

Comprehensive resources on the Food Crisis:

- **Global Food Crisis, *The Washington Post***
Comprehensive coverage on the food crisis, continually updated.
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/world/globalfoodcrisis/index.html>
- **Africa's Food Crisis, *The BBC***
Maps, news coverage, interviews, Q&A with those affected.
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/in_depth/africa/2006/africa_food_crisis/default.stm
- **How to Feed the World, *Newsweek***
Below, eight leaders in the fight against hunger offer up food crisis action plans, and long term ideas for how to end famine and bolster farming.
<http://www.newsweek.com/id/136360>

Food Crisis Developments:

- **Wealthy nations conclude mega-summit, stress need for 'global solutions.'** *International Herald Tribune, July 10, 2008*
Leaders of the world's wealthy nations ended a mega-summit united in vowing to fight a food crisis and supporting a plan to slash by half the global emission of greenhouse gases by the middle of the century.
<http://www.iht.com/articles/ap/2008/07/10/asia/AS-G-8-Summit.php>
- **Shortages are not the Problem, *International Herald Tribune, July 9, 2008***
There was a glimmer of good news in the global food price crisis when Japan announced it would release a portion of its imported rice stockpile and the high level UN Food and Agriculture Organization secured financial commitments for short-term food aid and increased research and development into new seeds and the distribution of fertilizer to small farmers.
<http://www.iht.com/articles/2008/07/09/opinion/edalbright.php>
- **Rising Food Costs Further Pressure World Hunger, *Wall Street Journal, July 9, 2008***
The soaring cost of food increased the number of hungry people in the world by 122 million in 2007 and now threatens to swell the malnourished population for a decade, the U.S. Department of Agriculture said.
<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB121557317440338483.html>
- **Why we are skeptical about G8 meeting, *Business Daily Africa, July 8, 2008***
People wonder why African nations are skeptical about the on-going G8 Summit on the Japanese Island of Hokkaido. Well, three years after the promises made at the Gleneagles summit in Scotland there is still little to show that the "Make Poverty History" rallying call was not just a mirage.
It was bound to be.
http://www.bdafrica.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=8621&Itemid=5854

- **Summit that's hard to swallow—world leaders enjoy 19-course banquet as they discuss how to solve global food crisis**, *Huffington Post*, July 8, 2008
Just two days ago, Gordon Brown was urging us all to stop wasting food and combat rising prices and a global shortage of provisions.
But yesterday the Prime Minister and other world leaders sat down to an 18-course gastronomic extravaganza at a G8 summit in Japan, which is focusing on the food crisis.
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/worldnews/article-1032909/Summit-thats-hard-swallow--world-leaders-enjoy-18-course-banquet-discuss-solve-global-food-crisis.html>
- **Man-Made Hunger**, *The New York Times*, July 6, 2008
Thirty countries have already seen food riots this year. The ever higher cost of food could push tens of millions of people into abject poverty and starvation.
<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/07/06/opinion/06sun1.html>
- **Food crisis: An old worry creeps back in**, *Financial Times*, July 6, 2008
Back in 1948 when Charles Holliday was born, the world's population was about 2.5bn. Today, Mr Holliday, chief executive of **DuPont**, the chemical and agriculture company, lives in a world whose population has grown to 6.5bn.
<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/dd2a431c-4966-11dd-9a5f-000077b07658.html>
- **Africa's Hungry Horn**, *Washington Post*, July 2, 2008
Harsh grip of famine threatens millions in Ethiopia and Somalia.
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/07/01/AR2008070102504.html>
- **Militancy, food crisis real issues: Boucher**, *Dawn*, July 2, 2008
United States on Wednesday urged Pakistani leaders to focus on curbing militancy and control rising food prices and power cuts instead of "wasting energy" over President Pervez Musharraf's political future.
<http://www.dawn.com/2008/07/03/top3.htm>
- **New Report Highlights Ties Between Global Warming and US Security**, *Christian Science Monitor*, June 27, 2008
A warming climate would mean less food and more immigration, which could worsen ethnic strife. A new National Intelligence Assessment says that food shortages and migration caused by a warming climate could threaten US national security by aggravating ethnic strife around the globe, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa.
<http://www.csmonitor.com/2008/0628/p99s01-duts.html?s=rel>
- **India at an Impasse over Civilian Nuclear Deal**, *Christian Science Monitor*, June 26, 2008
Communists oppose the pact with the US, which would give India access to nuclear fuel and technology, threatening to bring down the government. On Tuesday night, India's central bank unexpectedly increased interest rates for the second time in two weeks. Last week, a key government ally, a charismatic Dalit politician known as Mayawati, withdrew her support for the government because of a concern over rising food prices.
<http://www.csmonitor.com/2008/0626/p07s02-wosc.html>
- **Feeding the Beast**, *The New Republic*, June 24, 2008

