist for products from aquaculture and from capture fisheries. Additional sub-indexes exist for the major commodity groups based on species.

APPENDIX TABLE 30: SELECTED INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICES

	Currency and unit	Effective date	Latest quotation	One month ago	One year ago	Average 2013-2017
Sugar (ISA daily price)	US cents per lb	30-10-18	13.42	10.97	14.34	16.44
Coffee (ICO daily price)	US cents per lb	30-10-18	111.23	100.83	120.01	130.69
Cocoa (ICCO daily price)	US cents per lb	30-10-18	100.33	92.83	95.12	123.00
Tea (FAO Tea Composite Price)	USD per kg	28-09-18	2.65	2.70	3.24	2.77
Cotton (COTLOOK A index)	US cents per lb	28-09-18	90.36	94.55	80.60	80.34
Jute "BTD" (Fob Bangladesh Port)	USD per tonne	30-10-18	840.00	840.00	670.00	684.67

MARKET INDICATORS

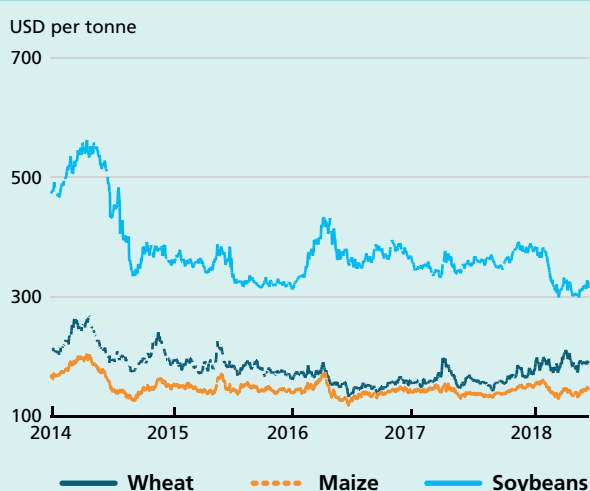
Futures markets

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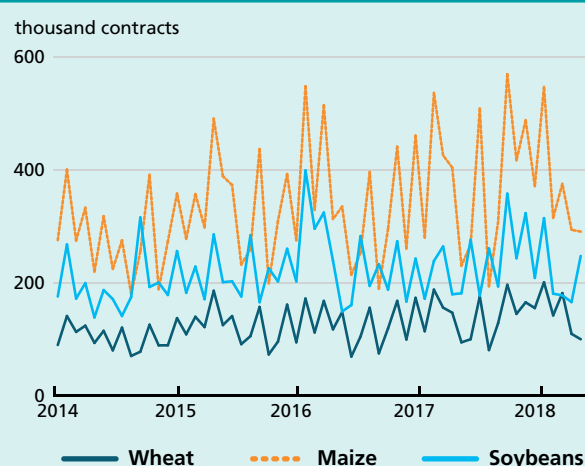
Futures prices of wheat, maize and soybeans have followed divergent paths during the last five months, each driven by global fundamentals, domestic crop developments and trade policies. Wheat prices on average were about 8 percent higher than during the first half of the year, buoyed by deteriorating crop prospects in several regions, including northern Europe, the Russian Federation and Australia. Total wheat ending stocks were estimated to decline by about 5 percent from last year's record levels, causing wheat prices to climb to a three-year high during August and maintain premiums over the same period for the last two years by as much as 30 percent. Maize prices experienced a seasonal

decline between May and September, as favourable weather in the US boosted yields. Despite record supplies at the start of the 2018/19 maize crop year (September 1), values remained mostly elevated compared with the same period for the past two years. Conversely, soybeans registered the worst price performance among the three commodities. After slumping to a ten-year low at the end of June in response to China's proposed trade tariffs, prices remained distressed as US weekly crop progress reports signalled record yields and production. Despite US origin soybean values declining as much as 30 percent below other origins, fully pricing-in the Chinese tariff, only

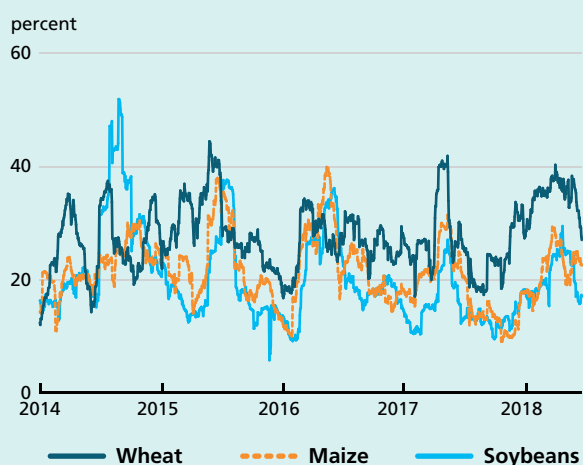
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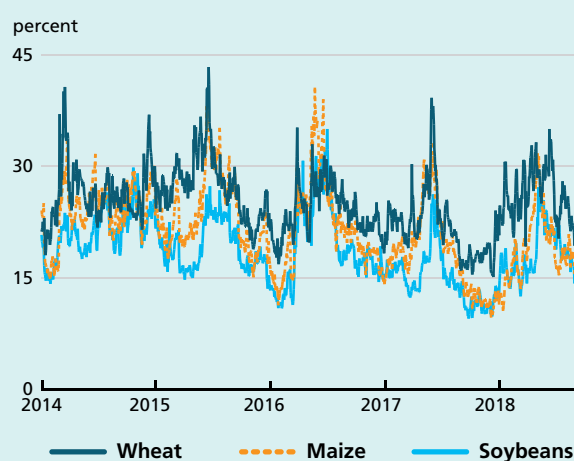
CME futures volumes



Historical volatility (30 days)



Implied volatility



210 000 tonnes (three US soybean cargoes) were shipped to China between September 1 and November 1, compared with about 5 million tonnes for the same period last year. Record US domestic crush levels reported to be 17 percent higher year-on-year (y/y), were deemed unlikely to make up for lost exports to China, which exceeded 36 million tonnes in 2016/17. The influence of exogenous markets, such as foreign exchange movements and energy prices, remained subordinate to trade tariffs and supply and demand fundamentals. Higher trending prices of West Texas Intermediate crude oil y/y and the US Administration's promise to expand the percentage of ethanol from 10 to 15 percent in domestic gasoline blends may, however, have kept maize prices from falling below levels of the past two years. The US dollar, despite some analysts' predictions of continued upward movement, traded in a sideways pattern against the major currencies over the past five months, producing negligible effects on grain and oilseed prices.

