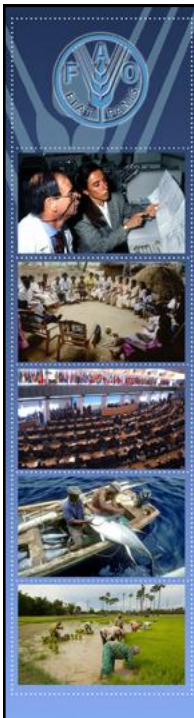



The impact of the global economic crisis on agriculture and food security in Asia

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Outline

- GEC: growth likely to be slow over medium-term
- GEC affects income growth in developing countries:
 - Declining revenues from exports of goods and services, reduced investment inflows, lower international remittances
 - Changes in prices of manufactures relative to prices of commodities caused by the global economic crisis
- Unlike other economic crises, this came on top of food price crisis of 2008: food prices remain high
- Food price crisis was caused in part by neglect of agriculture
- Economic stimulus measures can kill two birds with one stone




Economic recovery is likely to be slow

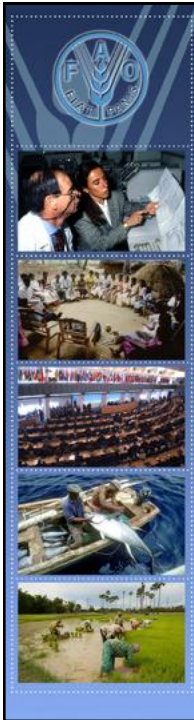
IMF projections	2008	2009	2010
World GDP growth	3.0%	-1.1%	3.1%
Dev Asia GDP growth	7.6%	6.2%	7.3%
Trade volume	3.0%	-11.5%	2.5%
Commodity prices (nonfuel)	7.5	-20.3%	2.4%

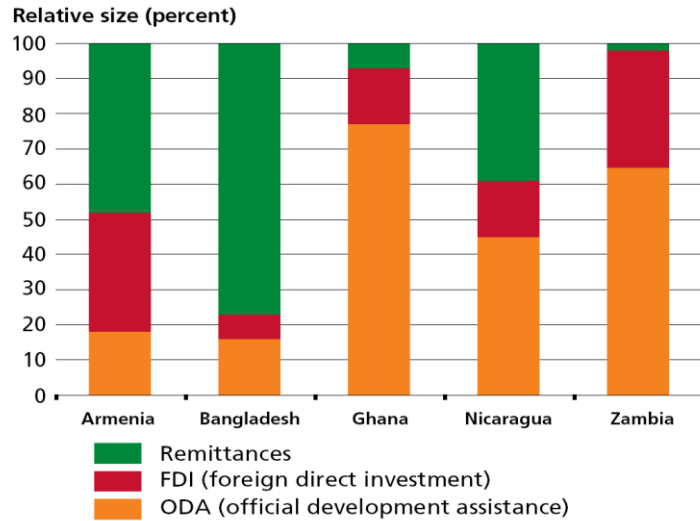
...As example of Asian economic crisis shows

COUNTRY	PERIOD	Annual average growth rate by sector				
		(Percentage)				
		Agriculture	Industry	Manufacturing	Services	GDP
Indonesia	5 years pre-crisis	2.5	9.2	10.3	8.5	7.1
	1998	-1.3	-14.0	-11.4	-16.5	-13.1
	5 years post-crisis	3.0	4.1	4.9	5.8	3.7
Malaysia	5 years pre-crisis	0.5	11.1	12.7	10.2	9.2
	1998	-2.8	-10.7	-13.4	-5.0	-7.4
	5 years post-crisis	3.4	6.1	7.5	5.2	5.0
Republic of Korea	5 years pre-crisis	1.4	8.0	7.7	7.2	6.9
	1998	-6.4	-8.2	-7.9	-3.9	-6.9
	5 years post-crisis	1.0	7.4	9.7	4.6	6.4
Thailand	5 years pre-crisis	0.7	9.8	10.6	7.2	6.5
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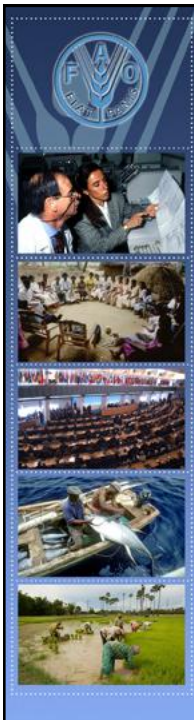