We tend to judge this year's food crisis, marked by seemingly indomitable prices, from the point of view of those who are suffering. It might be useful to judge the crisis also from the point of view of those who are causing it. That's where the real lessons will be learned.

<http://www.tnr.com/politics/story.html?id=3454f134-ed0b-4eca-a472-671da858b116>

- **South Africa's president calls attacks on immigrants shameful**, *Christian Science Monitor*, June 18, 2008
More than three weeks after beginning, South Africa's xenophobic attacks continue as the nation's leaders urge communities to begin bringing African immigrants from other countries back into their communities...[connects inflation with violence] Tito Mboweni, the Reserve Bank Governor, said earlier this month that poor South Africans spend half of their income on food alone. "Food and petrol prices are the main contributors to inflation, but in recent months, more generalized price pressures have emerged as well," said Mr. Mboweni.
<http://www.csmonitor.com/2008/0618/p06s03-woaf.htm>
- *New Delhi worsening food crisis, says WB, UN, Dawn*, June 12, 2008
The World Bank and the United States have both severely criticised India's handling of the global food crisis, saying that New Delhi's export bans will harm its South Asian neighbours.
<http://www.dawn.com/2008/06/12/int7.htm>
- *Food is Different*, **National Journal**, June 7, 2008
Globalization has made more food available worldwide to more people at lower prices. But the current crisis demonstrates the limits of globalization and that the market for food may not be the same as for other products.
http://www.nationaljournal.com/njmagazine/cs_20080607_6060.php?related=true&story1=no_20080702_9016&story2=hbp_20080604_7235&story3=cs_20080607_6060
- *UN sets out food crisis measures*, **BBC**, June 3, 2008
UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon has urged nations to seize an "historic opportunity to revitalise agriculture" as a way of tackling the food crisis.
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/7432583.stm>
- *Briefing: Lessons from past food crises*, **Christian Science Monitor**, June 2, 2008
World leaders gather in Rome Tuesday for a UN food crisis conference. What does history teach about how to handle such shortages? A burgeoning population. Soaring energy costs. Rising demand for meat. A catastrophic harvest. A sudden run on the grain market – and an 80 percent surge in food prices in three years.
<http://www.csmonitor.com/2008/0603/p12s01-wogn.htm>
- *A 10-point plan for tackling the food crisis*, By Robert Zoellnick, **Financial Times**, May 29, 2008
As leaders gather in Rome to discuss the global food crisis, our task is clear, but not simple: to help those in danger today and ensure that the poor do not suffer this tragedy again.
http://www.ft.com/cms/s/d1a2981c-2da7-11dd-b92a-000077b07658,Authorised=false.html?_i_location=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.ft.com%2Fcms%2Fs%2F0%2Fd1a2981c-2da7-11dd-b92a-000077b07658.html&_i_referer=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.ft.com%2Fcms%2Fs%2F0%2F73a4f9fc-4063-11dd-bd48-0000779fd2ac.html

