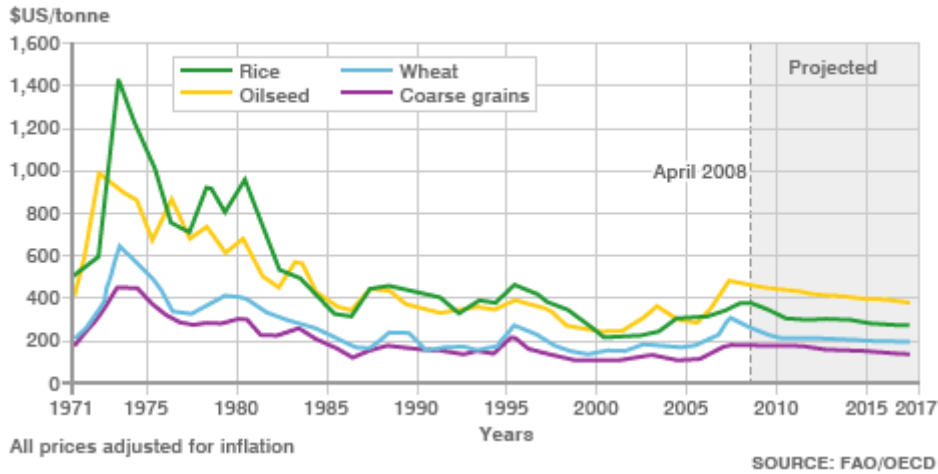


The cost of food: Facts and figures

Explore the facts and figures behind the rising price of food across the globe.

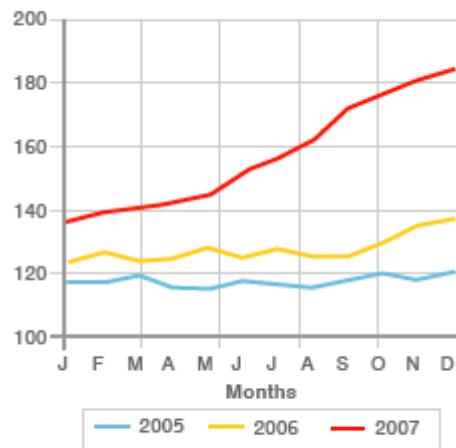
WORLD FOOD COMMODITY PRICES



Viewed over more than three decades, the current spike in commodity prices does not look so marked.

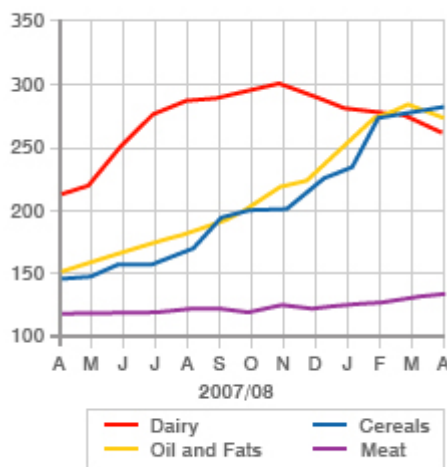
RISING FOOD PRICES, 2005-2007

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PRICE RISES BY FOOD TYPE

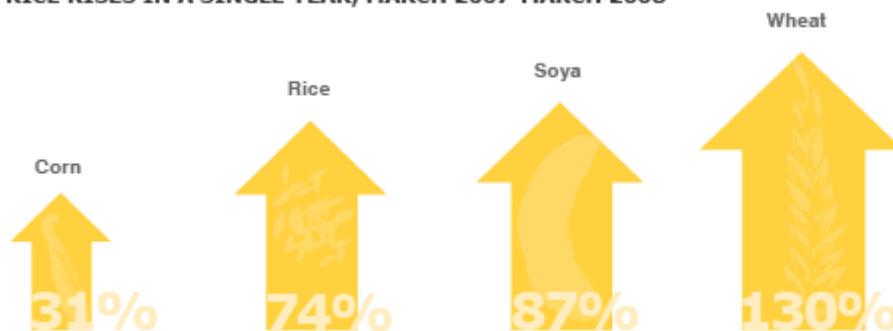
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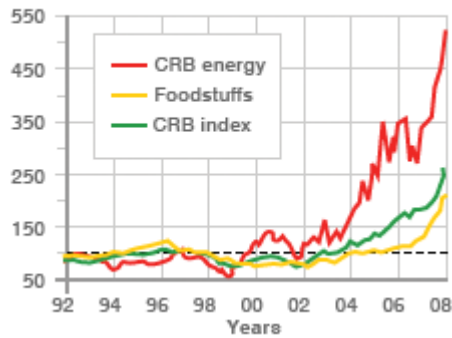
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PRICE RISES IN A SINGLE YEAR, MARCH 2007-MARCH 2008