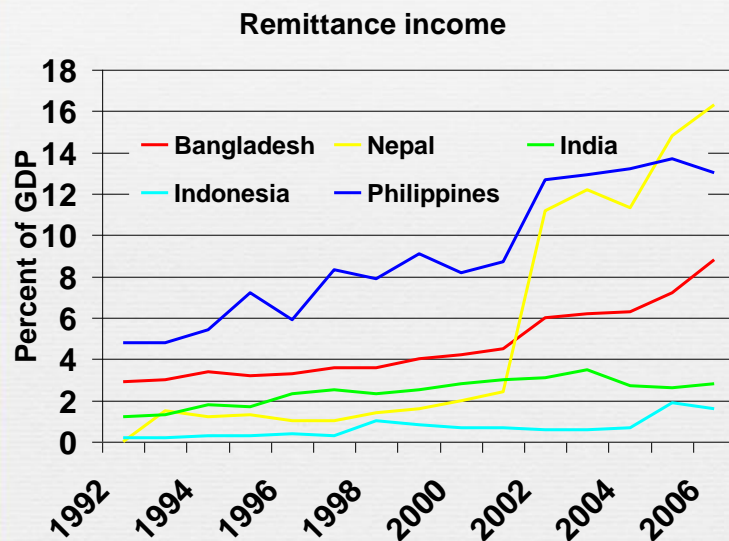
... Sources of income shocks vary across countries