- *How to solve the global food crisis (South Asia)*, **BBC**, April 28, 2008
The world economy has many problems but none more pressing than what is happening to food prices.
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7365798.stm
- *The New Economics of Hunger*, **The Washington Post**, April 27, 2008
A brutal convergence of events has hit an unprepared global market, and grain prices are sky high. The world's poor suffer most. The globe's worst food crisis in a generation emerged as a blip on the big boards and computer screens of America's great grain exchanges. At first, it seemed like little more than a bout of bad weather.
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/story/2008/04/26/ST2008042602333.html>
- *How to end the global food crisis*, **The Times of India**, April 27, 2008
http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/India/How_to_end_the_global_food_crisis/articleshow/2986900.cms
- *Seven Questions: The Silent Tsunami*, **Foreign Policy**, April 2008
You've heard the frightening statistics, seen the riots, and watched the food lines grow across the world. Have we entered some kind of permanent Malthusian trap? Or is there a way out of the global food crisis? Josette Sheeran, executive director of the U.N. World Food Program, says the situation is dire, but eminently solvable.
http://www.foreignpolicy.com/story/cms.php?story_id=4296

Relationship between food/fuel prices:

- *A Week of Hunger*, **The Washington Post**, July 9, 2008
But our other demand-driven crisis -- food inflation -- is simply a curse since there is no pleasant alternative to eating. This problem has a variety of causes: the growth of meat-based diets across the world, requiring large amounts of grain for animal feed; the diversion of acreage to the production of ethanol; the rising cost of food transportation and natural gas-based fertilizers; water shortages and climate disruption. Recent prices have dipped a bit, but expensive food now seems to be a fact of life.
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/07/08/AR2008070802461.html>
- *Pique Oil: Big Ethanol, Sick of Criticism, Lashes out at Big Oil*, **Wall Street Journal**, July 8, 2008
As the Group of Eight presidential leaders finish their meeting today in Japan, where food and fuel crises took center stage, the world's leading ethanol trade groups joined forces to argue it's not their fault food prices are so high. Their message: Blame oil.
<http://blogs.wsj.com/environmentalcapital/2008/07/08/pique-oil-big-ethanol-sick-of-criticism-lashes-out-at-big-oil/>
- *A Global War on Inflation*, **Christian Science Monitor**, July 1, 2008
Many nations have begun to tighten their credit reigns in an effort to curb rising prices. With inflation a rising threat, nations around the world are trying to navigate a delicate task:

containing that price pressure even as the linchpin US economy reels from the opposite challenge of a credit bust.

<http://www.csmonitor.com/2008/0701/p01s05-usec.html>

- *How to cut the price of oil*, **Christian Science Monitor**, June 16, 2008
Energy costs have become a driving force for inflation. [later refers to food prices and market access]
<http://www.csmonitor.com/2008/0616/p02s04-usec.htm>
- *Siphoning off Corn to Fuel Our Cars*, **The Washington Post**, April 30, 2008
As farmers feed ethanol plants, a costly link is forged between food and oil.
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/04/29/AR2008042903092.html>

Agricultural development practices (corporate, IGO, NGO, government) with focus in SE Asia/SSA:

- *Afghanistan and UN launch \$400 million food appeal*, **Reuters**, July 9, 2008
The Afghan government and the United Nations launched an appeal for more than \$400 million on Wednesday to feed the country's most vulnerable people hit hard by rising food prices, poor harvests and drought.
<http://www.reuters.com/article/domesticNews/idUSISL8655120080709>
- *Ghana; Solution to Agricultural Development in Talensi-Nabdam*, **Lexis-Nexis: Ghanaian Chronicle**, July 4, 2008
The District Chief Executive (DCE) for Talensi-Nabdam, Mr. Anabila Nabia, has stated that the best way to develop agriculture, in the district, was through the construction of more dams.
- *UN Food Meeting Ends With a call for 'urgent' action*, **The New York Times**, June 6, 2008
A three-day United Nations conference on spiraling food costs concluded late on Thursday with the delegates calling on countries and financial institutions to provide more food for the world's poor and increase agriculture production to ensure adequate supplies in the future.
<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/06/06/world/06food.html>
- *African Farms Draw More Private Investors*, **Wall Street Journal**, June 30, 2008
Rising prices are luring more private investors to Africa's food sector, where they are convinced for the first time in decades they can make a profit. The hitch is finding the right businesses in which to invest.
<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB121477533587114137.html>
- *Harvest of Hope in Time of Crisis*, **Lexis-Nexis: China Daily**, June 30, 2008
For a long period - the Chinese can hardly tell how long - the top person in charge of agricultural development often seemed the least charismatic member of a leadership team whether in the central cabinet or in a provincial government. No one has ever had questions about this, for obviously, industry is more important for the nation's modernization. Just remember how, half a century ago, the Chinese would love others to look upon them as an industrial nation.
- *Options in Agriculture*, **Dawn**, June 23, 2008