FORWARD CURVES

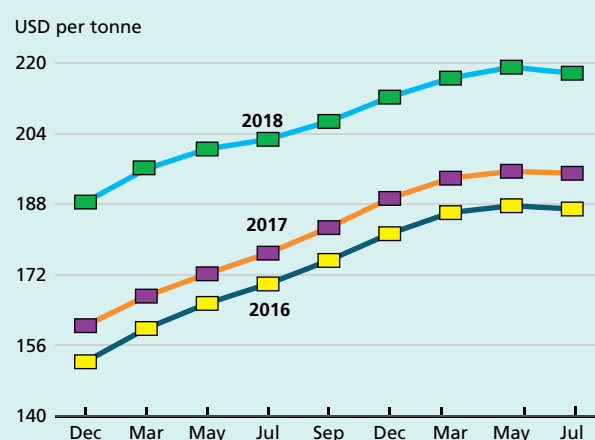
Forward curves for wheat, maize and soybeans displayed upward sloping (contango) price configurations extending until May 2020, reflecting surplus supply situations and low interior basis levels for all three commodities. The y/y curves (calculating the difference between December 2018 and December 2019 contracts) for wheat and maize at USD 24 and USD 12 respectively, were slightly less upward sloping by a few USD per tonne than the past two years, and possibly predictive of a more optimistic demand picture for the current crop year. The soybean curve between November 2018 and November 2019, however, reached an historic wide contango level of over USD 25 per tonne, reflecting the dire effects of the Chinese trade tariffs on export demand. That same curve was quoted at USD 8 and USD 2 contango for the same time period during 2017 and 2016 respectively, when China's demand for US soybeans seemed unstoppable.

VOLUMES

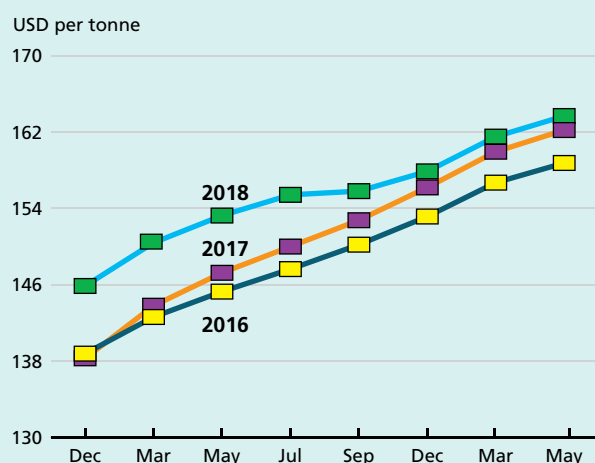
Trade volumes, which posted record numbers in the first six months of 2018, slowed in pace for soybeans, and to a lesser extent for wheat and maize. The slowdown in soybean trading could in part be attributed to China's tariff on US origin soybeans, which created a divergence between US and non-US prices and eroded the US-based Chicago Mercantile Exchange contract's effectiveness as a global hedging mechanism. Open interest for all three commodities also declined from record levels posted in June. The retreat in open interest and volumes was possibly a temporary deviation from a long-term trend of growing trade interest

Forward curves snapshots as of June 2016, 2017 and 2018

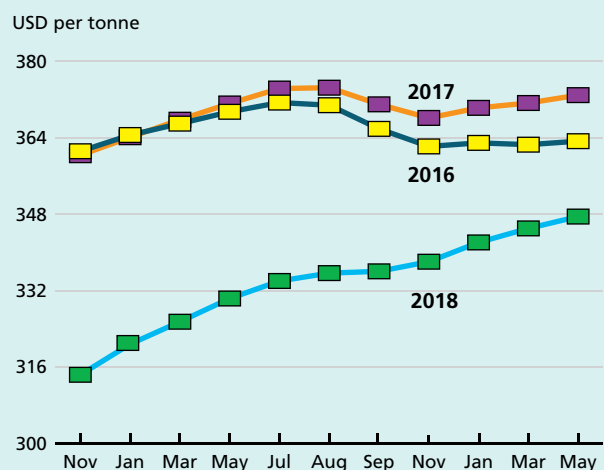
Wheat



Maize



Soybeans



that has persisted since the advent of computerized trading. Trading strategies have increasingly evolved into more complex strategies – spreading (simultaneously buying and selling two different contracts) or futures and options combinations, creating greater transaction levels and open positions. The execution of these strategies, often generated by algorithms, has been greatly facilitated by the recent migration of options trading from open outcry to the exchange operated trade engine, which has matched virtually all the buy and sell orders for futures contracts for the past two years. Options open interest, when added to futures for wheat, maize and soybeans, reflected an additional rise of 30, 27 and 21 percentage points respectively to open interest totals, but the combined totals fell short of record numbers.