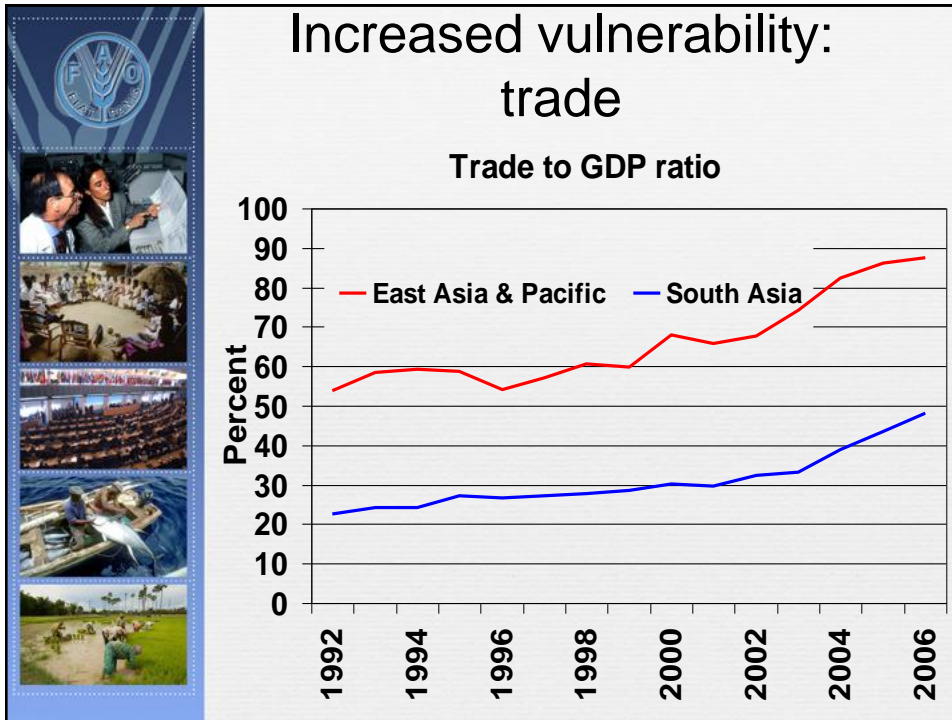


Source: World Bank

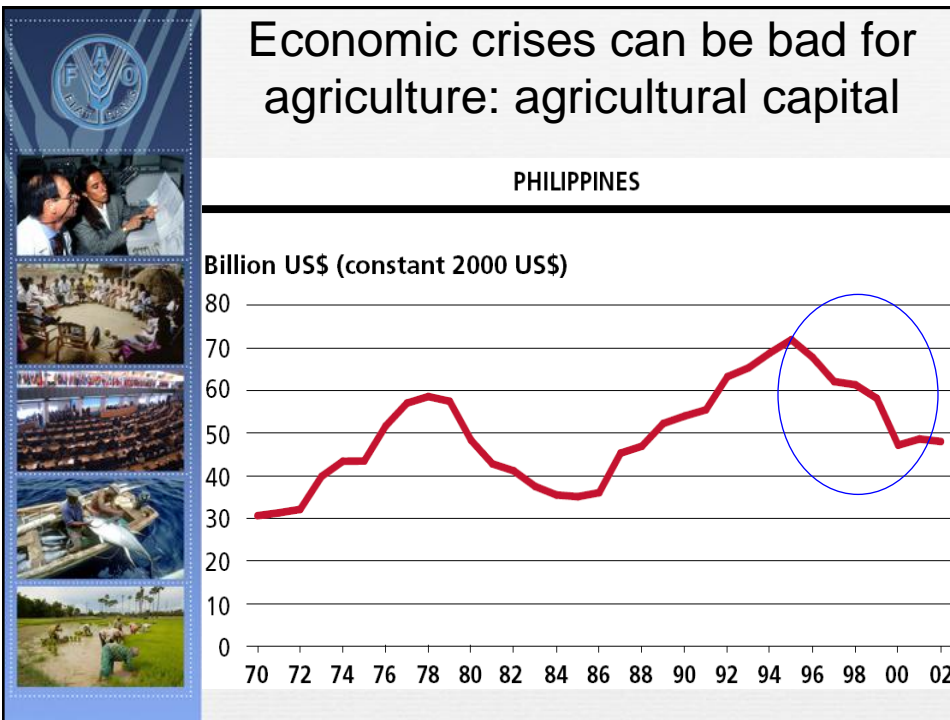


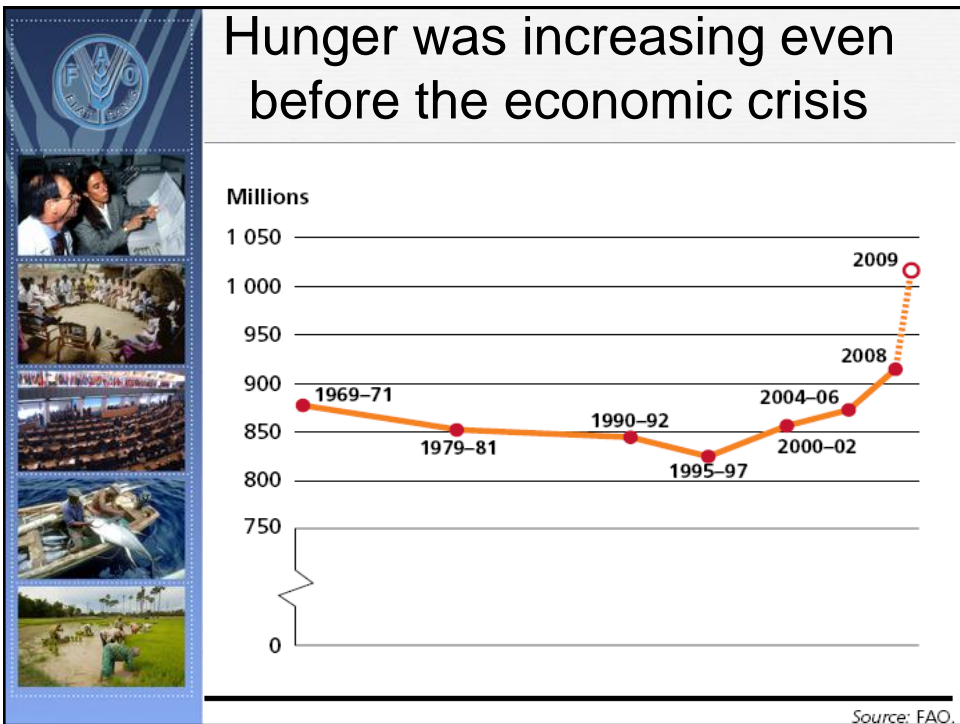
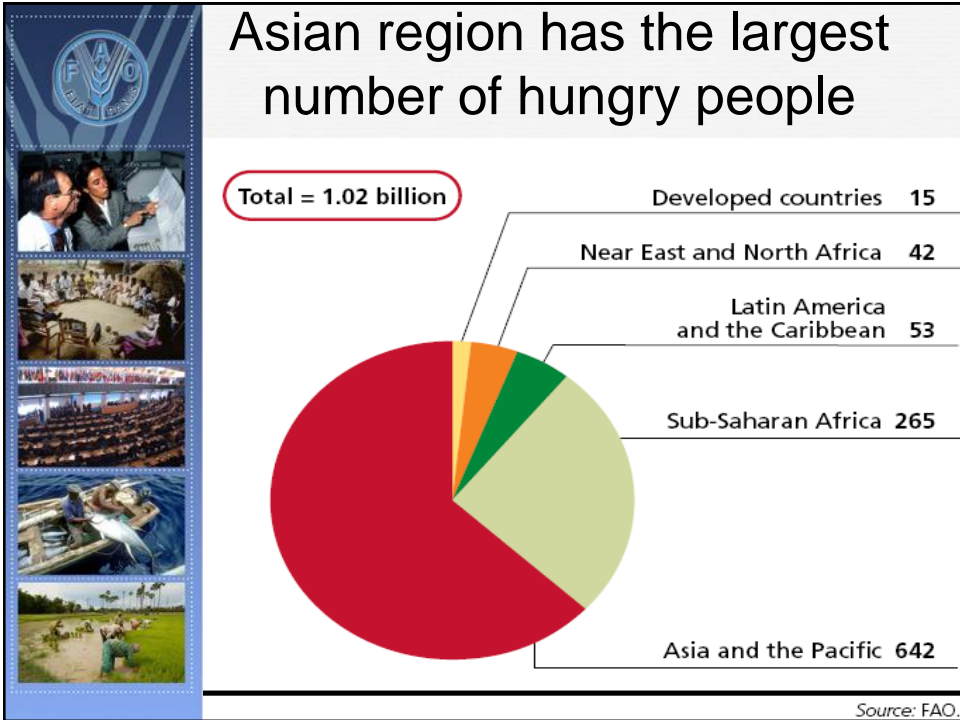
Increased vulnerability: remittances

