



Global Trends and Development in Food Security

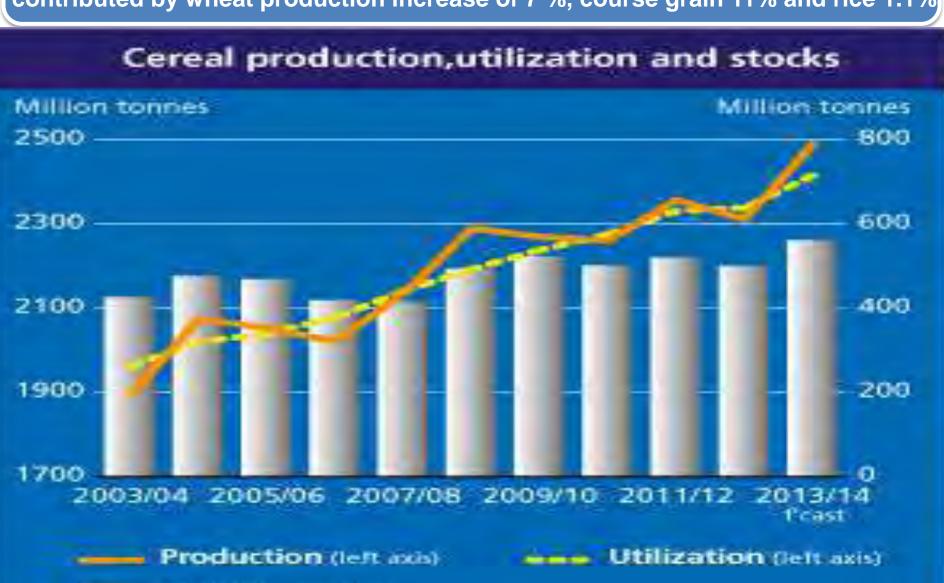
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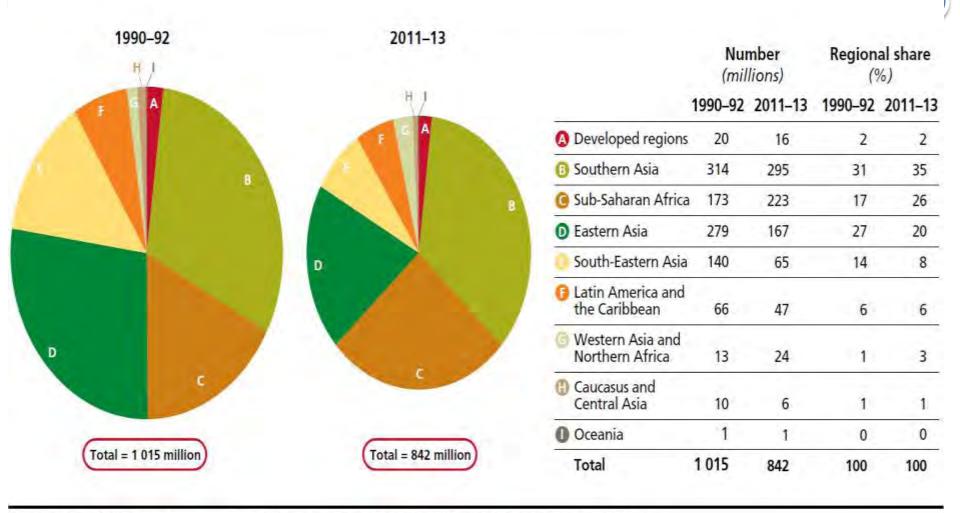
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Cereal production for 2013 (as of October 2013) is expected to increase by 8%, contributed by wheat production increase of 7 %, course grain 11% and rice 1.1%



Stocks (right axis)

The changing distribution of hunger in the world Number and share of undernourished by region, 1990–92 and 2011–13



Note: The areas of the pie charts are proportional to the total number of undernourished in each period. All figures are rounded. Source: FAO.