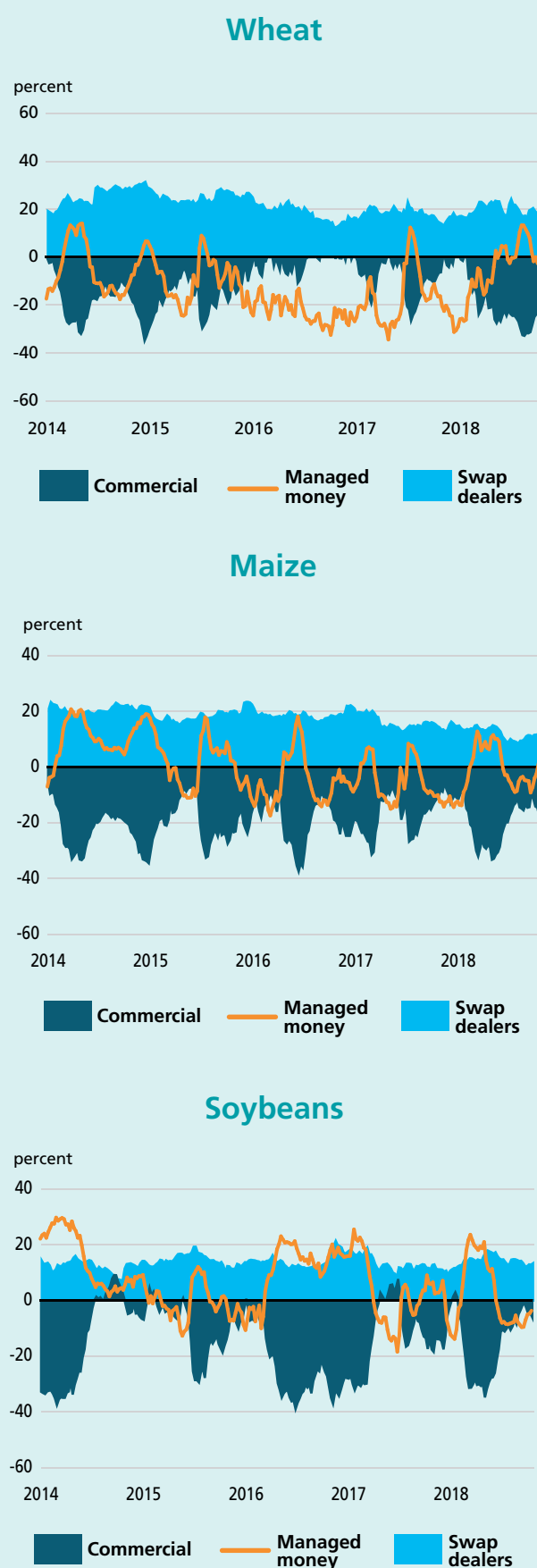
VOLATILITY

Volatility levels for wheat, maize and soybeans followed typical seasonal patterns, declining during the summer months as traders and analysts ascertained the level of deterioration in the global wheat markets and observed the steady progress of US maize and soybean crop development. China's soybean trade tariff, enacted in July, a seemingly landmark event, had little effect on volatility as China had ceased buying US cargoes as early as April. Historical volatility (based on 30 days) for both maize and soybeans ranged between the levels of 17 and 27 (monthly averages), while wheat, normally exhibiting more volatile price action, ranged between 32 and 38 (monthly averages). Implied volatility (calculated by the level of option premiums on underlying futures contracts) was unremarkable for both maize and soybeans and registered mostly in the low 20s, while wheat reached a level of 31 in July and then declined into the 20s range. In general, volatility was moderate to low, but remained above the ultra-low levels recorded during January of 18, 11 and 12 for wheat, maize and soybeans, respectively. The most watched commodity volatility index, the OVX, which measures crude oil price volatility, has remained in a narrow range in the upper 20s, despite a considerable y/y rise in crude oil prices.

INVESTMENT FLOWS

Managed money continued its revised strategy for agricultural markets by increasing its spread positioning relative to its overall exposure to long or short strategies for all three commodities. Managed money spread position totals grew 15 percent since June, following a 30 percent increase for the previous six months. Its net

CME net-length as % of open interests
(Jan 2014 - Oct 2018)



longs in wheat and maize and net short in soybeans were dramatically smaller than last year's positions. For example, figures for maize show that managed money held a net long position of about 21 000 contracts in October 2018 versus a net short position of 154 000 contracts in October 2017. The trend in spread positioning is also evident for other trader categories, especially Swaps Dealers. For the past decade, these dealers have offered securitized products that tracked and guaranteed returns on weighted price indices of select commodities. Virtually all these products have declined in value since 2011, forcing product issuers to adopt spread strategies to counteract the effects of low-priced markets and

rolling forward long positions in contango configurations. Nonetheless, both managed money and swaps dealers have performed poorly relative to other asset classes this year. Barclay Hedge, the primary hedge fund tracker, reported that agricultural traders managing fund monies showed a return of 0.89 percent year to date, compared with a gain of 2.49 percent in 2017 and a loss of 2.40 percent in 2016. The Deutsche Bank Agricultural Index Fund, which tracks ten agricultural futures markets, including wheat, maize and soybeans, sunk to a new low of USD 16.85 during September, before rebounding slightly in October, but remained far below its 2008 high of USD 42, attained a year after its inception.

Ocean freight rates

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OCEAN FREIGHT MARKET (APRIL 2018- OCTOBER 2018)

The dry bulk freight market posted considerable gains since late-April as advances across all constituent segments underpinned a 16 percent rise in the Baltic Dry Index (BDI). With year-on-year (y/y) Capesize losses only partly countered by increases in the grains and oilseeds carrying sectors, the Index was down slightly y/y, albeit more than five times higher compared to the early-2016 all-time low. The IGC Grains and Oilseeds Freight Index (GOFI), which provides a measure of trade-weighted shipping costs on major grains and oilseeds carrying routes, rose by 13 percent over the period and was up by 10 percent y/y.

Initial declines, partly linked to concerns about mounting global trade tensions, were quickly reversed by a strong rebound in Capesize values in early June, with the BDI at its highest level in more than four and a half years in late-July. Although this was followed by a softer spell, markets were much less volatile recently, compared to the rather erratic second quarter. As demonstrated by the accompanying graphic, historical volatility has been well below average since mid-August.

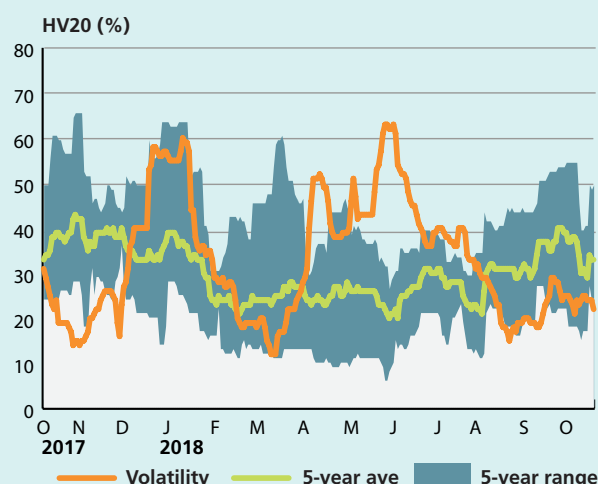
Earnings in the **Capesize** sector were typically sensitive to day-to-day changes in mineral chartering activity. After initially dipping on weakening rates at major iron ore origins, coupled with tepid interest in period fixing, values climbed to a near-eight month peak by early-August amid positive signs in steel production across major iron ore and coking coal importing countries. While average

Summary of dry bulk freight markets

	24 Oct 2018	Changes	
		6 months	y/y
		%	
Baltic Dry Index (BDI)*	1 546	16	-3
<i>Sub-indices:</i>			
Capesize	2 388	12	-25
Panamax	1 669	32	+3
Supramax	1 144	11	+1
<i>Baltic Handysize Index (BHSI)**</i>	675	9	-2

Source: Baltic Exchange, * 4 January 1985 = 1000 ** 23 May 2006 = 1000.
 Note: Baltic Handysize sub-Index excluded from the BDI from 1 March 2018.

Volatility in Baltic Dry Index (HV20) (24 October 2017– 24 October 2018)



Note: Historical volatility, as measured by the standard deviation (%) of daily quotation movements over a 20-day window (HV20).

Source: Baltic Exchange, IGC

BDI vs IGC GOFI (24 October 2017– 24 October 2018)



Note: IGC Grains and Oilseeds Freight Index, constructed based on nominal freight rates on major grains/oilseeds routes using trade-weighted approach.
 Source: Baltic Exchange, IGC

rates mostly eased in the period since on sagging demand, recent support stemmed from improvements in Asia and firmer fuel and iron ore prices. As at 24 October, the Baltic sub-Index was quoted 12 percent higher compared to six months earlier, but was down by one-quarter y/y.

