

Food prices hit new high

Food prices last month exceeded the level of the crisis of 2008 when a dramatic rise in agricultural costs sparked riots in over 30 countries

Dec 2010: UN food price index hits 214.7, with sugar showing largest rise

Jun 2008: Index reaches 213.5 after poor harvests cause food price spike

UN Food Price Index tracks wholesale cost of rice, corn, wheat, oilseed, dairy products, sugar, meat