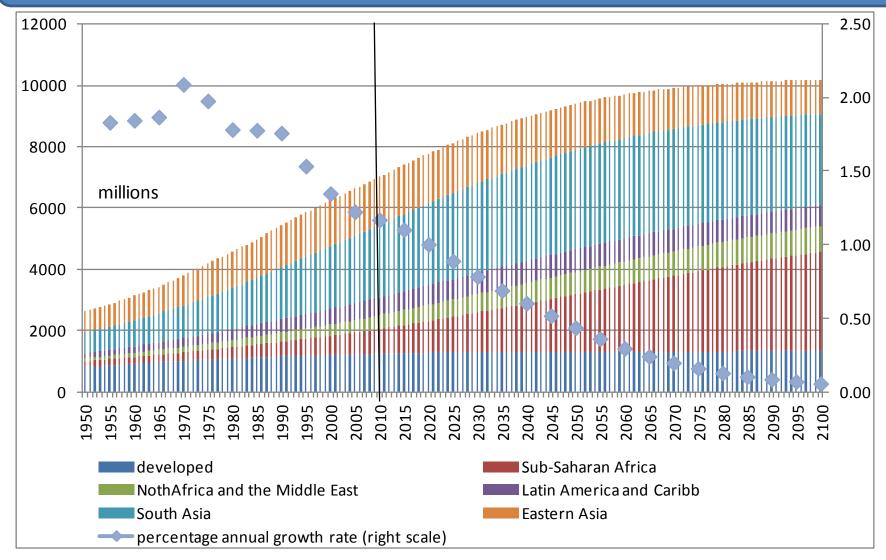


Future Outlook Towards Year 2050

Can we produce sufficient food to meet the demand of the growing future population which would reach 9.2 billion by 2050?

