



# Agricultural economics and development with implications to the Central Highlands

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***Learning to serve, serving to learn***

***Looking forward to a dynamic future in:***

**Crop production and protection**

**Animal science**

**Forestry and land management**

**Environment and natural resources**

**Rural engineering and water management**

**Food science and biotechnology**

**Rural economics**



**Rural economics is the study of rural economies, including:**

- **farm and non-farm activities;**
- **economic growth, development, and change in rural areas;**
- **size and spatial distribution of production and household units;**
- **regional and interregional trade;**
- **land use;**
- **migration and (de)population;**
- **finance;**
- **government policies;**
- **rural-urban income disparities.**



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**&**

**Rural Development**



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■ Professors and Assistants	15
■ PhD Students	
graduated since 2000	40
ongoing	25
■ Graduate & Post graduate Students	30/year

**MC en Développement, Environnement et Sociétés;**  
**MC en Economie et Sociologie rurales;**  
**International Master in Rural Economic.**



## ***2. Teaching activities***

### Main topics

- Agricultural Markets and Policies
- Micro & Macro Economics
- Accounting and Management
- Marketing
- Econometrics
- Economics of Development
- PCM - Economic & Financial Analysis of Projects
- Rural and Environmental Economics
- Rural Sociology & Law



### 3. *Research activities*

#### Economics of development

- **Rural Entrepreneurship**
- **Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation**
- **Agrarian Dynamics**
- **Value Chain Analysis**
- **Soft Commodities**
- **Market Liberalisation & Local Farming Systems**





### ***3. Research activities***

#### **Agricultural Economics**

- **A**gricultural **A**ccounting and **A**gricultural **I**ncome
- **E**valuation of **P**rojects and **P**olicies
- **A**griculture – **A**gro-**P**rocessing – **F**ood

#### **Market analyses and agricultural food chains**

- **A**gricultural **D**iversification and **S**pecific **Q**uality **P**roducts
- **T**ransformation & **V**alorisation of **A**gricultural **P**roducts
- **P**romotion of **I**nternational **T**rade

# 4. Our Website : <http://www.fsagx.ac.be/eg/>



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## Détail des cours

- Années de Baccalauréat
- Années de Master et Master complémentaire

## Détail des formations spécialisées

- Master complémentaire en Economie et Sociologie rurales – MC ESRU
- Master bioingénieur en Economie et Développement – Master EDEV
- Master complémentaire en Développement, Environnement et Sociétés – MC DESO
- Master international en Economie et Sociologie rurales - PFS
- Doctorat

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## Formation

L'Unité d'Economie et Développement rural assure la charge du cursus universitaire de la seconde à la cinquième année d'études conduisant au Master bioingénieur en sciences agronomiques. Parmi les cours enseignés figurent notamment les cours suivants :

- économie politique et sociale
- comptabilité générale et analyse des bilans
- gestion des entreprises
- économie internationale
- économie des filières alimentaires et agro-alimentaires
- politiques et stratégies agro-alimentaires
- économie du développement
- conception et évaluation de projets
- gestion des conflits, problématique foncière et environnement
- instabilité des marchés intégration régionale et gestion du risque : application aux projets agricoles et agro-industriels
- séminaires d'économie et de sociologie rurales
- cycle du projet et économie des productions
- économie environnementale
- sociologie générale et rurale
- études de marché et marketing
- techniques de communication
- marchés tropicaux
- économie rurale
- politique agricole etc.

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Economie & Développement rural

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**Coopération internationale**

- Coopération internationale par thème
- Coopération internationale par pays
- Publications

**Cartes**

- Monde
- Afrique de l'Ouest
- Afrique équatoriale
- Asie du Sud Est

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**Les projets internationaux de l'Unité**

L'Unité d'Economie et Développement rural participe à un grand nombre de projet de développement rural à l'international. Comme vous pourrez le voir sur les cartes interactives, les régions où l'EDEV est particulièrement active sont l'**Asie du Sud Est**, l'**Afrique de l'Ouest** et l'**Afrique Équatoriale**.

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# **New challenges in rural economics**



# GLOBAL OVERVIEW



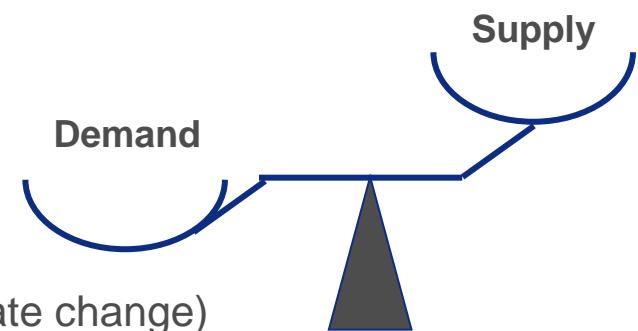
# Growing imbalance (structural & cyclical?)

## Increase of demand:

- Population growth
- Increase of revenues
- Change on consumption model
- Different use of land → biofuel

## Supply - side:

- Decrease of ressources (water, desertification, climate change)
- Urbanisation
- Reduction of the yield growth