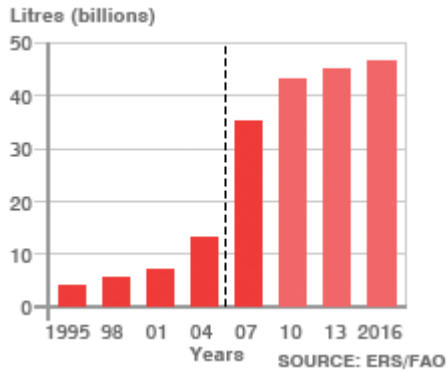


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ENERGY AND FOOD PRICES, 1992-2008



US ETHANOL PRODUCTION 1995-2006



Figures from the Commodity Research Bureau and the FAO show a take off in energy prices, before food prices start to rise

WORLD POPULATION GROWTH

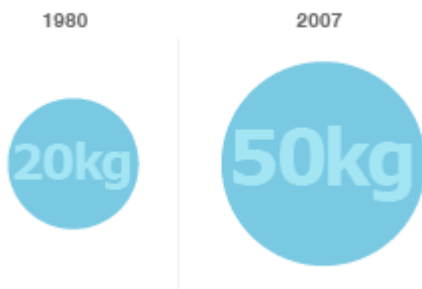


SOURCE: UN

There will be billions more mouths to feed by 2050, making an increased demand for food a long-term trend

CHANGING EATING HABITS

Meat consumption in China per capita:



PRESSURE ON RESOURCES

1,000-2,000 litres of water is needed to produce 1kg of wheat

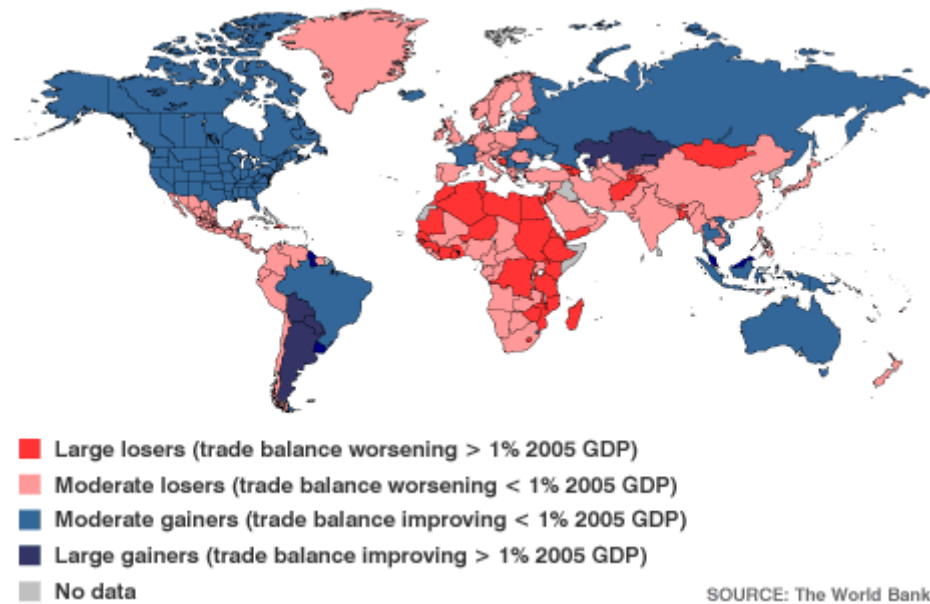


10,000-13,000 litres of water is needed to produce 1kg of beef



SOURCE: FAO

2007 - 2008 IMPACT OF PROJECTED FOOD PRICE INCREASES ON TRADE BALANCES



Rising prices will improve the trade balance of major food exporters, but major importers stand to see a greater deficit