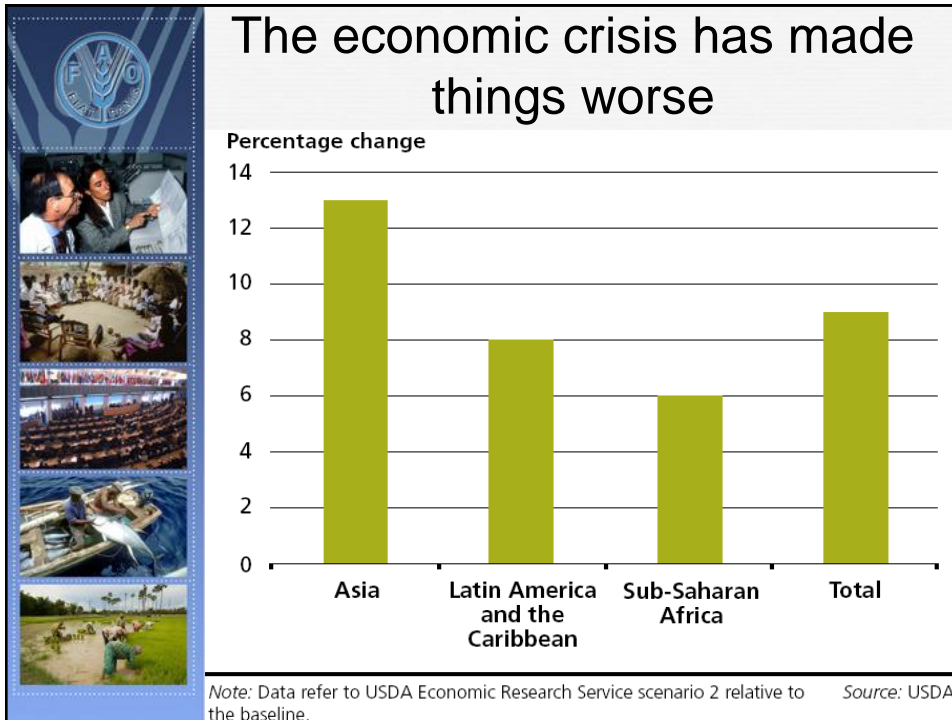




- ## Households cope in various ways
- New income sources
 - Casual labour, out migration, petty trade, return to agriculture, petty crime
 - Consumption smoothing
 - Livestock sales, borrowing, support from extended family
 - Changes in expenditure patterns
 - Eating less, buying cheaper food, cutting back on health and education expenditure