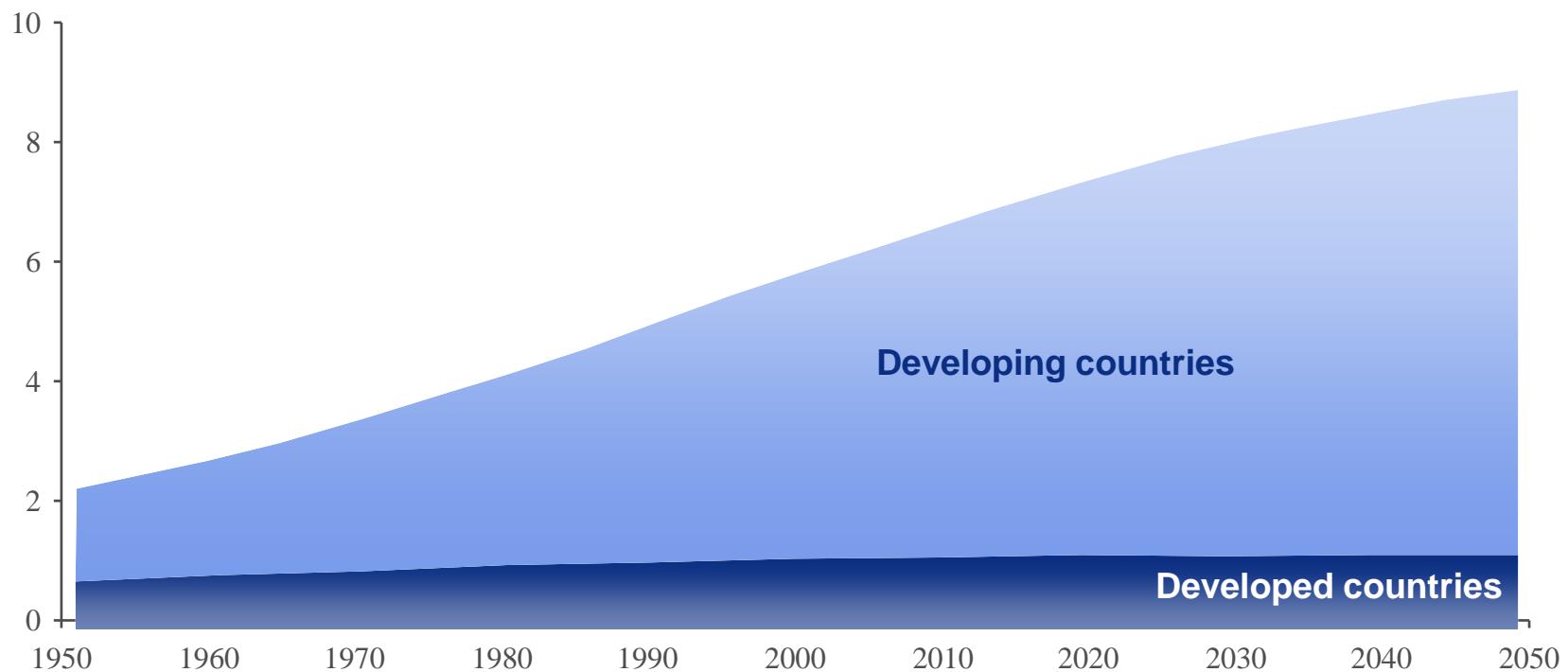
These factors can modify the prices of agricultural raw materials