Baltic Capesize sub-Index (24 October 2017 - 24 October 2018)

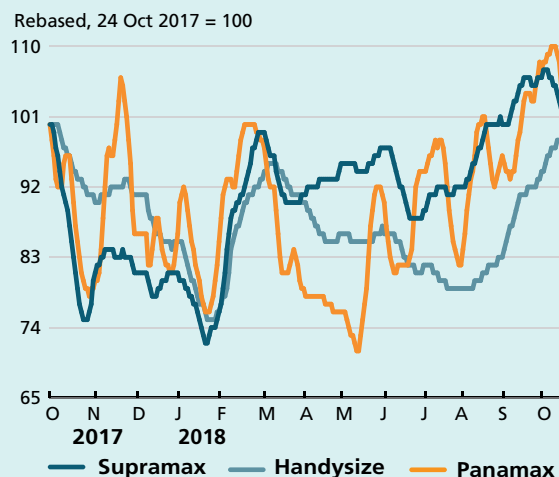


Source: Baltic Exchange

Occasional splitting of Capesize cargoes amid shortages of vessels offered support to **Panamax** rates at times. Despite some pressure from variable demand on transatlantic routes and reduced activity in the north Pacific, values climbed by about one-third since late April, hitting the highest levels since December 2013 in the second half of October. Busy trading out of South America provided steady support in recent months, as did sustained coal and minerals flows from Indonesia and Australia, notably to India. Reflecting solid demand from China, the nominal freight rate on the key Brazil-China soyabean route rose by USD4 since April, to USD39 per tonne. Sentiment at the US Gulf was also supported by brisk demand for shipments of grains, oilseeds and coal, with unusually large shipments of soyabeans to Iran a notable feature in recent weeks.

Sectors for the relatively smaller carrying Supramax and Handysize vessels exhibited a steadier tone throughout the period, with average rates advancing by 11 percent and 9 percent, respectively. Markets were mostly flat to higher in the second quarter of 2018, buoyed by a good volume of fixing out of South America and the US Gulf, which compensated for a generally subdued tone in Europe, where demand was mainly centred on scrap and fertiliser business. Dashed expectations for an upturn in demand amid upbeat sentiment in other segments resulted in a slight downturn in July, but subsequent – almost uninterrupted – growth was linked to fresh orders for grains and oilseeds dispatches from the US Gulf and the Black Sea region. Decent enquiry levels in Europe amid limited tonnage offered further support, although demand in that region was notably softer more recently. Ongoing changes to the pattern of global soyabean trade against the backdrop of attractive US export prices resulted in some atypical trades in recent

Grains and oilseeds carrying sectors: Panamax & Supramax sub-Indices and Handysize Index (24 October 2017 - 24 October 2018)



Source: Baltic Exchange

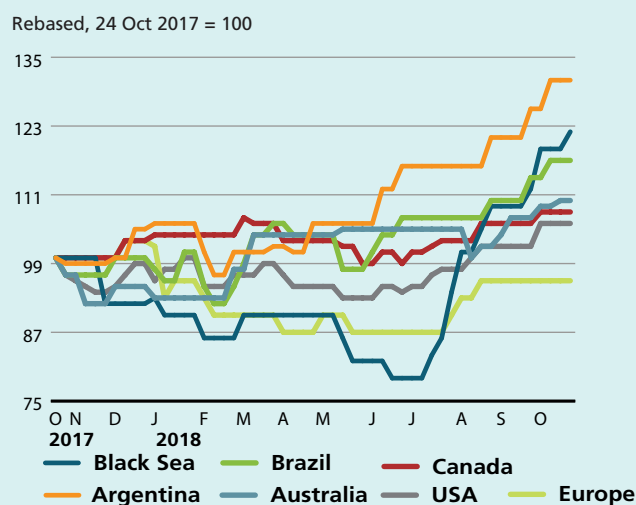
times, including Handysize trips from the Mississippi River to Argentina's River Plate.

Developments across major grains/oilseeds origins

The below IGC Grains and Oilseeds Freight sub-Indices provide a measure of freight costs from major grains and oilseeds origins and highlight solid gains in transportation costs in the latter part of 2018.

While values across most origins are higher compared to a year ago, strength was particularly pronounced in the southern hemisphere, where robust demand for

IGC GOFI sub-Indices (24 October 2017– 24 October 2018)



Source: IGC

grains and soyabeans, coupled with logistical difficulties, contributed to steep gains in Argentina and Brazil, the corresponding sub-Indices up by 31 percent and 17 percent y/y, respectively. A sharp upturn in wheat dispatches from Russia underpinned freight values in the Black Sea in recent months, as did a strong start to the maize export season in Ukraine, with the Black Sea sub-Index posting a 22 percent annual gain. Strong coal and minerals demand contributed to moderate upside in Australia and Canada. Annual advances in the USA were relatively small, at 6 percent, as underlying uncertainty surrounding future trade with China and the EU weighed on market sentiment. Levels in Europe softened slightly during the year, reflecting generally sluggish demand for grains dispatches.

Summary of freight rates on selected routes

USD/t	24 Oct 2018	Changes	
		6 months	y/y
<i>US (Gulf) to:</i>		%	
China (Dalian)	51	13	13
EU (ARAH)	27	13	-11
Japan	50	14	16
<i>Canada (St. Lawrence) to:</i>			
China (Dalian)	53	8	18
EU (ARAH)	24	4	-8
Japan	52	8	21
<i>Argentina to:</i>			
Algeria	36	20	24
Brazil	24	26	33
EU (ARAH)	27	17	13
<i>Brazil to:</i>			
China (Dalian)	39	11	15
EU (ARAH)	33	22	27
<i>EU (France, Rouen) to:</i>			
Algeria	33	10	6
Egypt (Mediterranean)	27	17	-16
Morocco	25	14	-29
<i>Black sea to:</i>			
Egypt (Alexandria)	32	39	23
Morocco	35	25	17
Tunisia	35	35	21
<i>Australia (East Coast) to:</i>			
China (Dalian)	23	15	21
Indonesia	20	0	5
Yemen	40	5	8

EU (ARAH) refers to Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg

Source: IGC

Food import bills

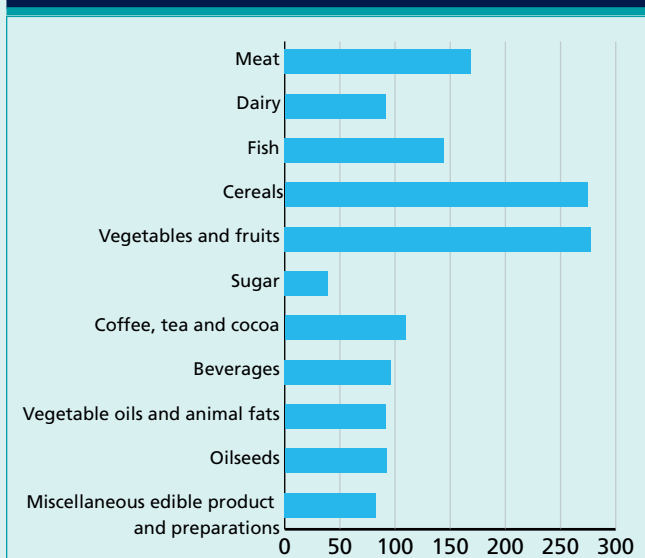
Global food import bill still expected to rise in 2018

FAO's forecast of the world food import bill in 2018 has been slightly lowered from the July edition of Food Outlook, and now stands at USD 1.467 trillion, some USD 5 billion less than earlier envisaged, but still 3 percent above the 2017 level.