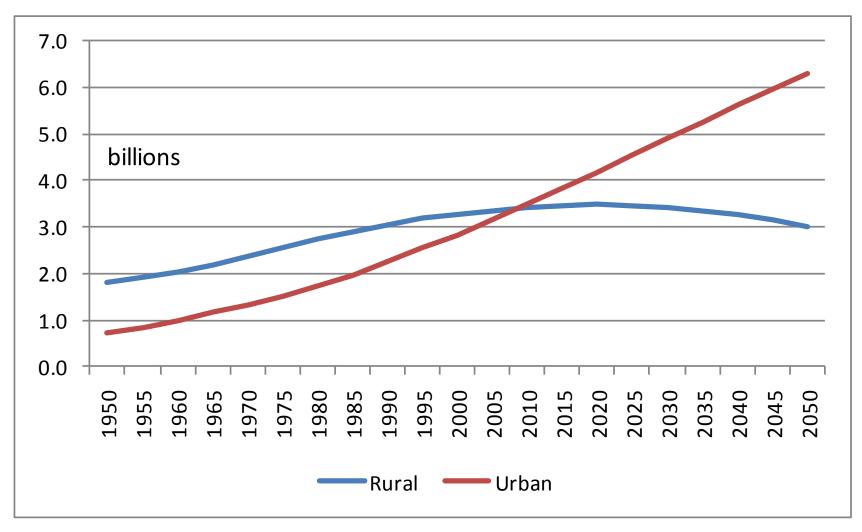


World Population Trends



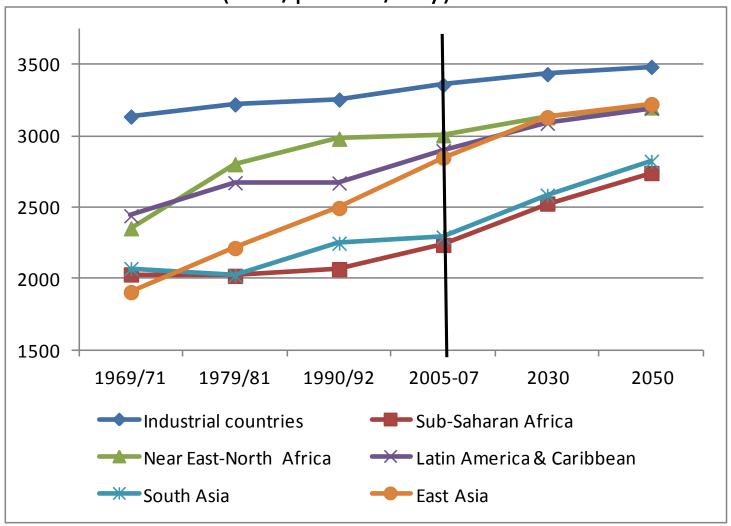
Source: UN, 2011

Global Urbanization Trends



Food Consumption Trends

(Kcal/person/day)



Source: Alexandratos, 2011

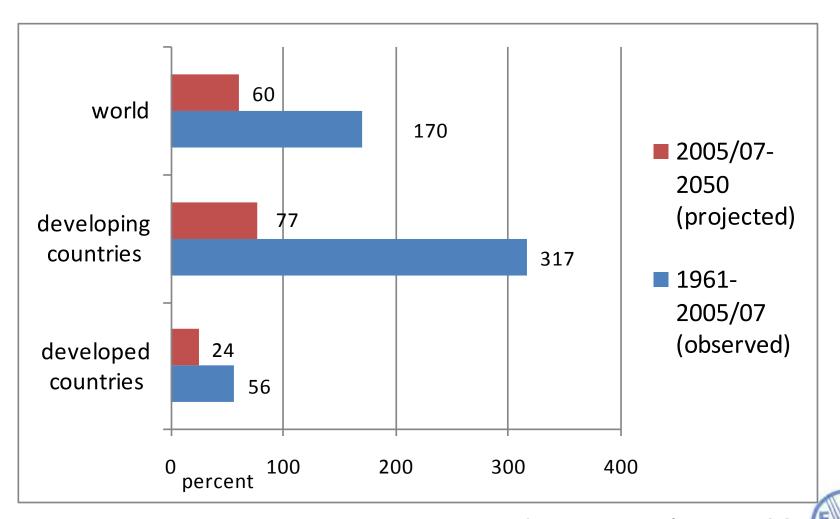
Global production in 2050

Compared to 2005/07, the world would produce every year as at 2050

- one more billion tons of cereals (45%)
- 196 more million tons of meats (76%)
- 713 more million tons of roots and tubers (64%)
- 172 more million tons of soybeans (79%)
- 429 more million tons of fruits (68%)
- 365 more million tons of vegetables (47%)



60% increase in food production needed by 2050 (77% increase, if developing countries only)