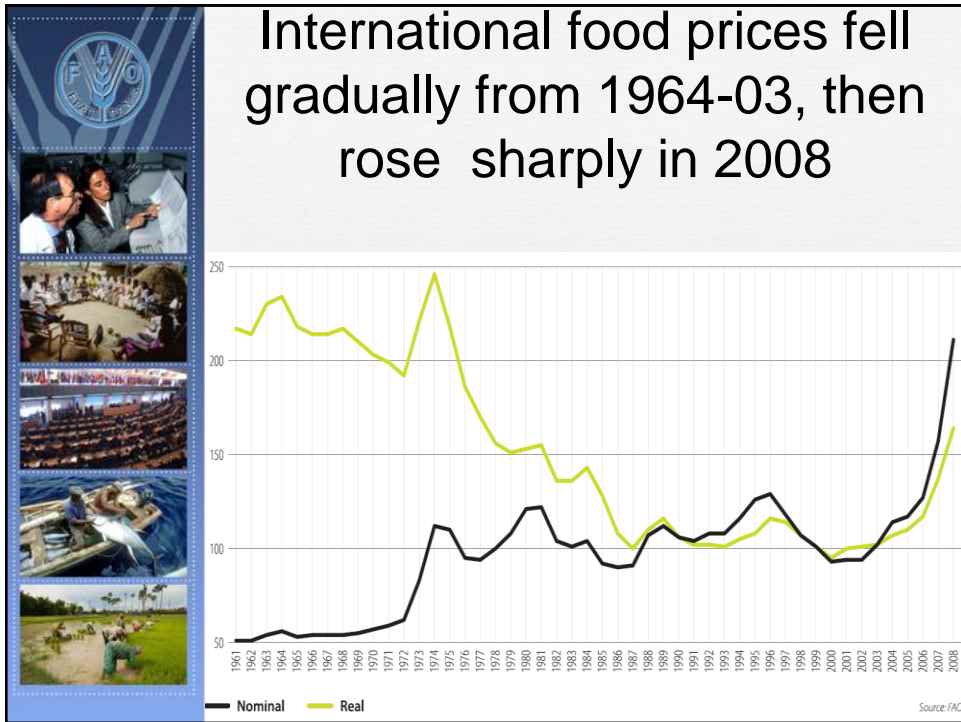


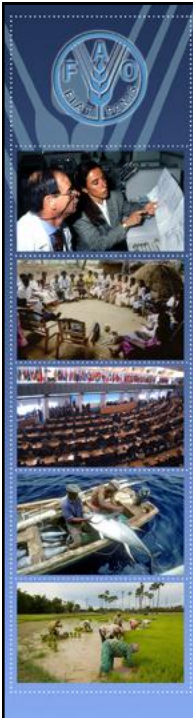




Worst case: slow growth *and* high food prices. Can it happen?

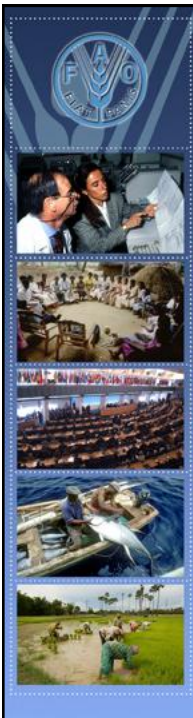
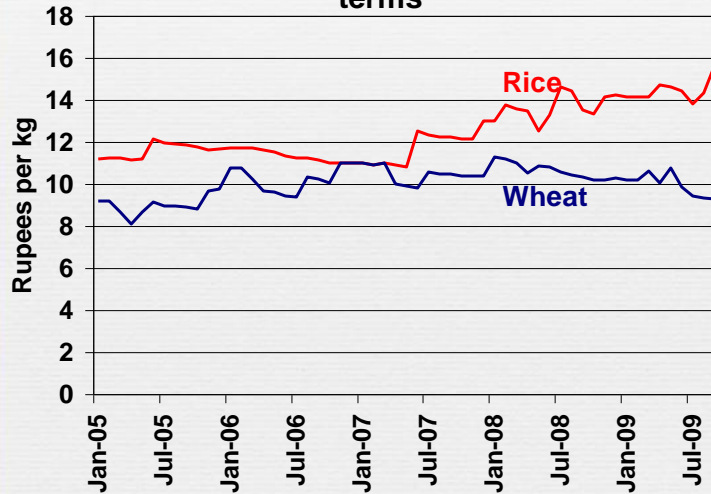
- Food price crisis of 2007-08 interrupted long-term decline in real food prices
- Cereal production did not match demand
- Demand for cereals projected to increase by nearly 30% and for meat by over 40% by 2030
- Can this be met sustainably?
- Supply of food: land, water, technology
- Public investment in infrastructure is crucial
- And produces high returns
- Yet public investment in agriculture and development assistance are falling





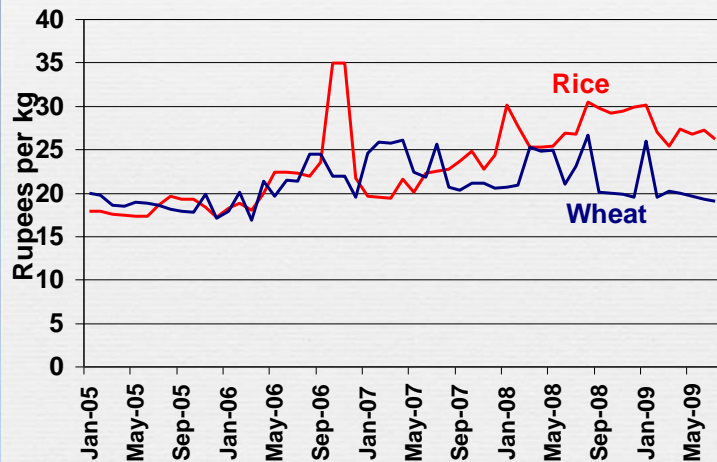
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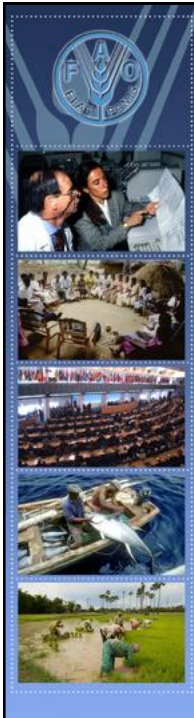
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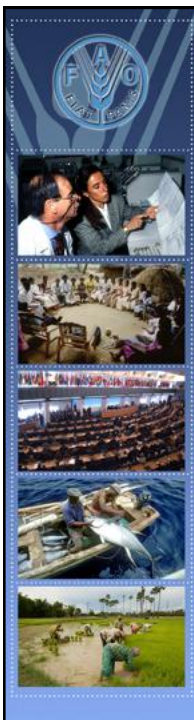
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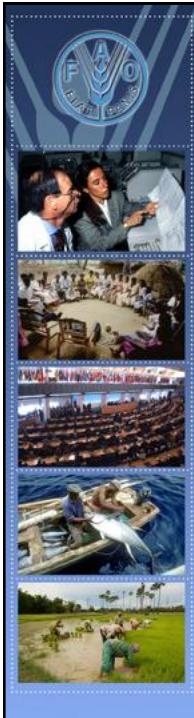
OECD-FAO forecast: food prices to remain high

