

Food for Peace: What Others Are Saying
International Food Crisis Is Escalating

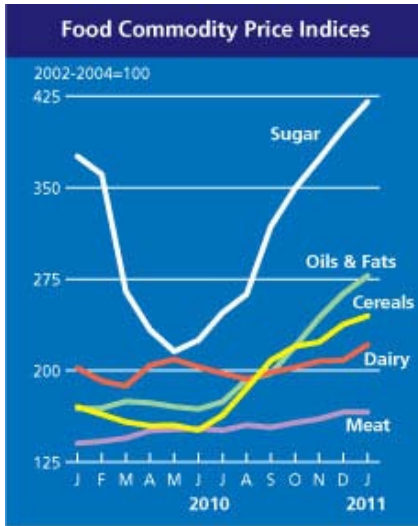


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"Some food prices have more than doubled this year after weather problems in key producers curbed the global production of wheat, corn, cotton and sugar. The FAO's food-price index rose 2.2% on month in February, the eighth-consecutive monthly rise, to the highest level in real and nominal terms since the FAO started monitoring prices in 1990..."

The Wall Street Journal
March 7, 2011

"Millions more people are sliding into poverty as they struggle to afford basic food supplies and more and more are at risk of going hungry."

Thierry Kesteloot
Food-policy adviser
Oxfam
March 7, 2011

"Global food prices are approaching an all-time high. Three years ago, this led to protests and riots in dozens of countries. Food security is a cornerstone of global stability..."

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton
2012 State Department and USAID budget request
February 28, 2011

"...for households already living at subsistence level, the rises [in global food prices] mean increased levels of *malnutrition*, a decrease in income available for schooling or access to health services, and potential *instability*..."

United Nations
February 22, 2011

"Reduced funding would set back efforts in low-income, *food insecure* countries to increase productivity and incomes in the agricultural sector, to reduce vulnerability to food crises, and to *improve nutrition and incomes* of the poor."

Ellen Levinson
Executive Director, Alliance for Global Food Security
Not the Time to Retreat from the Fight Against Hunger, Food Aid
National Journal
February 20, 2011

"Global food prices are rising to dangerous levels and threaten tens of millions of poor people around the world. The price hike is already pushing millions of people into poverty, and putting stress on the most vulnerable, who spend more than half of their income on food."

Robert B. Zoellick
President
World Bank Group
February 15, 2011

"The new figures clearly show that the upward pressure on world food prices is not abating. These high prices are likely to persist in the months to come. High food prices are of major concern especially for low-income food deficit countries that may face problems in financing food imports and for poor households which spend a large share of their income on food."

Abdolreza Abbassian
FAO Economist and grains expert
United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization
February 3, 2011