# Population growth

World Population 1950-2050

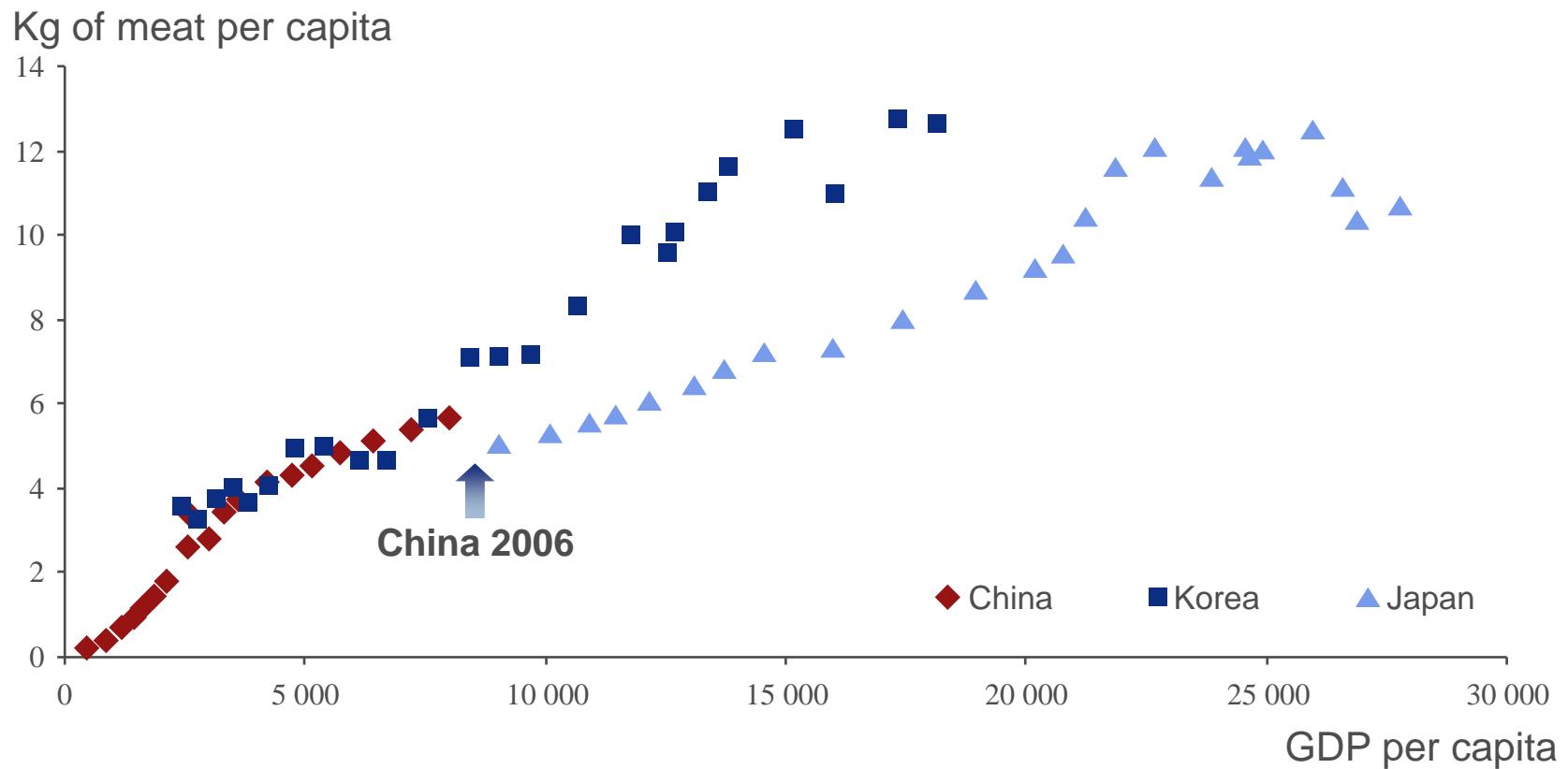
billions





# Growth of revenues

## Change on meat consumption in link with revenues



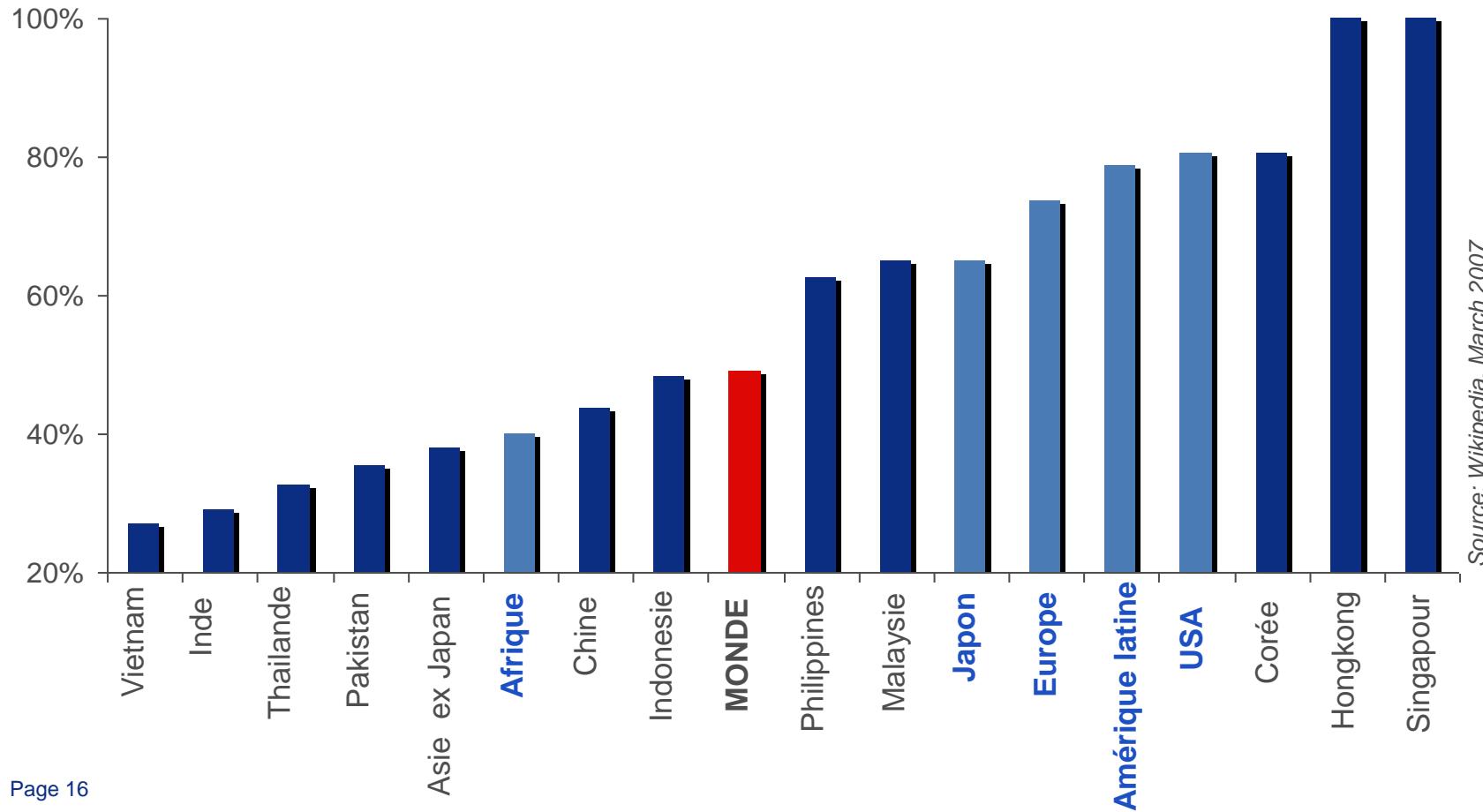
Source: USDA



# Growth of urbanization

33 millions of persons (4x New York) move every year  
to the asian big cities

Percentage of métropolitans vs total population



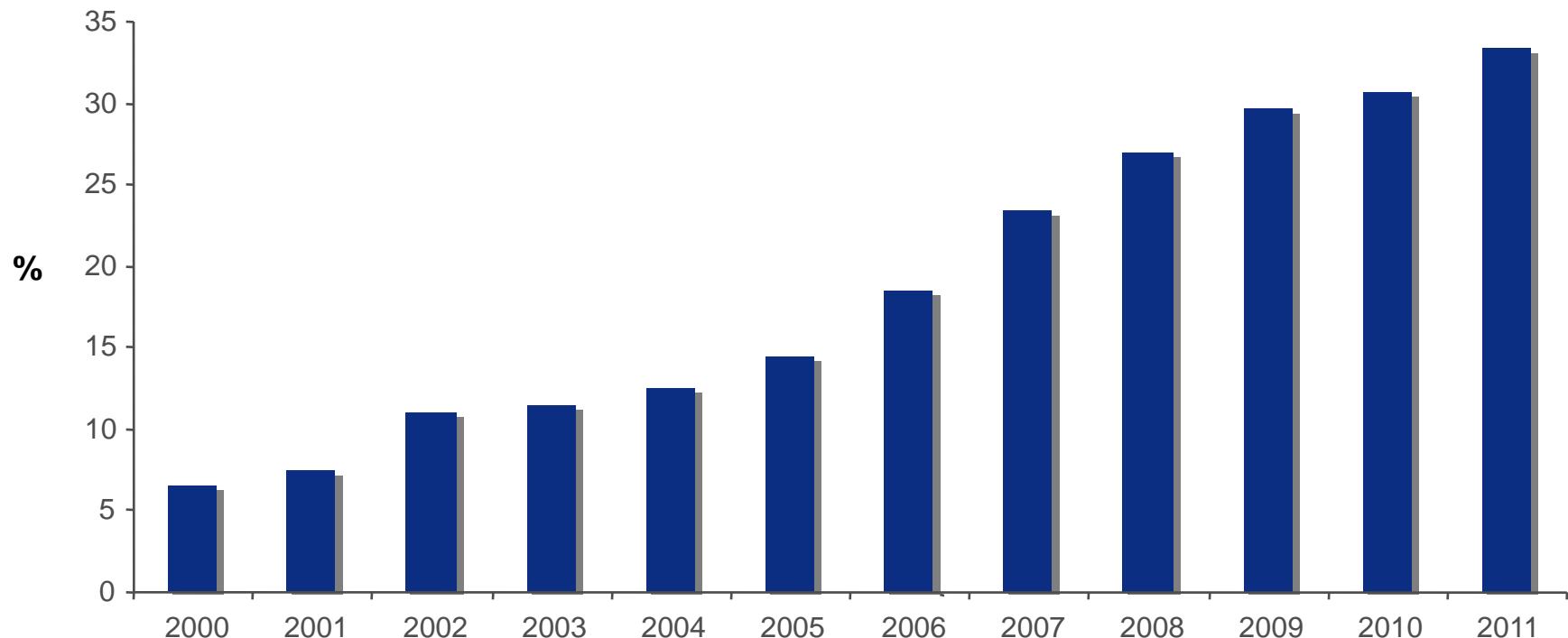
Source: Wikipedia, March 2007



# Biofuels

## Growth of biofuels demand

Use of maize for ethanol - USA

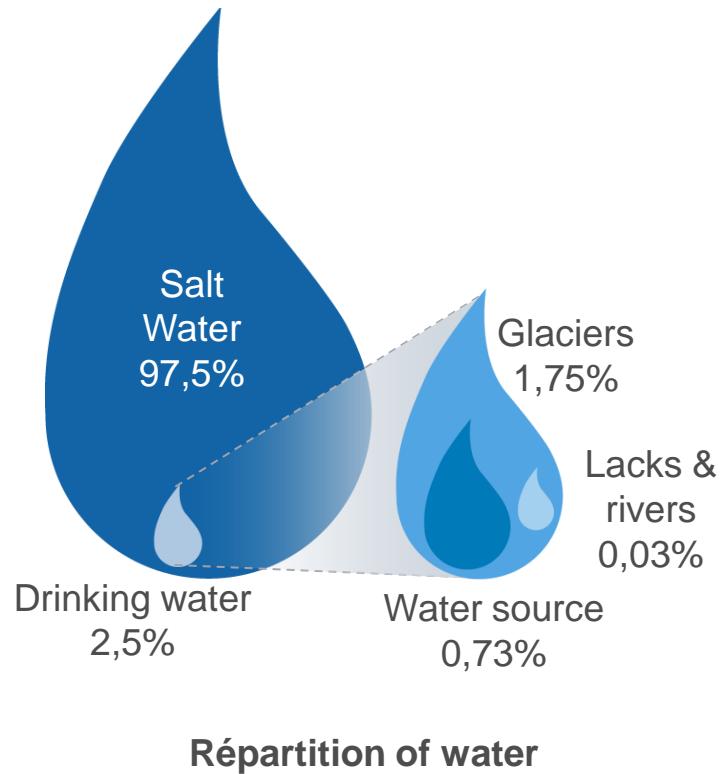


Source: USDA, DB Global Markets Research