- Real prices over 2009-18 are projected to be higher than in 1997-2006
 - Average crop prices by 10-20%
 - Veg oil prices by 30%
 - Milk and butter prices slightly higher.
 - Meat prices slightly lower in real terms
- Broad balance between demand and supply will be maintained
- Key assumption: economic recovery begins in 2-3 years.

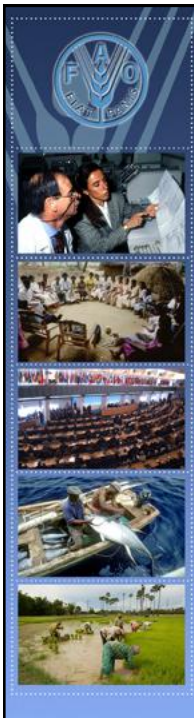
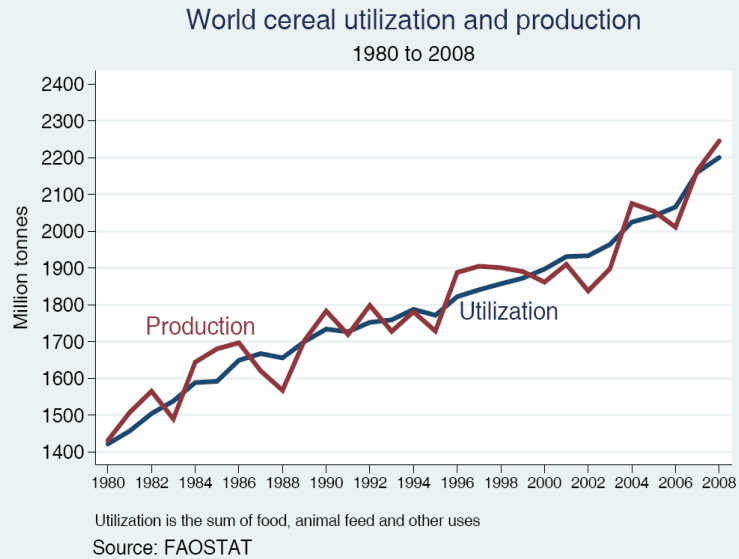


Why high food prices?

- There was a Perfect Storm:
 - **Cereal production failed to keep up with utilization from 1999 to 2007**
 - Energy prices rose sharply
 - Biofuels demand added to price rise
- Demand from China and India did not play a role
- Speculation probably played a minor role
- Role of climate change: cannot be sure



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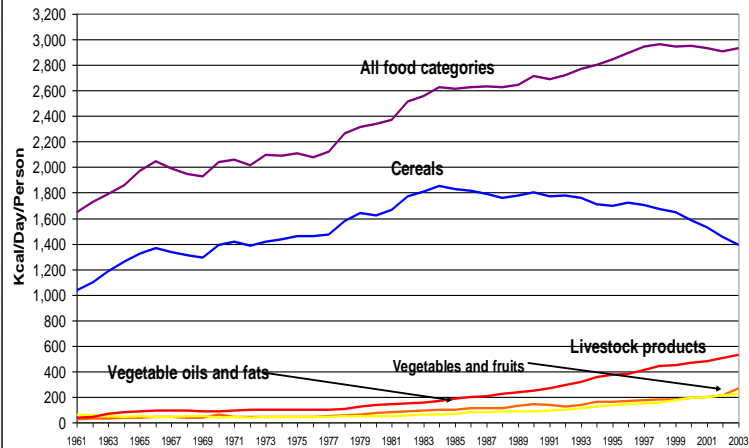
Revisit cereal production / utilization imbalance

- Food demand depends on:
 - Income growth (Engel's Law)
 - Population growth
 - Changing tastes
- Production depends on
 - Area harvested
 - Arable area
 - Cropping intensity
 - Irrigation and climate
 - Yield per hectare