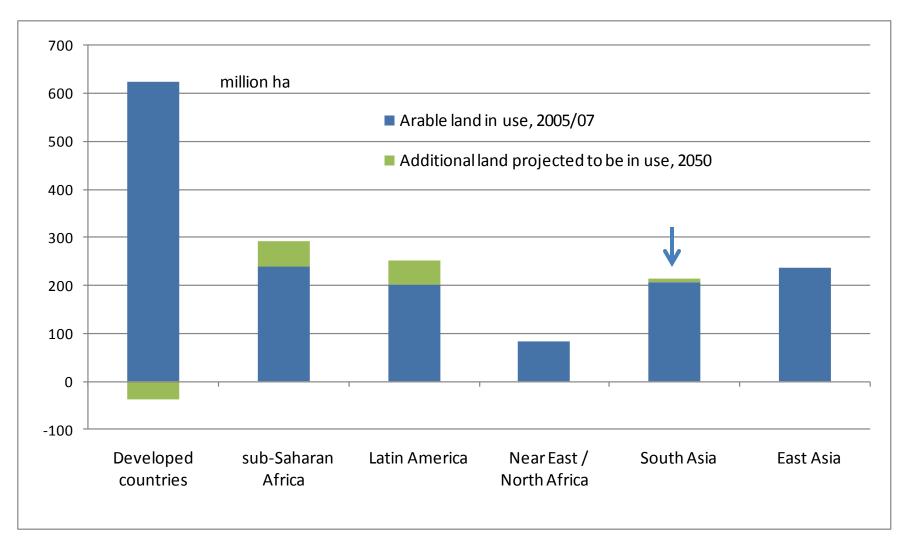


Source: Bruinsma, 2011

Targeted Increases in Food Production Must be met under Existing Constraints

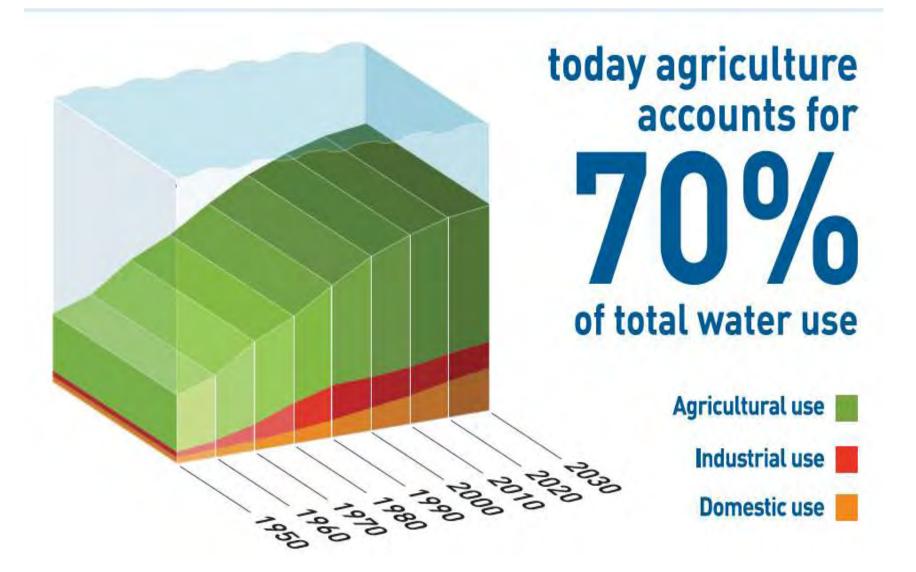
- Stagnation of expansion of arable land
- Increasing scarcity of water resources
- Decline of productivity growth affected by lack of investment in agriculture in recent decades
- Increasing post-harvest losses and table waste
- Various uncertainties such as future crude oil prices, food price hike and volatilities, negative impact of climate changes and natural disasters, and bio-fuel development.

Limited Scope Exists for Expansion of Arable Land in Asian Countries (only 5% of existing land can be expanded mainly in Africa and Latin America)



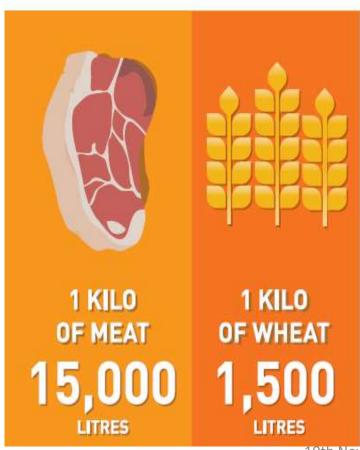
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Increased Production will Increase the Demand for Water



Water is a Key Requirement for Food Production

HOW MUCH WATER IS NEEDED TO PRODUCE...