## Water : « blue gold »

- 75% of the globe is covered with water
- 70% of the consumption → agriculture
- 100 last years:
  - Consumption x 7 but:
  - population x 4
- Problems in the distribution → big losses
- With climate change, the differences between North and South are highest



Source: United Nations World Water development Report 2003



# Urbanization

Extension of cities caused damage of environment and decrease of arable land

Example: Kuala Lumpur - 1974



Example: Kuala Lumpur - 2005



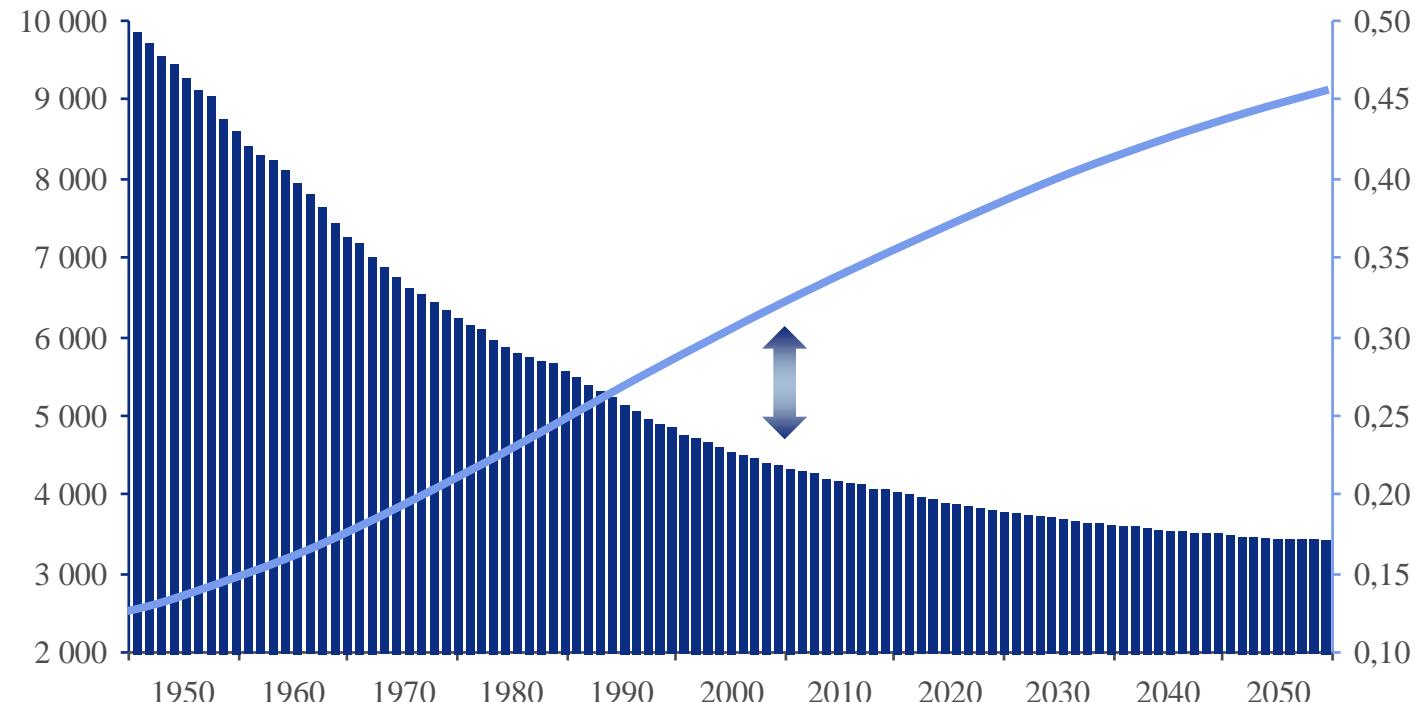
Source: Wikipedia, Mars 2007



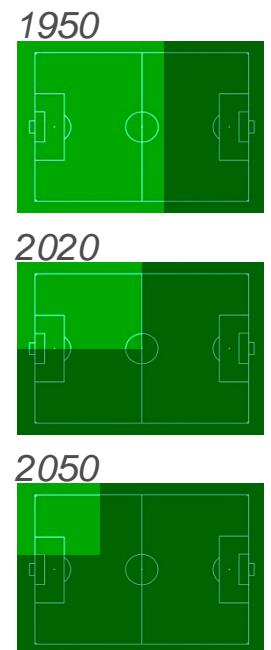
# Avaibility of land

Decrease of the area of arable land.