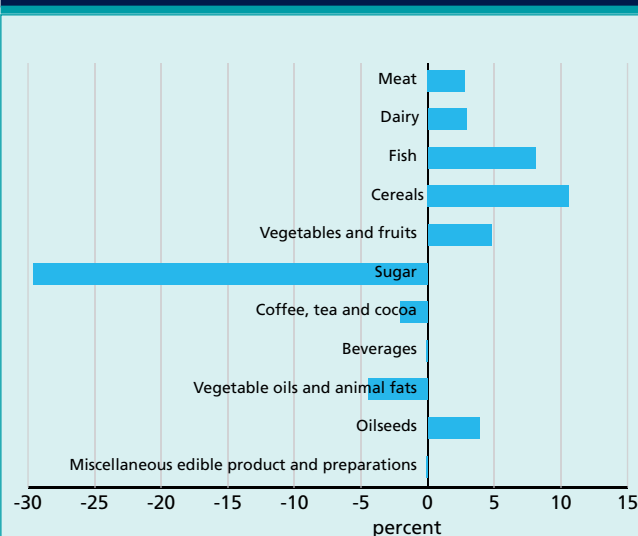
The predicted year-on-year increase in the world food import bill is still largely a reflection of higher international prices of bulk commodities, especially cereals and oilseeds, but also fish, and together these are expected to offset a substantial fall in the cost of global sugar imports. Significant changes from the last report include the expenditures on coffee, tea and cocoa, which, instead of rising as predicted in July, are now expected to fall by 2 percent from 2017, mostly on account of lower reference price quotations for coffee and tea. Similarly, the global sugar bill is set to fall even further, 30 percent from 2017 compared to foreseen in July. Offsetting these developments has been the increase in the cost of freight – an important factor in determining the global food import bill. A benchmark indicator of freight rates – the Baltic Dry Index, has recently been on a highly volatile upward trajectory after declining in the first half of 2018.

A positive development since the last report in July is the cost of importing food by the least developed countries (LDCs), which is now expected to fall from last year's level, reflecting a significant drop in the cost of imported sugar.

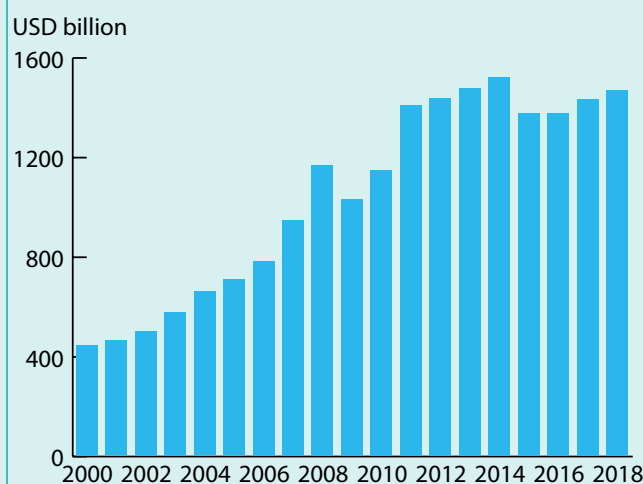
Global import bill: food commodities 2018 (USD billion)



Forecast changes in global food import bills by type (2018 over 2017)



World food import bills (2000-2018*)



*Forecast. Current US dollars.

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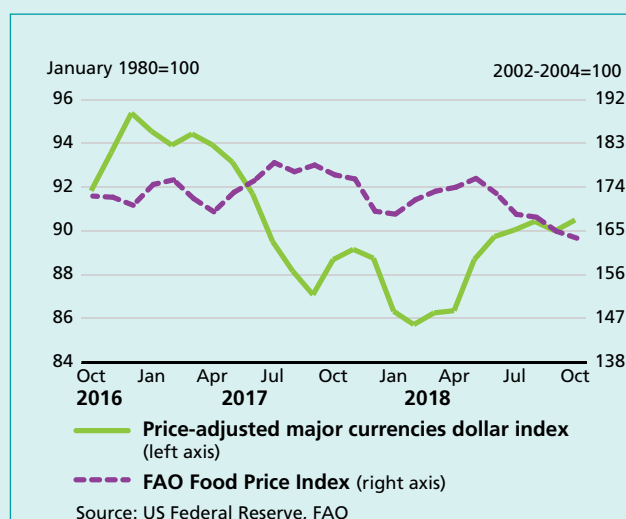
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Import bills of total food and major foodstuffs (USD billion)

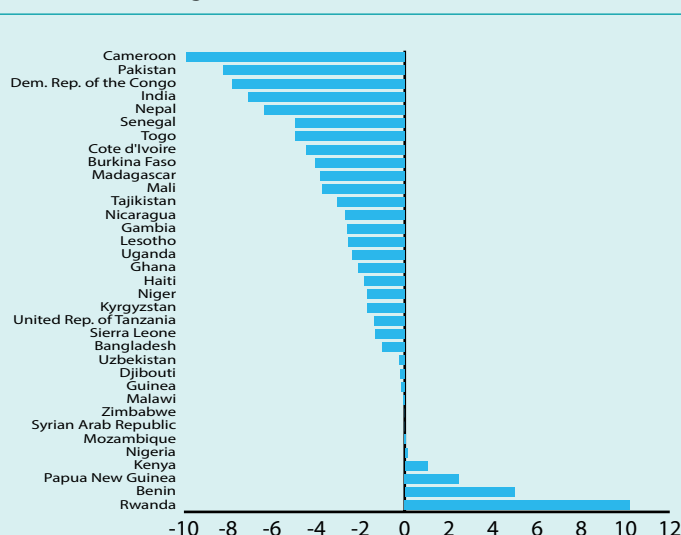
	World		Developed		Developing		LDC		LIFDC		Sub-Saharan Africa	
	2017	2018 f'cast	2017	2018 f'cast	2017	2018 f'cast	2017	2018 f'cast	2017	2018 f'cast	2017	2018 f'cast
TOTAL FOOD	1.430.5	1.467.4	831.0	850.0	599.5	617.4	41.8	40.3	85.9	86.5	47.2	45.8
Meat	164.0	168.6	92.9	94.8	71.2	73.8	2.7	2.9	2.5	2.6	3.8	4.1
Dairy	89.0	91.5	54.6	55.7	34.4	35.8	1.8	1.9	2.9	2.9	2.2	2.2
Fish	133.4	144.1	95.1	101.4	38.3	42.7	1.0	1.0	2.5	2.7	3.5	3.7
Cereals	248.0	274.3	115.6	128.1	132.4	146.2	14.5	16.0	22.5	25.1	15.4	17.4
Vegetables and fruit	264.8	277.5	181.2	188.4	83.7	89.1	3.8	4.1	13.0	14.5	3.3	3.8
Sugar	55.6	39.1	24.7	17.6	30.8	21.5	5.2	2.7	7.8	4.9	5.1	4.7
Coffee, tea and cocoa	111.8	109.5	83.0	81.3	28.8	28.2	1.3	1.3	3.6	3.6	1.5	1.5
Beverages	96.7	96.5	25.8	26.4	25.7	25.6	1.1	1.1	1.7	1.7	2.1	2.1
Vegetables oils and animal fats	95.7	91.3	42.4	40.7	53.3	50.6	6.6	5.5	22.5	21.7	6.4	2.5
Oilseeds	89.0	92.4	25.8	26.4	63.2	66.1	0.7	0.7	2.4	2.5	0.2	0.1
Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	82.6	82.5	44.8	44.7	37.8	37.7	3.1	3.1	4.4	4.4	3.7	3.7