Given the paradigm shift in agricultural prices in recent months, what are the options available to Pakistan's policy makers? They need to proceed simultaneously on two tracks. They need to use the significant changes in agriculture's terms of trade to provide appropriate incentives to the farming community to produce more and they need to provide additional incomes to the poor, particularly those in the urban areas, to deal with the rise in food prices. For the poor, expenditure on food is by far the largest component of their budget.

<http://www.dawn.com/2008/06/23/ebr19.htm>

- *U.S.-Africa Alliance to Help Small Farmer*, **Christian Science Monitor**, June 16, 2009
The partnership between the US and Kofi Annan's farm group reflects the new international emphasis on agriculture. Convinced the global food crisis has no quick fixes, the international community is beginning to team up with agriculture experts to find long-term solutions to the challenge – with a particular emphasis on Africa.
<http://www.csmonitor.com/2008/0616/p03s04-usgn.html>
- *Japan Confronts Africa's Hunger*, **Time Magazine**, May 29, 2008
Mindful of Africa's economic potential — and particularly its natural resources — Japan has lately joined China in assiduously courting African governments in development partnerships. But a key issue for the 40 African leaders gathered in Yokohama for the fourth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD IV) is food, the rising prices for which are threatening to roll back the impoverished continent's development gains.
<http://www.time.com/time/world/article/0,8599,1810351,00.html>

Small-scale farms and agricultural productivity:

- *The Food crisis in Africa*, **BBCRadio World Service Broadcasts**
The world is in the grip of a global food crisis, with the cost of staple foods going up and up. All this week, The World Today is taking a special look at the situation in Africa. Smallholder farmers are the backbone of the continent's agriculture, so any Green Revolution is going to have to involve them.
http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/news/2008/05/080506_africafood_wt_sl.shtml
- *In Need of a Green Revolution*, **Harvard International Review**, June 9, 2008
In terms of access to agricultural technology, how far do small-scale African farmers lag behind farmers in developed countries?
<http://www.harvardir.org/articles/1723/>
- *As food crisis worsens, firms push GM seeds*, **Times of India**, June 4, 2008
As the world grapples with the worst food crisis in recent years, Firms like, Cargill, Archer Daniels Midlands, Hong Kong-based Noble Group, trading in grains are reaping profits
<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/3097653.cms>
- *High food prices may cut opposition to genetically modified food*, **International Herald Tribune**, July 8, 2008

Like many stores in Europe, the Coop chain of supermarkets in Switzerland does not specify whether goods are genetically modified - because none are. But a wave of food-price inflation may help wash away popular opposition to so-called Frankenstein foods.