World population  
( millions)



Avaibility of arable  
land  
By person  
(ha)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, FAOSTAT, CSFB estimates

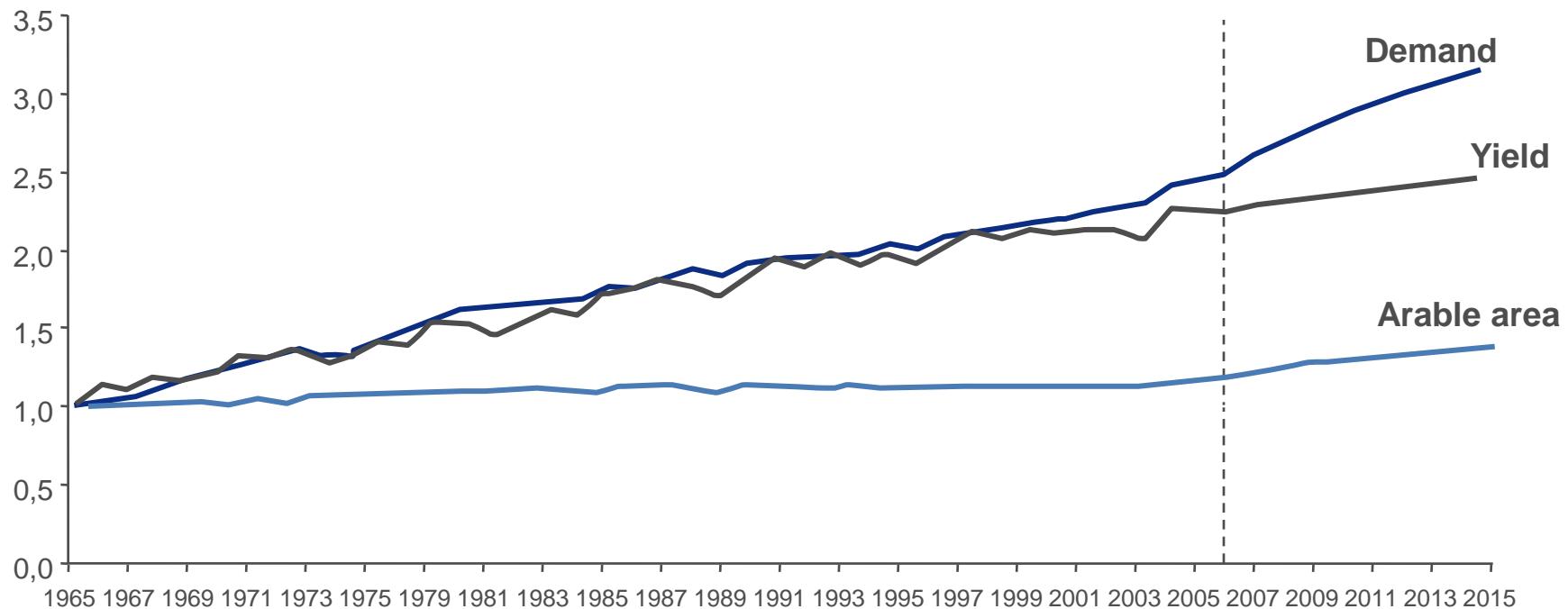


# Avaibility of land

Yield growth by hectare of arable land decreases progressively

Demand on agriculture, yield and area  
from 1960 to 2015.