Exchange rates and food prices

Against the trend - food prices climb with the US dollar (Oct 2016 - Oct 2018)



% changes in real terms in the currencies of selected LIFDCs against the USD (Oct 2017 - Oct 2018)



Having reached a three-and-a-half year low in February 2018, the US dollar has begun to rise relative to major currencies, with the nominal index climbing to a 15-month high of 90.5 points in October 2018. With the US dollar being the primary currency in international trade, a strong (weak) US dollar typically imparts a loss (gain) to domestic purchasing power in importing countries. A strong US dollar raises serious concerns to LIFDCs. From October 2017 to October 2018, almost all the major food importing LIFDCs, which import more than USD 1 billion worth of food annually, saw their currencies fall against the US dollar in real terms, reversing the gains of generally lower international food prices.

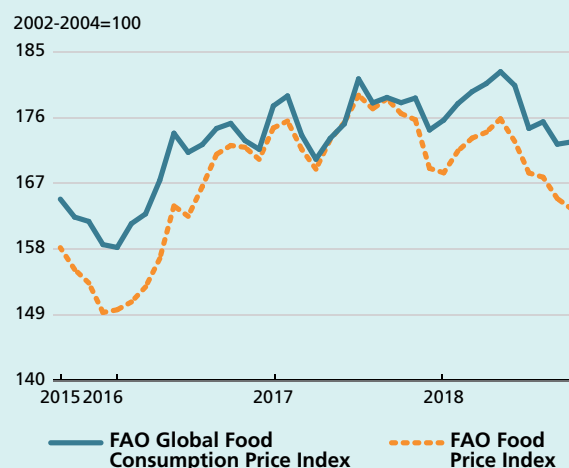
FAO price indices¹

FAO Global Food Consumption Price Index lose momentum

The **FAO Global Food Consumption Price Index** tracks changes in the cost of a global food basket as depicted by the latest FAO world food balance sheet (see <http://faostat3.fao.org/download/FB/FBS/E>).

After exhibiting substantial variability throughout much of 2017, the index began to climb uninterruptedly, reaching a three-and-half year high in May 2018. Since then, it has lost around 10 points, and stood at 173 points in October. While the index still exhibits concordance with the trade-weighted FAO Food Price Index (FFPI) in terms of trend, the FAO Global Food Consumption Price Index currently carries a margin of around 9 points over the FFPI. This is because international prices of foodstuffs that carry a much larger weight in the Consumption Index, namely cereals (59 percent), have generally increased throughout 2018.

The FAO Global Food Consumption and Food Price Indices (Oct 2015 - Oct 2018)



FAO Food Price Index dips for the fifth consecutive month in October³

The **FAO Food Price Index**² (FFPI) averaged 163.5 points in October 2018, down 1.4 points (0.9 percent) from September and some 13 points (7.4 percent) below its level in the corresponding period last year. The October decline in the FFPI was the result of falling dairy, meat and oils prices, which more than offset a surge in sugar prices and a more moderate increase in the prices of cereals.

The **FAO Cereal Price Index** averaged 166.3 points in October, marking a rebound of 2.2 points (1.3 percent) from September and representing a 13.6 point (8.9 percent) year-on-year increase. Among the major cereals, maize quotations from the United States firmed the most, supported by strong export sales, while wheat prices also averaged higher, driven by a tighter supply outlook especially in view of deteriorating crop prospects in Australia. By contrast, rice prices fell, as harvest pressure, competition among exporters and currency movements weighed on Japonica and fragrant quotations.

The **FAO Vegetable Oil Price Index** averaged 132.9 points in October, down 2 points (1.5 percent) month-on-month. Falling for the ninth month in succession, the index dropped to its lowest level since April 2009. The latest slide was mostly driven by lower price quotations of palm oil, reflecting persistent pressure from large inventories held by major exporting countries amid sluggish global import demand. By contrast, international soy oil prices rebounded slightly, underpinned by robust demand from the biodiesel sector, while rapeseed oil values were supported by reduced availabilities in the EU. International sunflower oil prices remained virtually unchanged from September.

The **FAO Dairy Price Index** averaged 181.8 points in October, down 9.2 points (4.8 percent) from the previous month, continuing the downward trend for the fifth consecutive month. Price quotations of all the dairy products represented in the index fell in October, plummeting the overall index 15.3 percent below its value in the corresponding month last year and 34 percent below the peak reached in February 2014. The latest price weakness reflects the growing evidence of increased export supplies across all major dairy products, especially from New Zealand.

