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## Farmers and Global Forces in the Food Industry

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## **International Forces and Trends**

- Demand for food products
- Production
- Dis

Key

Factors

- Distribution
- Trade
- Globalization impacts



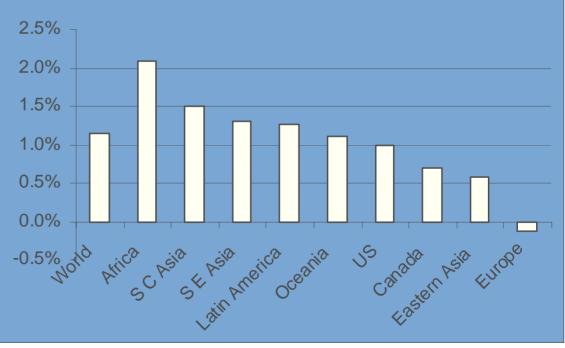


#### **DEMAND** World population growth is slowing down

#### Population Estimated Growth Rate 2000-2015

Africa and South Central Asia will have the largest population growth

Europe's population is expected to decrease in the next 15 years

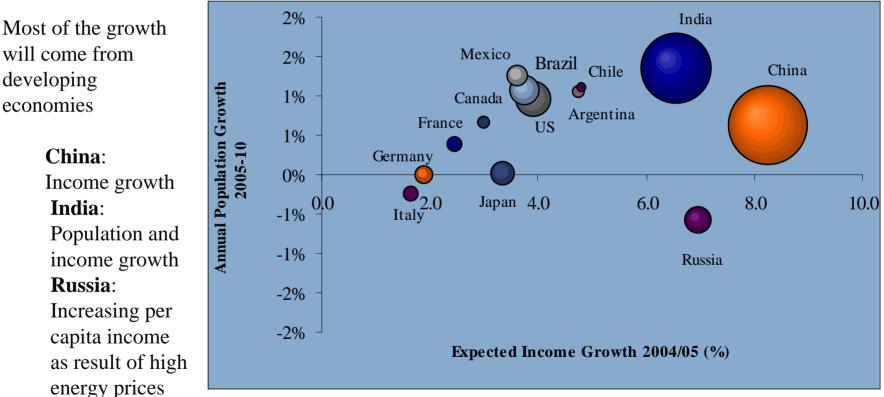


Source: Rabobank analysis based on UN data





#### Expected population and income growth. Selected countries



Rabobank analysis base on UN-Population department and IMF data





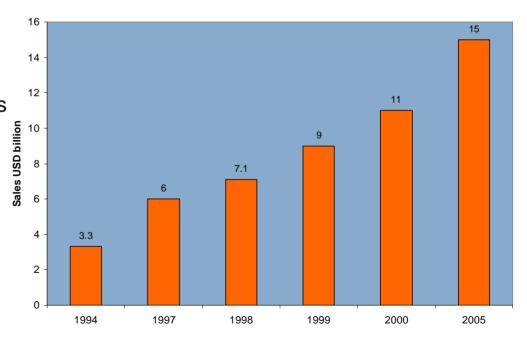
#### **DEMAND** Higher income leads to convenience in developed economies...

US. Sales of fresh-cut produce

2005 EPIC report, 53% of Canadian dinners included prepared or semi-prepared Items. In Canada, 70% of dinners eaten at home.

#### TRENDS

Individual servings
Functional foods and drinks
Higher protein content



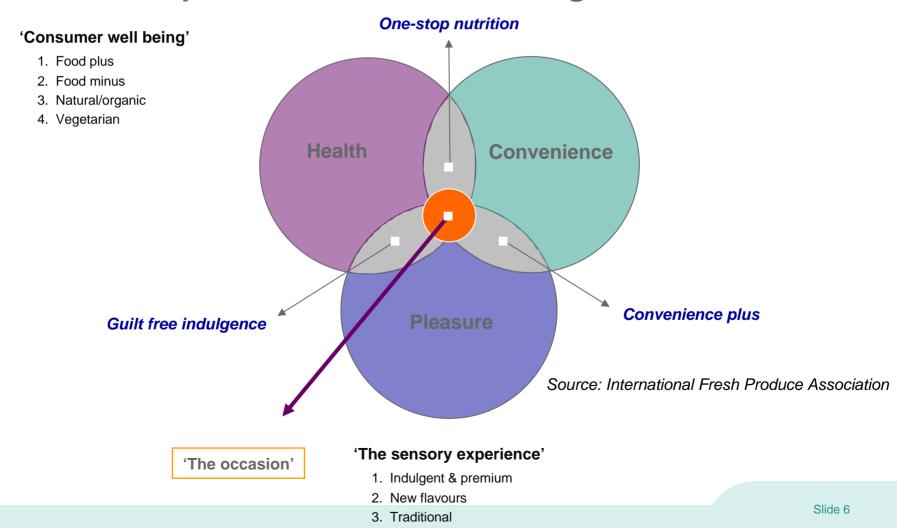
Source: International Fresh Produce Association