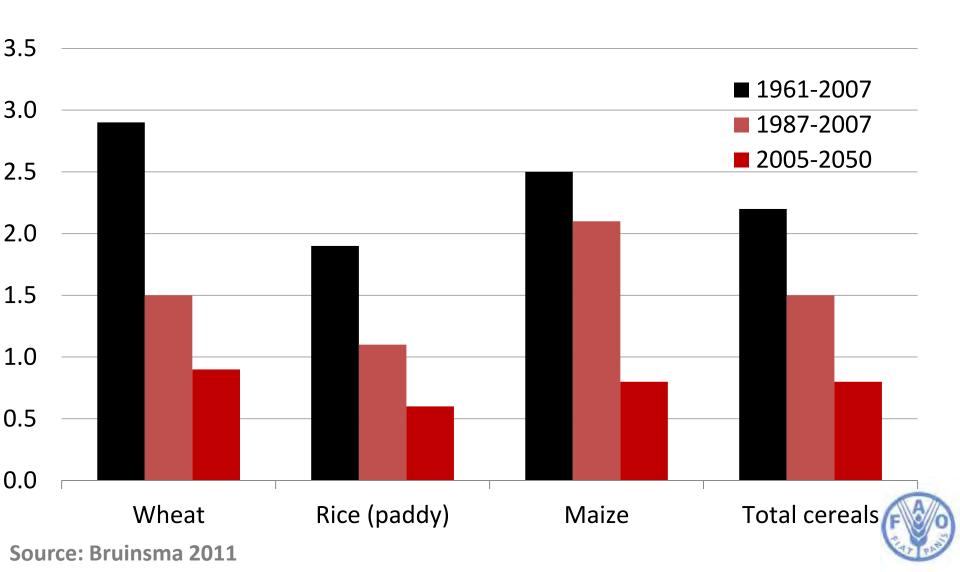




To produce enough food to satisfy a person's daily needs takes about 3000 litres of water.

Growth in cereal yields is slowing

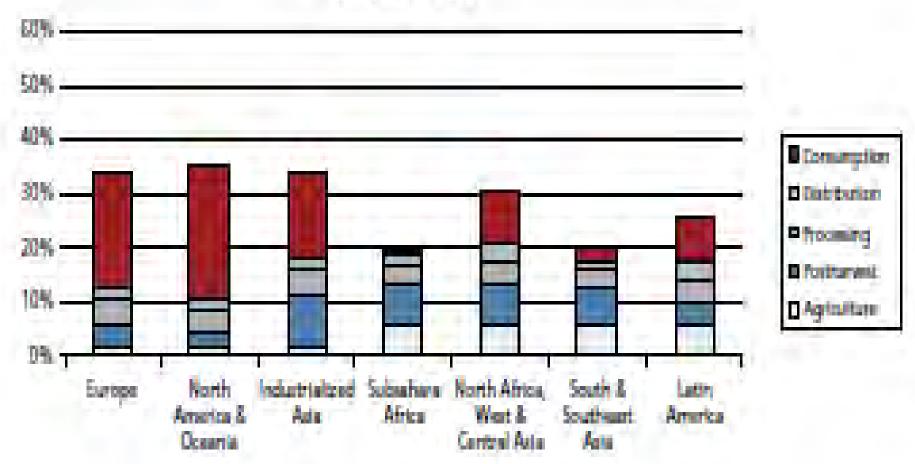
Growth rate, percent per year



GLOBAL FOOD LOSSES AND WASTE ARE ESTIMATED AT 1.3 BILLION TONNES YEARLY 60% Consumption Distribution 50% Processing 40% Post-harvest Primary production Fruits and vegetables 30% Oilseeds and pulses Roots and tubers Fish and seafood Dairy products 20% 10% Cereals Meat 0% GB-084420F2000 LOSSES

Figure 3. Part of the initial production lost or wasted, at different FSC stages, for cereals in different regions





Crude oil price increased over 500% since 1999



FAO Food Price Index in September 2013 averaged 199 point s which was 1% lower than previous month, but still 100 % higher than 10 years ago

