

Kremlin extends wheat export ban

Russia has extended its ban on wheat exports into late 2011, pushing up the grain's price and sparking fears of supply shortages and rising food costs. Wheat prices have risen by over 50% in the past six months

Ukraine: World's fifth-largest exporter. Wheat crop predicted to fall to 17 million tonnes from 20.9m in 2009

Turkey: Second-largest importer of Russian wheat in 2009, purchasing 13% of total Russian exports

Egypt: World's biggest wheat importer. Bought 6.1m tonnes of Russian wheat in 2009-10, up 23% on 2008-09

Syria: Purchased 6% of Russian wheat exports in 2009 (1m tonnes)

Russia: Third-largest exporter behind U.S. and Canada. 2010 crop forecast to fall by 7m tonnes to 50m

Kazakhstan: Eighth-largest exporter. Crop forecast at 13.5m tonnes, 35% below record 20.8m harvest in 2009