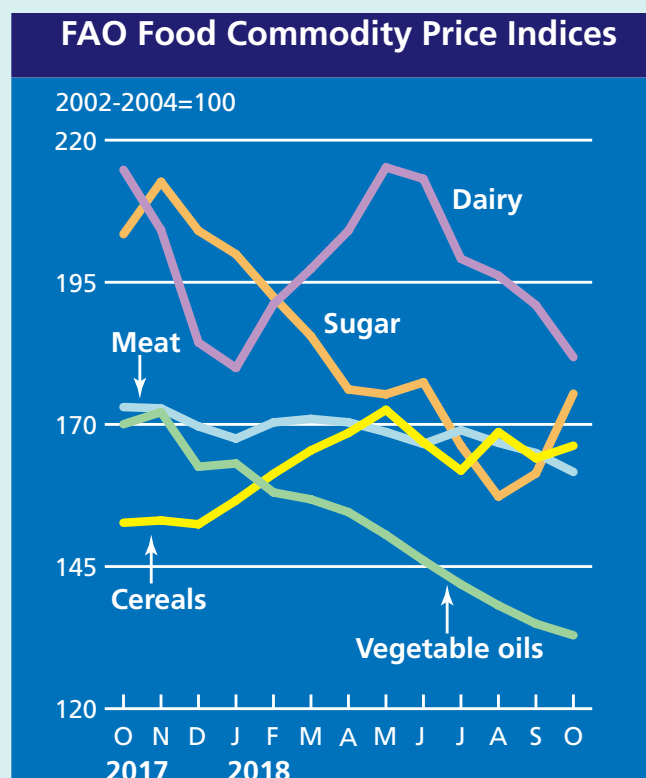
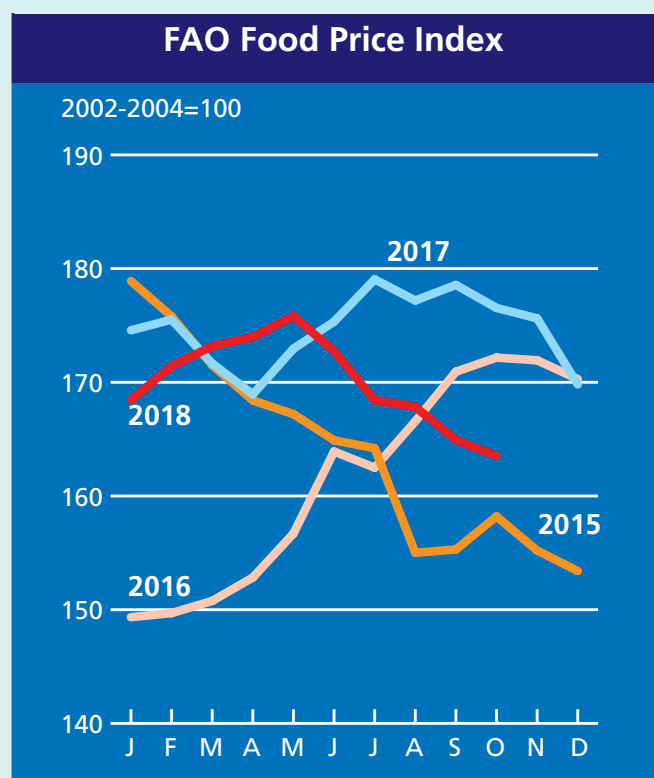
¹ All changes referred to in this section, in absolute or percentage terms, are calculated based on unrounded figures.

² The FAO Global Food Consumption Price Index is published twice a year in *Food Outlook*.

³ The FAO Food Price Index and its sub-indices are updated on a monthly basis and are available on: <http://www.fao.org/worldfoodsituation>

The **FAO Meat Price Index**³ averaged 161.6 points in October, down 3.3 points (2.0 percent) from September and 11 points below its value a year ago. In October, the prices of all main meat categories represented in the index eased, with ovine meat falling the most, followed by pigmeat, bovine and poultry meat. After four months of continuous strength, ovine meat prices lessened, underpinned by the availability of new season supplies from Oceania. Import restrictions associated with new cases of African swine fever, coupled with large export availabilities from the main producing countries, continued to weigh on pigmeat prices. Bovine meat prices declined for the third consecutive month on continued abundant export supplies, while the current market sluggishness weighed on the prices of poultry meat.

The **FAO Sugar Price Index** averaged 175.4 points in October, up 14 points (8.7 percent) from September, marking the second consecutive monthly gain. The rapid increase in sugar price quotations is attributed to negative production prospects in the major sugar producing regions, notably in India and Indonesia, mostly as a result of climate-related events. In Brazil, the world's largest sugar producer and exporter, the latest indications pointing to an increasing share of sugarcane output being used for ethanol production, have also underpinned international sugar prices.



⁴ Unlike for other commodity groups, most prices utilized in the calculation of the FAO Meat Price Index are not available when the FAO Food Price Index is computed and published; therefore, the value of the Meat Price Index for the most recent months is derived from a mixture of projected and observed prices. This can, at times, require significant revisions in the final value of the FAO Meat Price Index which could in turn influence the value of the FAO Food Price Index.

FAO Food Price Indices

		Food Price Index ¹	Meat ²	Dairy ³	Cereals ⁴	Vegetable Oils ⁵	Sugar ⁶
2000		91.1	96.5	95.3	85.8	69.5	116.1
2001		94.6	100.1	105.5	86.8	67.2	122.6
2002		89.6	89.9	80.9	93.7	87.4	97.8
2003		97.7	95.9	95.6	99.2	100.6	100.6
2004		112.7	114.2	123.5	107.1	111.9	101.7
2005		118.0	123.7	135.2	101.3	102.7	140.3
2006		127.2	120.9	129.7	118.9	112.7	209.6
2007		161.4	130.8	219.1	163.4	172.0	143.0
2008		201.4	160.7	223.1	232.1	227.1	181.6
2009		160.3	141.3	148.6	170.2	152.8	257.3
2010		188.0	158.3	206.6	179.2	197.4	302.0
2011		229.9	183.3	229.5	240.9	254.5	368.9
2012		213.3	182.0	193.6	236.1	223.9	305.7
2013		209.8	184.1	242.7	219.3	193.0	251.0
2014		201.8	198.3	224.1	191.9	181.1	241.2
2015		164.0	168.1	160.3	162.4	147.0	190.7
2016		161.5	156.2	153.8	146.9	163.8	256.0
2017		174.6	170.1	202.2	151.6	168.8	227.3
2017	October	176.5	173.1	214.8	152.7	170.0	203.5
	November	175.7	172.8	204.2	153.1	172.2	212.7
	December	169.1	169.7	184.4	152.4	162.6	204.1
2018	January	168.4	167.5	179.9	156.6	163.1	199.9
	February	171.4	170.3	191.1	161.3	158.0	192.4
	March	173.2	171.0	197.4	165.4	156.8	185.5
	April	174.0	170.4	204.1	168.5	154.6	176.1
	May	175.8	168.7	215.2	172.6	150.6	175.3
	June	172.7	166.5	213.2	166.8	146.1	177.4
	July	168.4	169.0	199.1	161.9	141.9	166.3
	August	167.8	166.8	196.2	168.7	138.2	157.3
	September	164.9	165.0	191.0	164.0	134.9	161.4
	October	163.5	161.6	181.8	166.3	132.9	175.4

1 Food Price Index: Consists of the average of five commodity group price indices mentioned above, weighted with the average export share of each of the groups for 2002-2004. In total 73 price quotations considered by FAO commodity specialists as representing the international prices of the food commodities are included in the overall index. Each sub-index is a weighted average of the prices of the commodities included in the group, with the base period price consisting of the averages for the years 2002-2004.

2 Meat Price Index: Computed from average prices of four types of meat, weighted by world average export trade shares for 2002-2004. Commodities include two poultry products, three bovine meat products, three pig meat products, and one ovine meat product. There are 27 price quotations in total used in the calculation of the index. Where more than one quotation exists for a given meat type, a simple average is used. Prices for the two most recent months may be estimates and subject to revision.