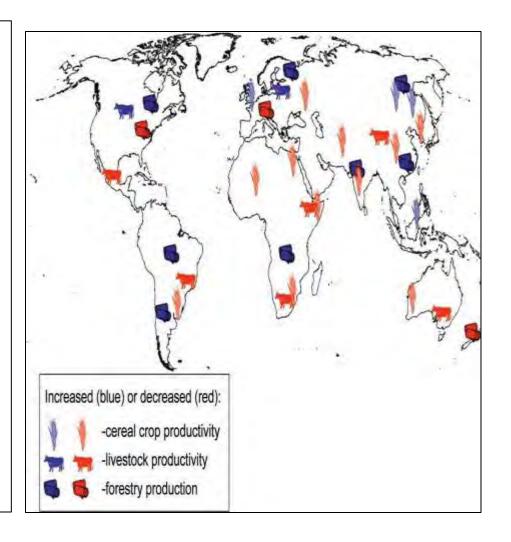


Uncertainty: climate change

"worse case" 2080 scenario:

- less harvested area, up to -39% (World) and -29% (developing countries)
- up to 130 million more undernourished in S-SH Africa

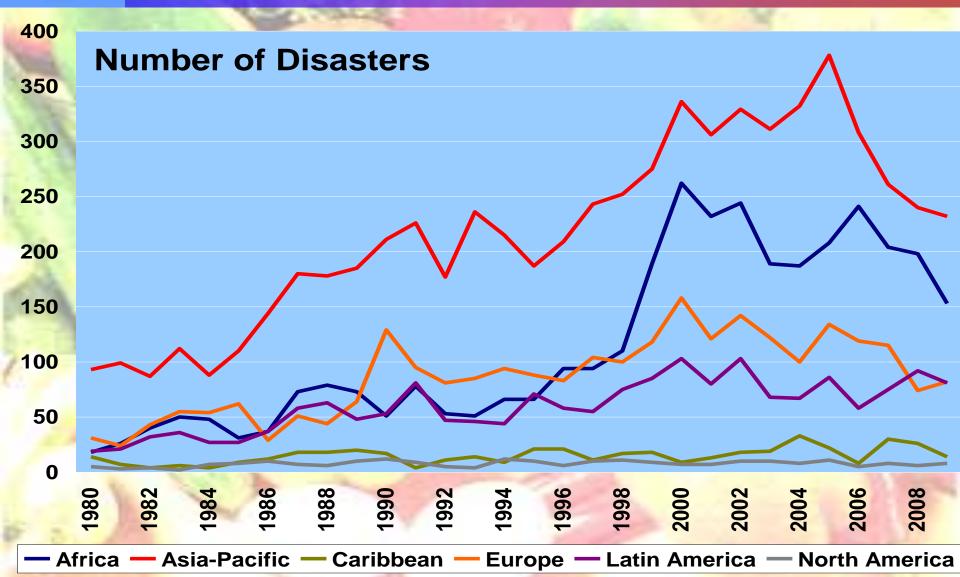
Source: IIASA (Fischer, 2011)



Source: IPCC (2007)



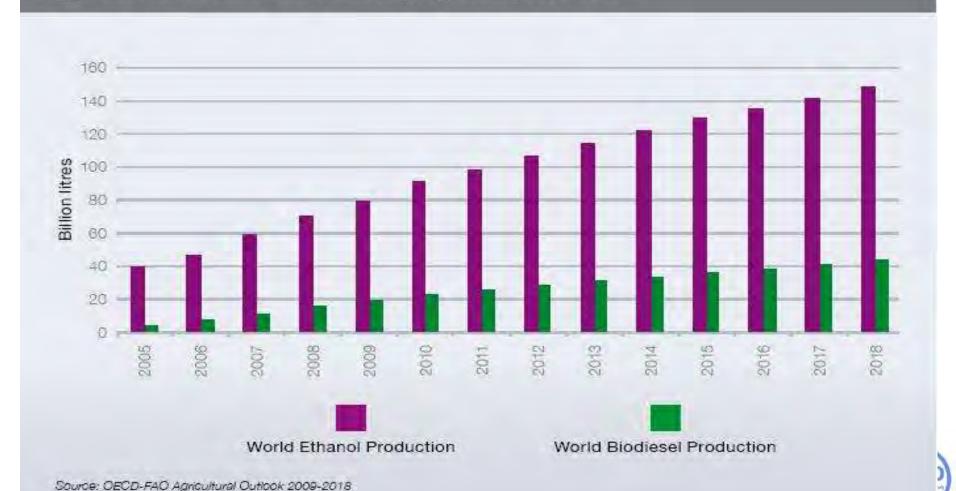
The number of natural disasters occurring worldwide has increased



Source: ESCAP and ISDR, The Asia-Pacific Disaster Report 2010.