<http://www.iht.com/articles/2008/07/08/business/gmo.php>

- *Gene Modified crops the key to food crisis, says scientist, **Financial Times**, July 7, 2008*
Genetically modified crops hold the key to solving the food price crisis, the UK government's former chief scientific adviser has said.
<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/7e088e72-4bc1-11dd-a490-000077b07658.html>
- *An Africa like Iowa, **The National Journal**, June 7, 2008*
Farm production has surged just about every place on the planet in the past 40 years except in Africa. Getting it right there could end the food crisis.
http://www.nationaljournal.com/njmagazine/cs_20080607_5703.php?related=true&story1=no_20080702_9016&story2=hbp_20080604_7235&story3=cs_20080607_6060
- *A Balance of Risk, **The Economist**, July 3, 2008*
Pesticides keep food edible and cheap. On the other hand they are, by definition, poisonous. Europe's legislators thus face a dilemma
http://www.economist.com/science/displaystory.cfm?story_id=11662567
- *Chinese Pumpkin Farmer Cultivates Political Reform, **Christian Science Monitor**, July 1, 2008*
From gourds to politics: Lu Banglie uses the legal system to protect farmers' rights. Back in 1998, Lu Banglie remembered, he was just another farmer trying to get compensation for the pumpkins and cabbages ruined by floods that engulfed his little field in central China.
- *Some Glimmers of Good News in Crop Forecast, **The New York Times**, July 1, 2008*
After a few weeks when it seemed the harvest in the United States was careening toward disaster, some glimmers of good news emerged on Monday.
<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/07/01/business/01crop.html>

Biofuels:

- *Europeans Reconsider Biofuel Goal, **New York Times**, July 8, 2008*
European officials proposed scaling back drastically on their goal of increasing Europe's use of biofuels, a major about-face on a central environmental and energy issue.
http://www.nytimes.com/2008/07/08/business/worldbusiness/08fuel.html?_r=1&oref=slogin
- *Bad Juice II: Biofuels Maybe not quite so bad, World Bank Says, **Wall Street Journal**, July 7, 2008*
The biofuels battle just gets hotter. [We just wrote about](#) the Guardian story on a World Bank report allegedly blaming biofuels for 75% of the recent rise in fuel prices, and which was reportedly suppressed for political reasons.
<http://blogs.wsj.com/environmentalcapital/2008/07/07/bad-juice-ii-biofuels-maybe-not-quite-so-bad-world-bank-says/>
- *Bad Juice: World Bank Blames Biofuels for High Food Prices, **Wall Street Journal**, July 7, 2008*

Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the cornfield, it turns out biofuels are the overwhelming reason food prices around the world have shot up in recent years—not the minor factor in food prices that other recent analyses have found.

<http://blogs.wsj.com/environmentalcapital/2008/07/07/bad-juice-world-bank-blames-biofuels-for-high-food-prices/>

- *Secret Report: biofuel caused food crisis, **The Guardian**, July 4, 2008*
Biofuels have forced global food prices up by 75% - far more than previously estimated - according to a confidential World Bank report obtained by the Guardian.
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2008/jul/03/biofuels.renewableenergy>

Food Aid:

- *At Summit, More Promises of African Aid, **The Washington Post**, July 10, 2008*
Amid Fears of the G-8 missing its goals, some urge ‘turning words into action.’ They promised to create a global partnership of governments and nonprofits to address the food crisis that threatens to wipe out recent gains on the continent.
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/07/09/AR2008070901545.html>
- *G8 leaders fail to keep promise on African aid, **Daily Nation Kenya**, July 8, 2008*
The Group of Eight leaders on Monday made yet another promise but fell short of putting timeline and quantified targets on implementation of previous aid pledges to Africa.
http://www.nationmedia.com/dailynation/nmgcontententry.asp?premiumid=0&category_id=66&newsid=126850
- *Unspent EU farm aid to go to Africa: Barroso, **Reuters**, July 7, 2008*
The European Union will channel 1 billion euros (\$1.6 billion) in unused European farm subsidies to African farmers as part of its response to the global food crisis, the head of the EU executive said on Monday.
<http://www.reuters.com/article/gc08/idUST745720080707>
- *Focus aid on food crisis, says Berlin, **Financial Times**, July 7, 2008*
Germany has urged the world’s richest economies to refocus their aid policies on the global food crisis and provide both immediate relief and long-term structural assistance to the most affected countries.
http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/9dcc97a4-4c38-11dd-96bb-000077b07658.html?nclick_check=1
- *More aid won’t solve food crisis, **Business Daily Africa**, July 7, 2008*
The world food crisis “threatens to destroy years, if not decades, of economic progress,” the Africa Progress Panel said last week, prompting its chairman Kofi Annan, Bob Geldof and Bono to call on rich countries to to honour their commitment of doubling aid to Africa by 2010. But more aid will not solve the problems that make poverty perpetual.
http://www.bdafrica.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=8595&Itemid=5821
- *Crisis Confab in Rome, **The National Journal**, June 7, 2008*
A long-winded conference with an unwieldy name results in lots of language and a “framework for action”—and a few promises for African aid.