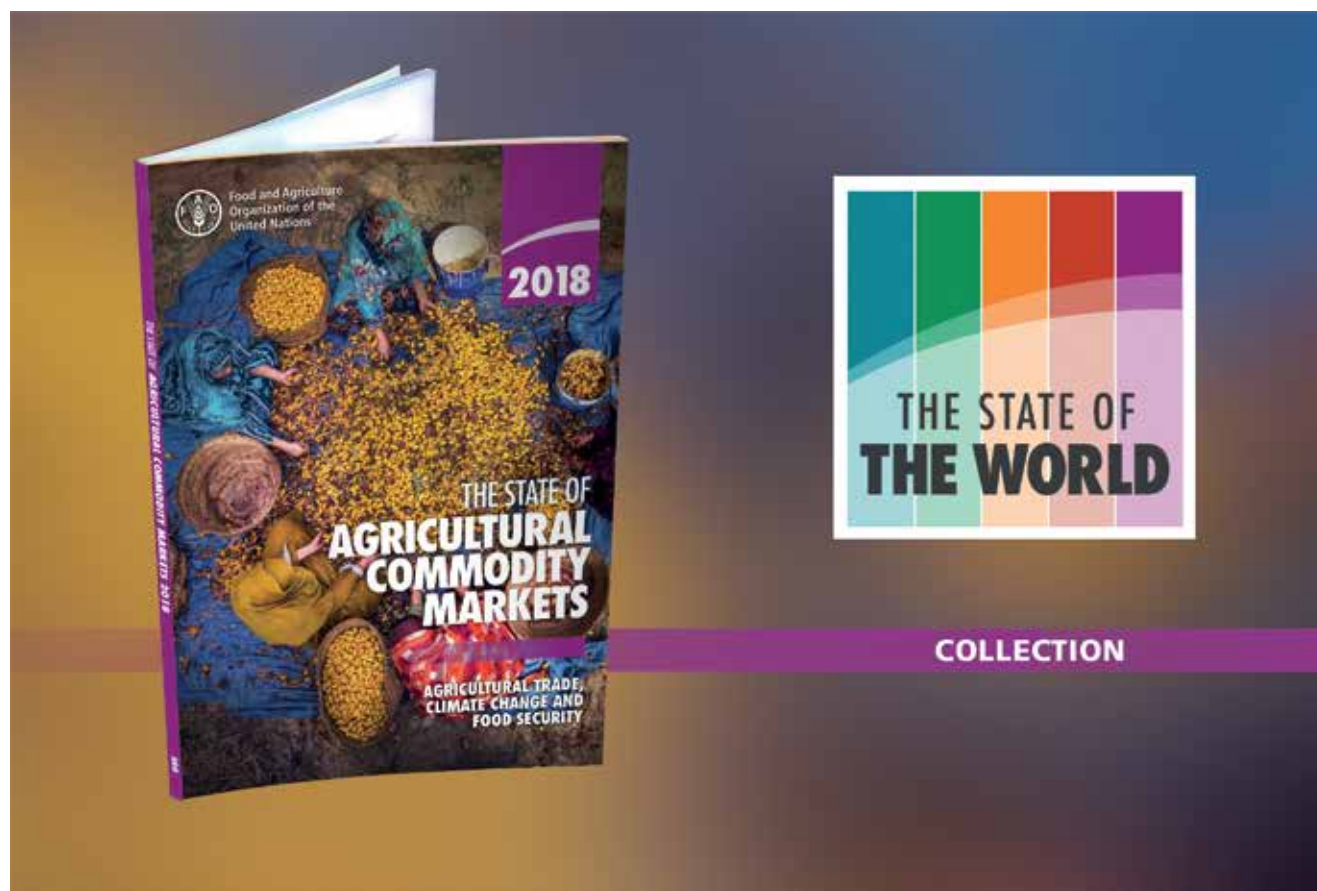
3 Dairy Price Index: Consists of butter, SMP, WMP, and cheese price quotations; the average is weighted by world average export trade shares for 2002-2004.

4 Cereals Price Index: This index is compiled using the International Grains Council (IGC) wheat price index, itself an average of ten different wheat price quotations, 1 maize export quotation and 16 rice quotations. The rice quotations are combined into three groups consisting of Indica, Japonica and Aromatic rice varieties. Within each variety, a simple average of the relative prices of appropriate quotations is calculated; then the average relative prices of each of the three varieties are combined by weighting them with their assumed (fixed) trade shares. Subsequently, the IGC wheat price index, after converting it to base 2002-2004, the relative prices of maize and the average relative prices calculated for the rice group as a whole are combined by weighting each commodity with its average export trade share for 2002-2004.

5 Vegetable Oils Price Index: Consists of an average of ten different oils weighted with average export trade shares of each oil product for 2002-2004.

6 Sugar Price Index: Index form of the International Sugar Agreement prices with 2002-2004 as base.

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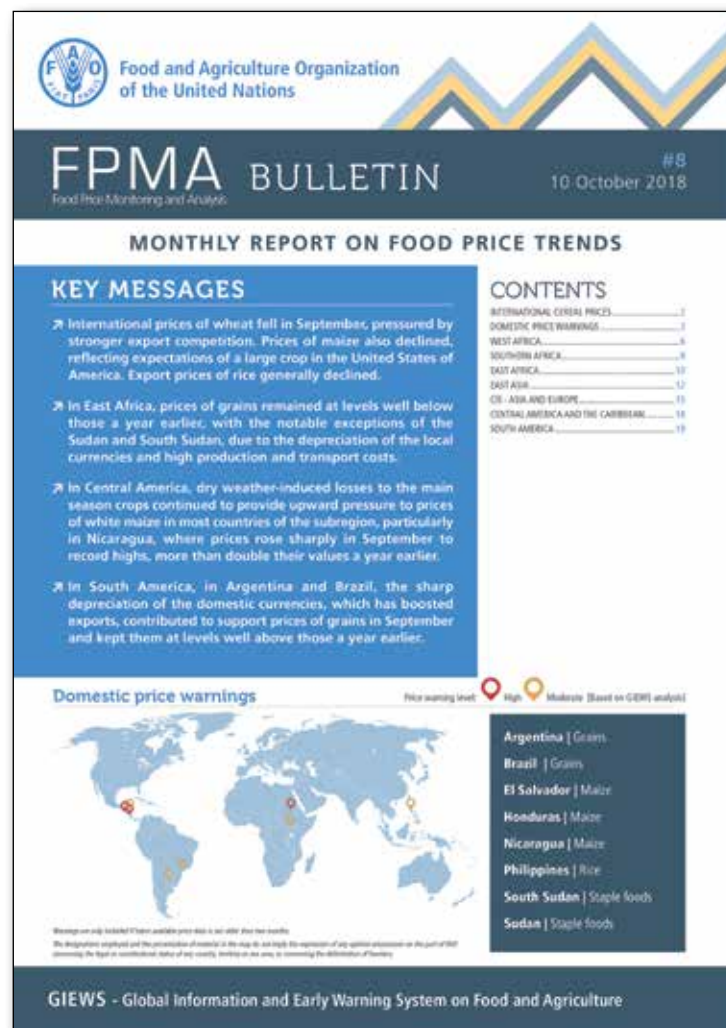
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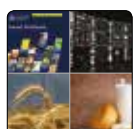
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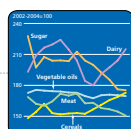
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