World bio-ethanol and bio-diesel production is projected to be doubled in 20 years between 2009 and 2018; increasing competition of land and water use with food production

Figure 2. World ethanol and biodiesel projections, 2005-2018



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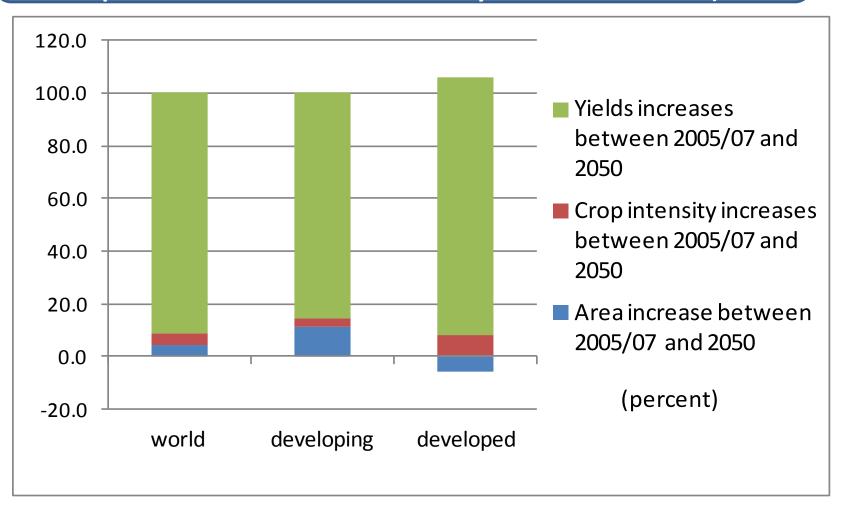
Can we increase food production by 60 % (or 77% in developing countries) by 2050 to meet the needs of growing population which would reach 9.2 billion at that time?

Yes! In principle we have to

But majority of it has to come from existing arable land through agricultural research and yield increase



Sources of Production Growth (91% is expected to come from yield increase)



Source: Bruinsma, 2011

But many uncertainties

(uncertain factors influencing future food security)

- Impact of climate changes,
- Bio-fuel development and competition between food crops and bio-energy crops on the use of land and water,
- Crude oil prices hike,
- Agricultural research and investment

What are the implications for a small net food importing country like Singapore?

Potential Risks (if the world is unable to meet the production target, and if there is a food shortage)

- Export ban of food by food exporting countries to protect their own consumers
- Uncertainty to secure food import
- Food price hike
- Food price volatility
- Negative impact to the poor consumers
- Social unrest, political instability,

What measures might be taken to minimize the risks

A. Production, Research

- Promote domestic production and productivity through vertical/urban/hydroponic agriculture
- Promote technical cooperation with developing countries, and establish mutual trust
- Contribute to the advancement of agricultural research and technological innovation
- International center of excellence for cuttingedge plant genetics, with a particular focus on Asia/SE Asia

B. Trade

- Encourage more free trade agreements to secure food supply
- Diversify trade sources
- Promote Singapore's competitiveness in food industry through enhancing food quality and safety for domestic and export market
- Negotiate long-term forward trade contracts
- Establish emergency food reserve
- Promote food security partnership within ASEAN

C. Consumption

- Diversify diets, which will help to ensure a diverse range of trade partners as well as healthier and more nutritious balanced diets
- Reduce food losses and waste
- Create awareness and advocate the importance of food and agriculture
- Promote public-private sector partnership, and build-up a sense of solidarity
- Enhance our concerted efforts, help each other, let's work together