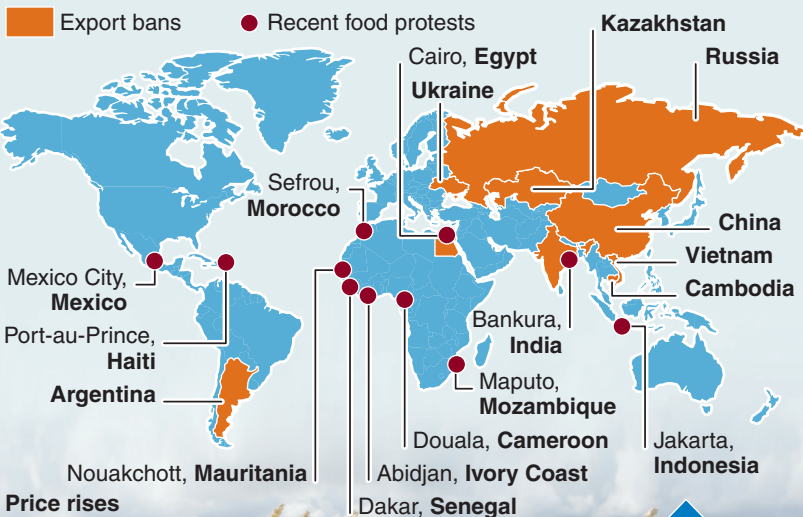


# Soaring food prices trigger global protests

The global rise in food prices has been blamed on surging oil prices, which have pushed up fertilizer prices and the cost of transport; drought, which has slashed grain harvests in Australia and Africa; the move to grow crops for biofuels; and export restrictions by producing countries



**Price rises**  
(March 2007- March 2008)