DEMAND





# The interests of consumers in developed countries are evolving





## **DEMAND** Developing countries will account for most of the demand for meats...

300 250 200 Lb/ capita 150 100 50 0 U.S. China Argentina Brazil EU Russia India □ 2005 □ 2014

#### Projected evolution in meat consumption

Increase in income leads to substitution

Staple food for animal protein
Animal fat for vegetable oils



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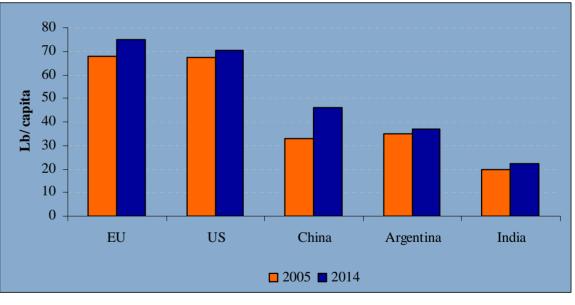


# Developing countries will account for vegetable oils in most cases

Projected evolution in vegetable oil consumption

Consumption of vegetable oil

EU to grow faster than in the U.S.



Source: FAPRI projection





#### **PRODUCTION** Consolidation at a farm level is being seen all around the world

Farm numbers and Grossincome 1978-2002



Source: Rabobank analysis based on US Census data



## PRODUCTION

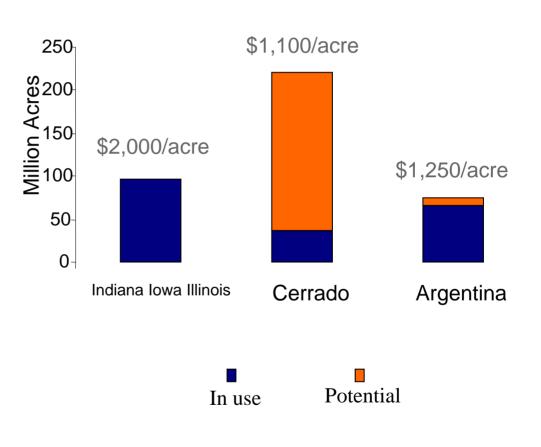
#### Use and potential of selected agricultural areas

Agricultural frontier land in Brazil can be purchased for less than USD 350 per acre

There are 220 M acres of potential area in the "Cerrado"

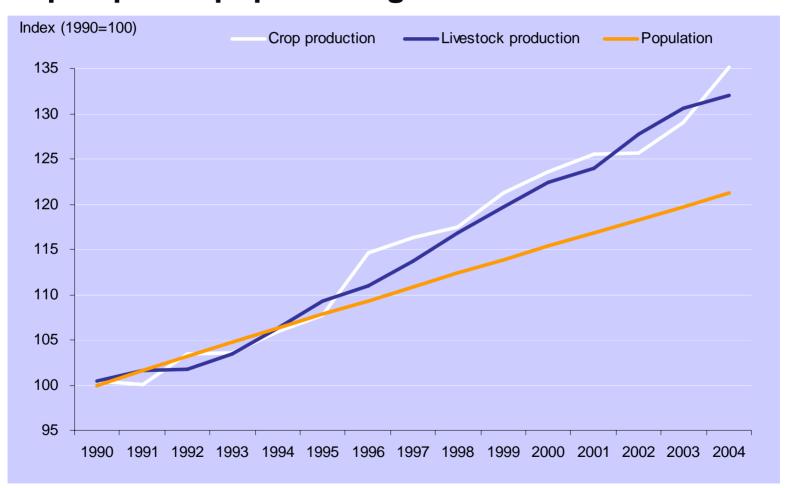
Indiana, Iowa and Illinois have a total area of 96 M acres

Infrastructure is however a limiting factor



Source: Rabobank analysis based on US Census data

## **PRODUCTION** Agricultural production keeps up with population growth



Source: FAO, 2005.