Index 1960-100

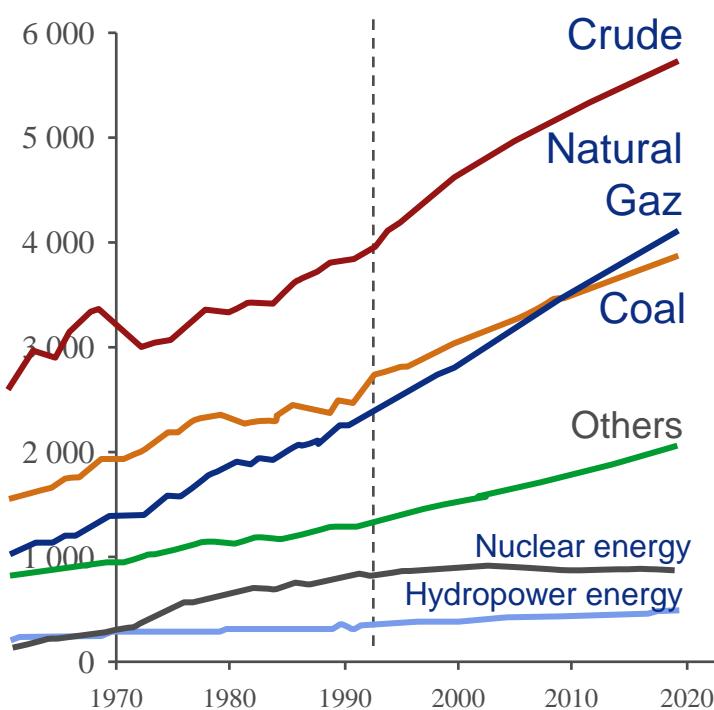


Source: USDA, FAO, Goldman Sachs research estimate



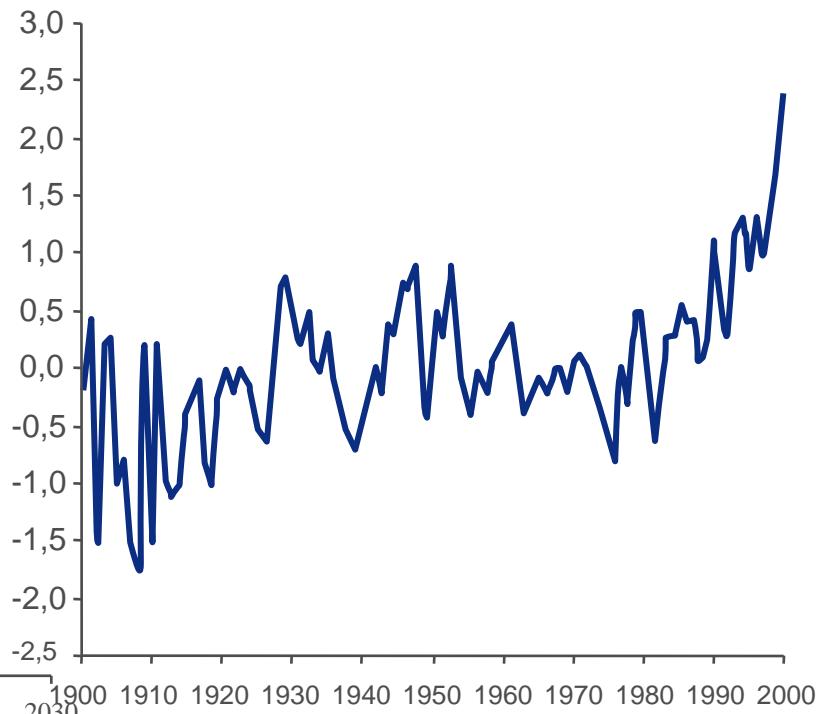
## Climate change probably in link with the growth of energy

Production  
Millions of tons



Source: International Energy Administration (IEA)

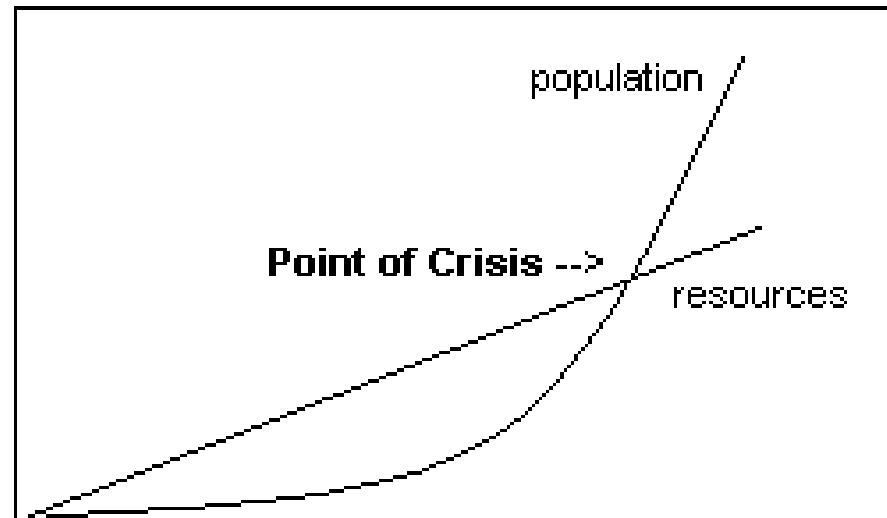
Variation de °C depuis 1900



Source: Hadley Centre



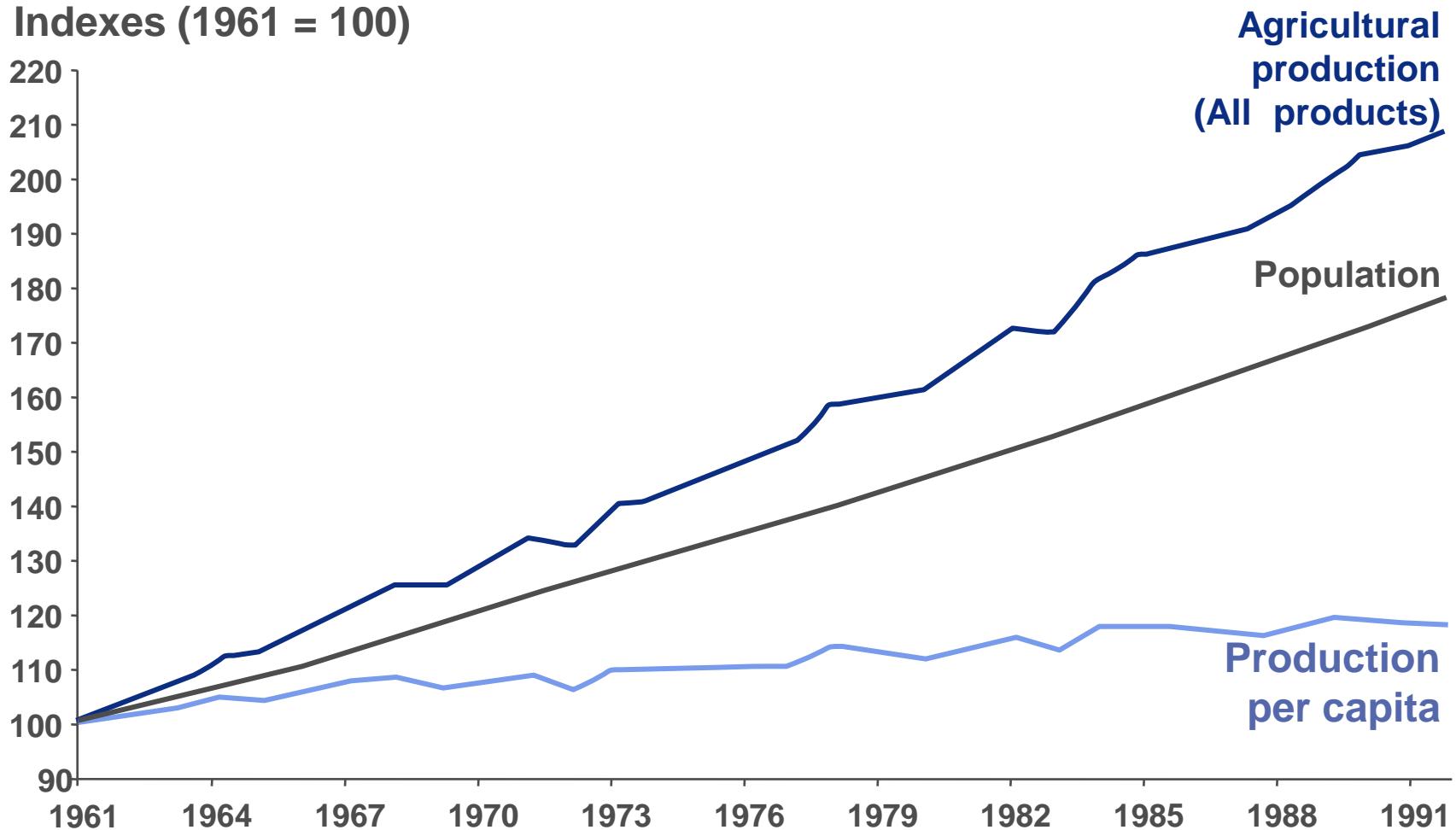
# Malthusianisme ?