http://www.nationaljournal.com/njmagazine/cs_20080604_8580.phprelated=true&story1=no_20080702_9016&story2=hbp_20080604_7235&story3=cs_20080607_6060

- *In Jordan, Aid for Iraqi Refugees is Often Redirected*, **Christian Science Monitor**, July 2, 2008
Millions in aid money intended to help war refugees is also helping improve Jordan's beleaguered infrastructure. Forbidden to work, Iraqi war refugees here are poor and getting poorer. Waiting lists for food and cash assistance have grown into the thousands.
<http://www.csmonitor.com/2008/0703/p04s02-wome.html>
- *As Famine Looms in Ethiopia, Only the Neediest get Food Aid*, **Christian Science Monitor**, June 27, 2008
Aid workers must now choose who's the most malnourished, and experts say the crisis could become as bad as the infamous 1984 famine.
<http://www.csmonitor.com/2008/0627/p01s08-woaf.html>
- *US Opposition to boosting farm aid compounds food crisis*, **Dawn**, June 15, 2008
As the world rushes to reverse decades of declining farm aid for poor nations, the United States remains committed to food aid programmes that critics say cannot cure the causes of the global food crisis.
<http://www.dawn.com/2008/06/15/int11.htm>
- *Beyond the Food Aid Band-Aid*, **National Interest**, May 5, 2008
Last Thursday the Bush administration proposed a dramatic increase in American foreign assistance in response to the wave of global crises caused by rapidly rising food prices. Speaking at the White House, the president [announced](#) that he was seeking \$770 million from Congress to support food-aid and development programs.
<http://www.nationalinterest.org/Article.aspx?id=17600>

Market Access:

- *G-8 Leaders Blast Food-Export Bans*, **Wall Street Journal**, July 8, 2008
Leaders from the Group of Eight industrialized nations Tuesday urged food producing countries to scrap restrictions on food exports, saying such measures exacerbate the global food crisis and hinder the delivery of food aid to those in need. In a statement at the end of the second day of the three-day summit meeting, the G8 officials called it "imperative" to lift bans on food exports.
<http://blogs.wsj.com/economics/2008/07/08/g-8-leaders-blast-food-export-bans/>
- *The Rich World and the Food Crisis*, **Wall Street Journal**, July 8, 2008
Leaders of the G-8 nations are gathered this week in Toyako, Japan, to root out the culprits in a food crisis that has moved hundreds of millions from subsistence to starvation. They need look no further than an old group photo. The G-8 countries' interventions have distorted global agricultural markets to the paralysis point.
<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB121547397953534035.html>
- *Minister proposes farmers' subsidies*, **Daily Nation Kenya**, July 8, 2008

The Government plans to introduce subsidies for farmers in the form of a fund that will significantly reduce the cost of inputs such as fertiliser and seeds.

http://www.nationmedia.com/dailynation/nmgcontententry.asp?premiumid=0&category_id=1&newsid=126893