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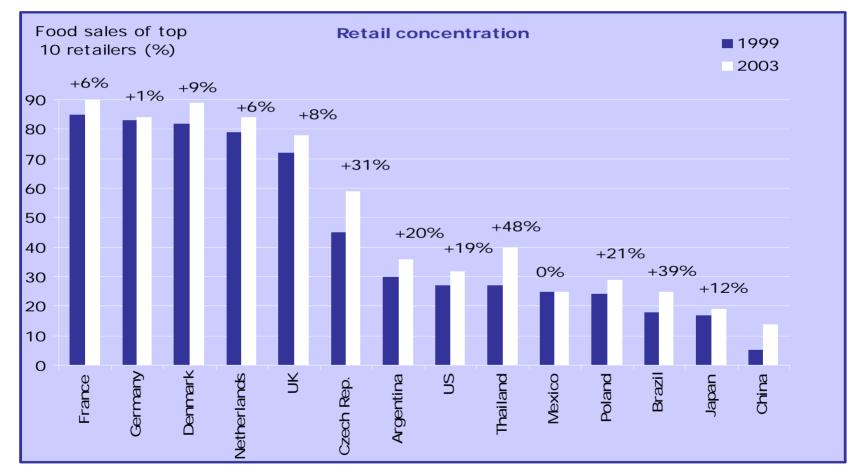
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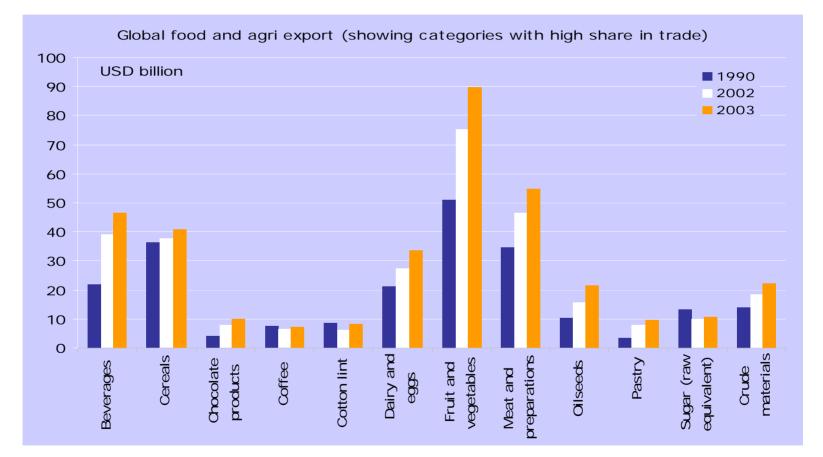
## DISTRIBUTION

#### Power of organised retail is growing...



Source: M+M Planet Retail, 2004

## **TRADE** Developments in production are reflected in trade



Source: FAO, 2005.

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## TRADE





#### **Policies Affecting Trade**

Declining in subsidies are more a consequence of the need to find fiscal balance

Allocation of quotas and barriers depending on political interests US imposition of quotas for cotton from China and sugar from Australia

Non-Tariff Barriers

#### Trade negotiations

WTO negotiations complex and slow Bilateral trade agreements replacing WTO negotiations – gone from 15 to 187 trade agreements over last 15 years

Permits trade agreements that would conflict with WTO guidelines Could be more protectionist and therefore harder to develop markets





## GLOBALIZATION Cost Comparisons USD/Bushel

Corn Cost Structure in selected countries			(USD/Bushel)	
	US	Brazil	Argentina	
Land Rental	0.92	0.57	0.57	
Labor & machinery	0.49	0.59	0.66	
Seeds	0.17	0.27	0.28	
Chemicals	0.22	0.32	0.14	
Fertilizer, lime and gypsum	0.43	0.88	0.20	
Total ex-farm	2.22	2.63	1.85	
Domestic freight	0.43	0.74	0.68	
Port costs	0.05	0.18	0.08	
Ocean freights	1.07	1.40	1.40	
Total Cif-Rott.	3.77	4.95	4.00	
Expected yield (Bushels/acre)	180	99	112	

2004-05			
Soybean Cost Structure in selected countries		(USD/Bushel)	
	US	Brazil	Argentina
Land Rental	3.67	0.85	1.59
Labor & machinery	0.75	1.11	1.32
Seeds	0.83	0.41	0.18
Chemicals	0.64	1.34	0.42
Fertilizer, lime and gypsum	0.58	1.17	0.16
Total ex-farm	6.47	4.87	3.67
Domestic freight	0.46	1.03	0.56
Port costs	0.05	0.19	0.08
Ocean freights	1.14	1.50	1.50
Total Cif-Rott.	8.13	7.58	5.80
Expected yield (Bushels/acre)	45	46	40





#### Return on assets, per cent, 1999-2004 average



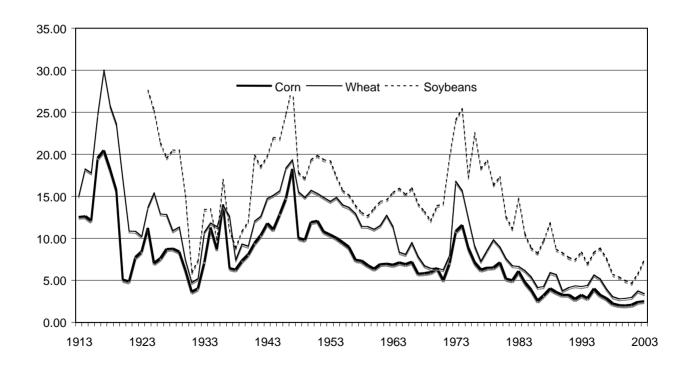
**GLOBALIZATION** 





## Supply Increases exceed Demand Increases

#### U.S. Real Prices (\$2004) for Wheat, Corn, and Soybeans, 1913-2004.







## Conclusions

Globalization is affecting farm incomes particularly in commodity products

✓ Move into niche markets with higher value added product or a competitive advantage

✓Improve farm management

Promote food chain integration

Enhance effective Government actions

Improve visibility for health, food safety and environmental sustainability.