**Malthus' Basic Theory**



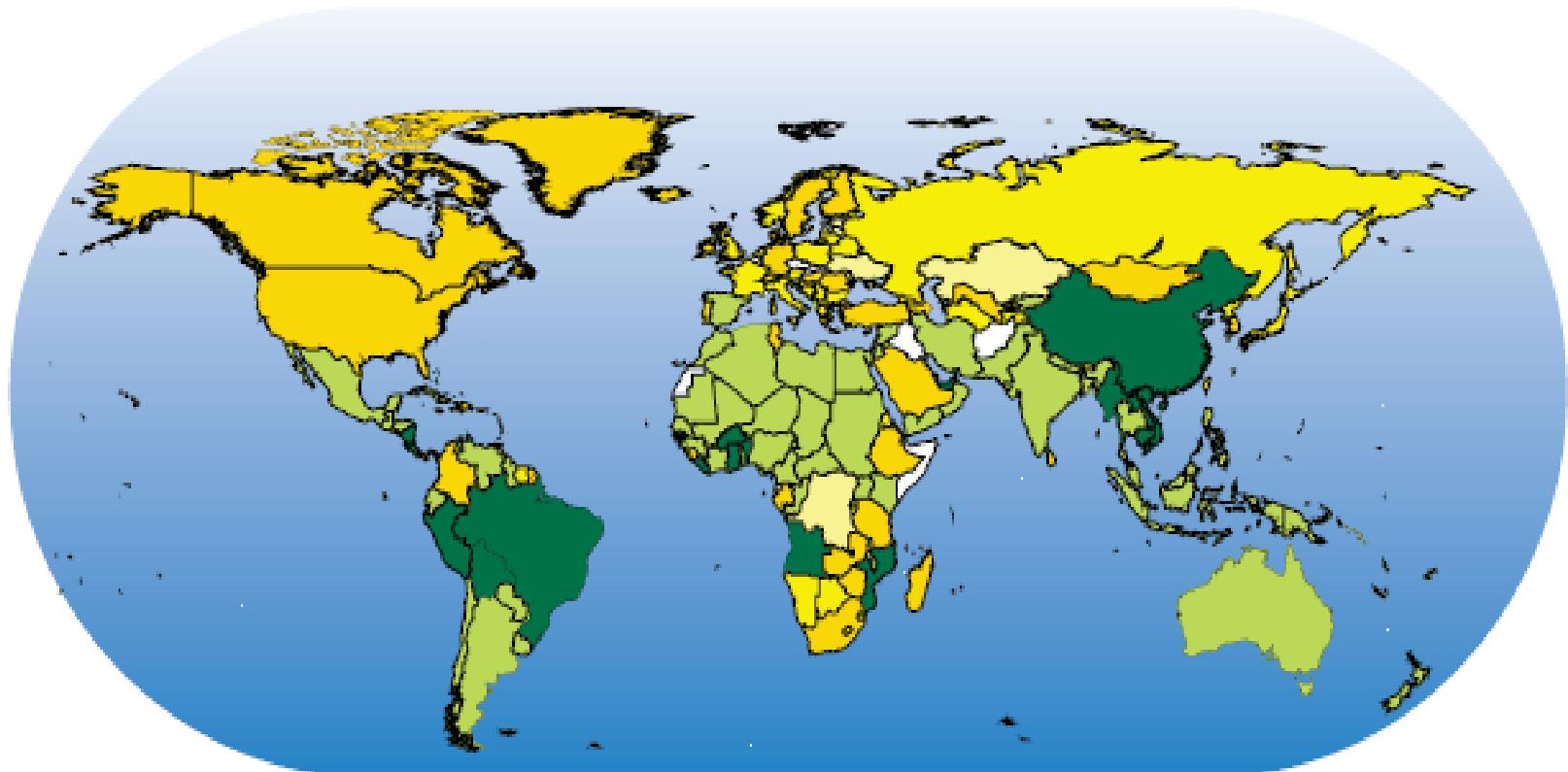
## Indexes (1961 = 100)