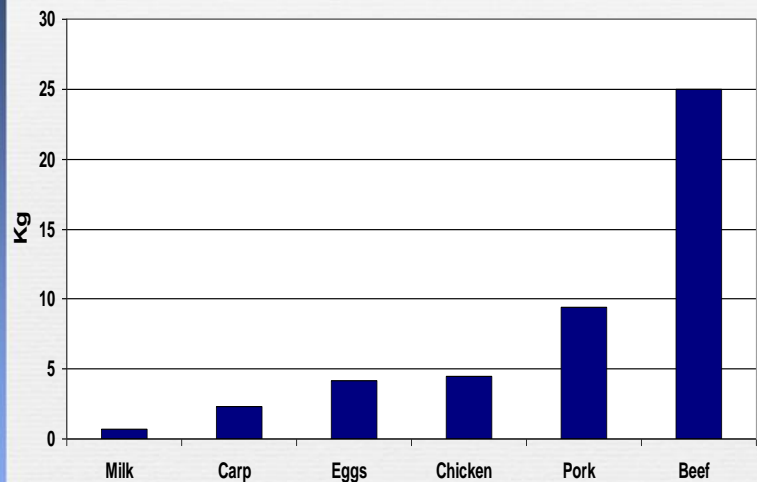
Income growth & changing preferences


East Asian calorie consumption 1961-2003



Grain requirements for feed

Feed conversion rate
Kilograms of feed per kilogram of edible weight
















Can the world be fed?


- FAO projections: demand growth of nearly 30% for cereals & >40% for meat between 2009 and 2030
- Can this increase in demand be met?
 - Probably yes
- Can it be met sustainably?
 - Heavily qualified yes
- How?

Arable area expansion is no longer feasible



Cropland in use and total suitable land (million ha)

Region	Arable land in use, 1997-99 (million ha)	Total suitable for rainfed crop production (million ha)
Latin America and Caribbean	203	1066
Sub-Saharan Africa	228	1031
East Asia	232	366
South Asia	207	220
Near East and North Africa	86	99




Yield growth is critical in Asia

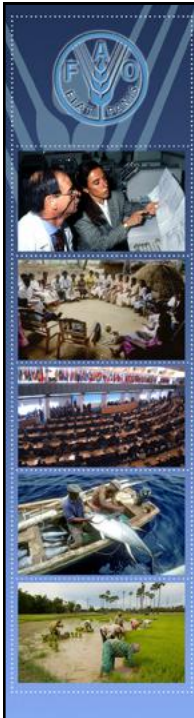
	1961-75	1976-90	1991-05
E Asia & Pacific			
Arable area exp	3	46	30
Increased cropping intensity	11	-24	-9
Yield growth	86	78	79
South Asia			
Arable area exp	13	3	0
Increased cropping intensity	13	9	0
Yield growth	75	88	100

Emerging issues

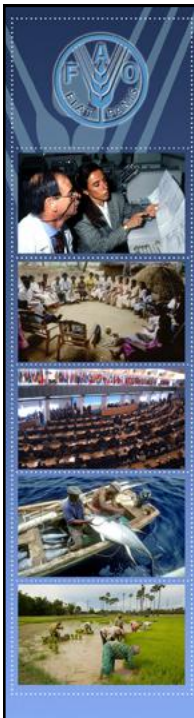
- Environmental degradation
 - soil, water...
- Climate change and agriculture
 - two-way relationship
 - implications for food security
- Biofuels
 - policy driven
 - tradeoffs with food, environment...





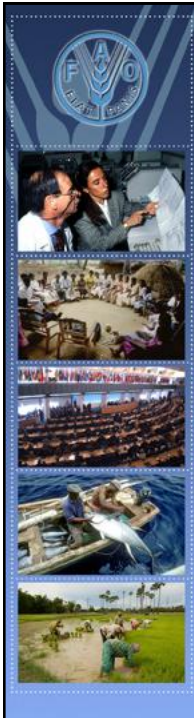
Likely medium-term impacts of climate change

- Moderate warming:
 - Good for temperate zone agriculture
 - Bad for tropical agriculture
- First decades of 21st cent: strong impact on developing countries despite relatively weak biophysical impact of CC
- This is because coping capacity is less: lower incomes & higher dependence on agriculture
- Later decades will see stronger biophysical impact of CC but also greater coping ability
- Underlying assumption: developing world will succeed in transforming away from agriculture toward non-agriculture



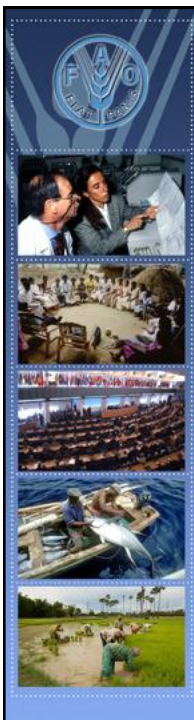
To sum up...