- *Crowded Commodities Markets, The National Journal*, June 7, 2008
New money rushing into agricultural futures markets may be aggravating the rise in world food prices.
http://www.nationaljournal.com/njmagazine/cs_20080607_4315.php
- *Subsidies Adding to Food Crisis Woes, Huffington Post*, July 4, 2008
Thousands of miles away, a very different reality unfolds. In the near-barren fields of sub-Saharan Africa, farmers struggle to keep their businesses afloat. With only enough tools to plough small fields and the occasional drought to contend with, it's difficult enough to earn a living. Add the fact that local markets are flooded with cheap imported produce and it's no wonder they remain impoverished.
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/craig-and-marc-kielburger/subsidies-adding-to-food_b_110872.html
- *WTO Chief: Subsidies Hurt Farming, Wall Street Journal*, July 3, 2008
The WTO chief says European and American farm subsidies are partly responsible for high food prices because they undermine farming in developing countries.
<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB121510922820927147.html>
- *Hoarding Nations Drive Food Costs Even Higher, The New York Times*, June 30, 2008
At least 29 countries have sharply curbed food exports in recent months, to ensure that their own people have enough to eat, at affordable prices.
<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/06/30/business/worldbusiness/30trade.html>
- *How the food crisis could solve the Doha Round, Financial Times*, June 22, 2008
With the Doha trade round in danger of slipping from our grasp, the temptation is to grab hold of any opportunities for optimism. It has therefore become commonplace to assert that the food crisis, while a tragedy, is a shot in the arm for Doha. But of the three arguments that can be offered in support of such a pleasing proposition, only one passes muster; and even in this case, the argument is not a slam-dunk.
<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/73a4f9fc-4063-11dd-bd48-0000779fd2ac.html>
- *Commodity News and Information, tradeafrica.biz, African Regional Commodity Trade Link Bulletin*
Trade in agricultural commodities is expected to thrive in Eastern and Southern Africa as a result of harvesting despite export bans which have been imposed by various countries. The Government of Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia and Ethiopia have imposed export bans on agricultural commodities. However, because our borders are porous cross border trading is expected to continue albeit at higher transaction costs
<http://www.tradeafrica.biz/news.asp>
- *The Last Bite: is the world's food system collapsing? The New Yorker*, May 19, 2008

The global food market fosters both scarcity and overconsumption, while imperilling the planet's ability to produce food in the future.

http://www.newyorker.com/arts/critics/atlarge/2008/05/19/080519crat_atlarge_wilson

- *WTO negotiations on agriculture and the distributional impacts for US rice farm households*, **Food Policy**, May 12, 2008
The policies of wealthy countries have proven the most difficult to reform in the WTO Doha Round negotiations. Considerable emphasis has been placed on developing country impacts, but a gap in the literature remains on the stakes for rich country farmers despite the large role these countries play in global agricultural protection.
- *Africa Plays the Rice Card*, **Foreign Policy**, May 2008
For years, Western experts promised Africans that free-market ideology would save them from poverty and famine. Now, one African country is showing that sometimes, a little protectionism can work wonders.
http://www.foreignpolicy.com/story/cms.php?story_id=4306

Poverty Alleviation:

- *G-8 Makes Little Progress on Development Assistance for Africa*, **Wall Street Journal**, July 8, 2008
The Group of Eight leading nations, meeting here to discuss global challenges from inflation to climate change, faced more basic problems Monday: Can they agree on anything significant, and will they follow through on any commitments?
<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB121541876344632175.html>
- *UN Warns of Food and Security Crises in Afghanistan*, **The New York Times**, July 2, 2008
The United Nations coordinator of relief efforts called Tuesday for a new international plan for Afghanistan, warning that humanitarian problems there were getting worse as a result of soaring food prices, declining security and increasing civilian deaths.
<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/07/02/world/asia/02afghan.html>
- *Self-Reliant growth strategy needed to cut poverty*, **Dawn**, June 21, 2008
Dr Noor Fatima said drastic cut in subsidy on food, fuel, electricity and fertilisers would most hurt the poor already pressed in price-hike, inflation and food shortages. She said the rationale behind the decision was an attempt to prune fiscal deficit from seven per cent to 4.7 per cent, whereas it was a well-known fact that international donors had been demanding abolition of subsidies for a long time.
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