- The region's agriculture has supplied enough food to satisfy demand and reduce food insecurity since 1975
- But agric growth continues to be critical
- Technological change must be emphasized because yield growth will be the major source of agricultural growth



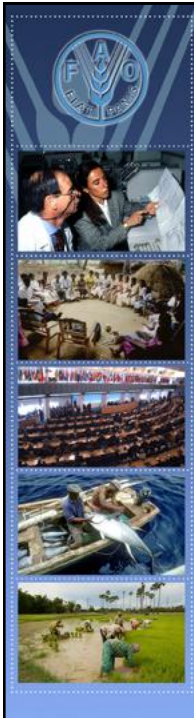
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- Policy advice to governments: **investments in agricultural public goods, especially basic research and infrastructure are critical**
- Advice is reinforced by very serious long-term threat posed by climate change

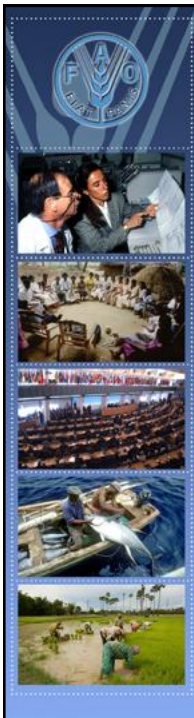
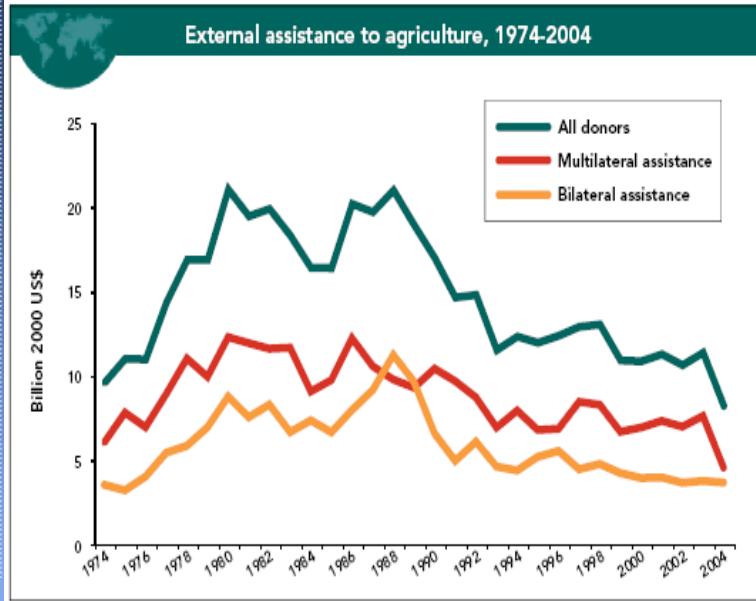


Yet govt investments in agric declined in the 1990s...



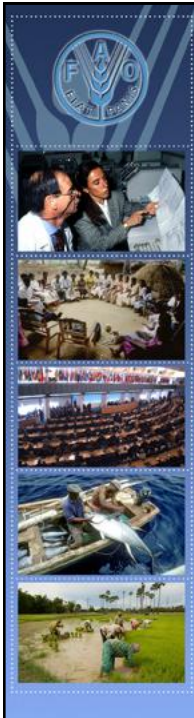


As did flows of aid to agriculture from major aid donors



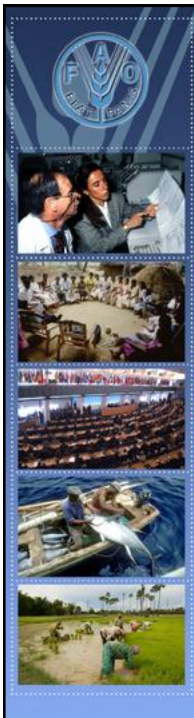
Despite high returns...

- **FAO: incremental public investment of USD 30 billion per yr in agric can produce benefits of USD 120 billion per year**
 - Improve agric productivity and enhance livelihoods and food security
 - Develop and conserve natural resources.
 - Expand and improve rural infrastructure and broaden market access.
 - Strengthen capacity for knowledge generation and dissemination.
 - Ensure access to food for the most needy through safety nets and other direct assistance.



Conclusions

- 1.3 billion more people by 2030
- Need to:
 - meet growing demand for food, feed and industrial inputs,
 - in a sustainable manner,
 - while allowing cereal stocks to be rebuilt
- Public investments in agriculture are a key part of any sustainable solution to these challenges
- **Can stimulus packages address this need?**



Conclusions (cont'd)

- Encouraging signs of reversal
 - High-Level Conference on World Food Security (2008): the total pledges amounted to US\$22 billion
 - G-8 Summit July in Japan: US\$30 billion should be invested each year in agriculture
 - The L'Aquila Declaration of the G20 (2009): promote increased investment in agriculture, including through ODA