## Croissance de la production agricole (par habitant)

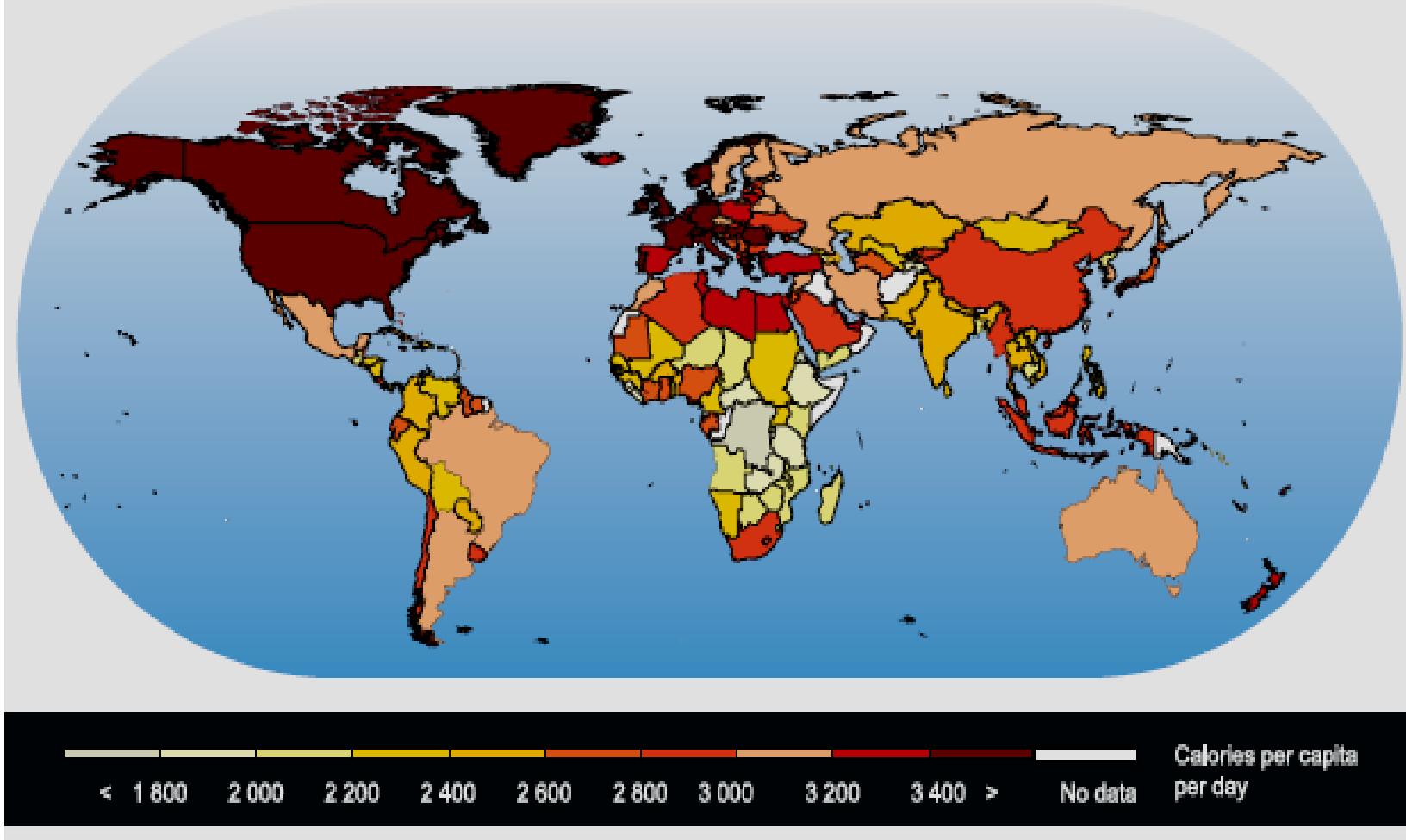
1993–2003

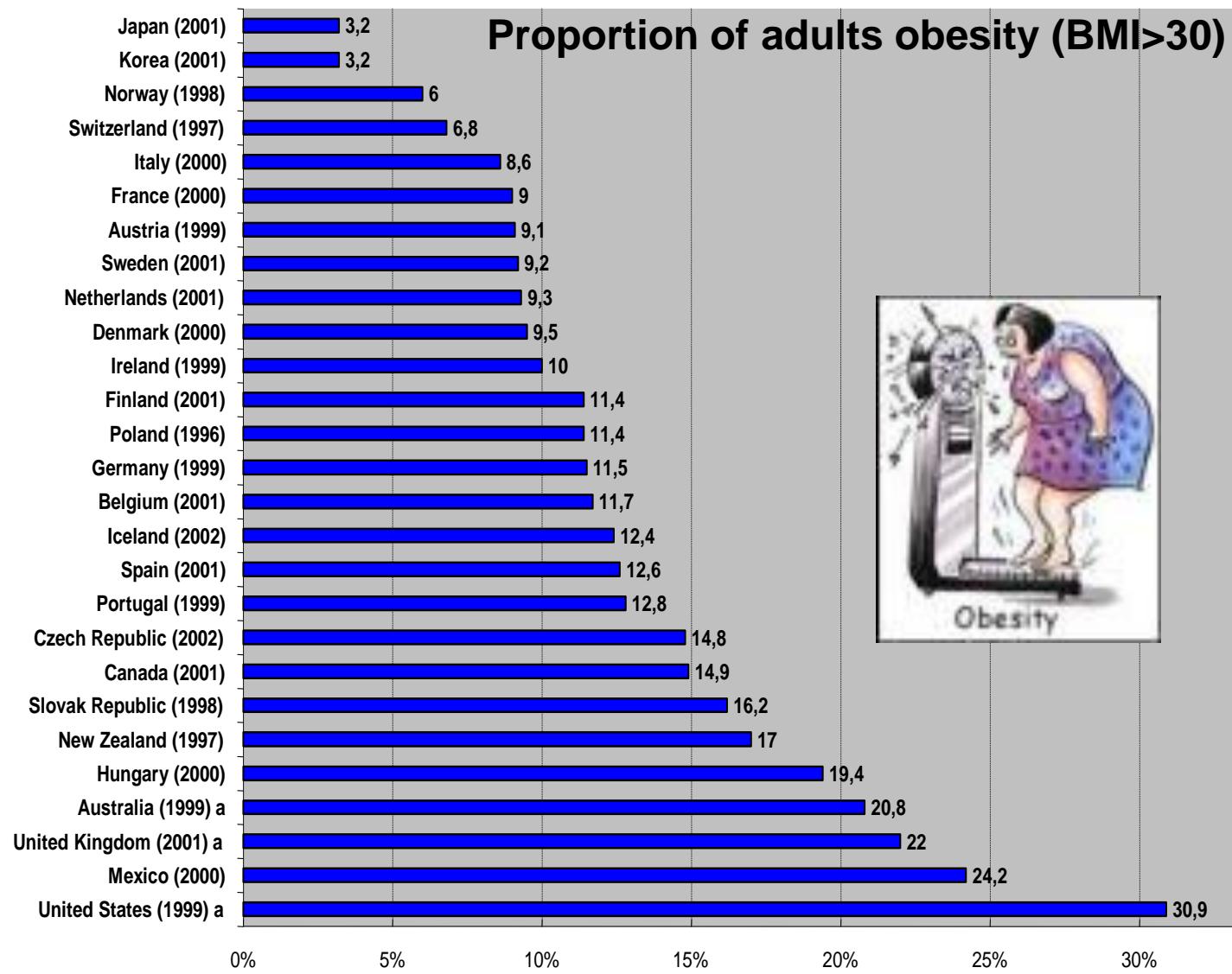




## Apports caloriques alimentaires

2000–2002







# Trade and development



## PAYS SIGNATAIRES DU GATT — 1947-48





# Principals cycles of negotiations

Le cycle de Genève (1947)	→	23 pays
Les cycles d'Annecy, de Torquey et de Genève (1949 - 1956)	→	26 pays
Le cycle Dillon (1960 – 1962)	→	26 pays
Le cycle Kennedy (1963 – 1967)	→	62 pays
Accords multi-fibres (1974)	→	
Le cycle de Tokyo (1974 – 1979)	→	
Le cycle d'Uruguay (1986 – 1994)	→	123 pays



WTO-OMC



<http://www.wto.org/>

**Location:** Geneva, Switzerland

**Established:** 1 January 1995

**Created by:** Uruguay Round negotiations (1986-94)

**Membership:** 164 countries on 29 July 2016

**Budget:** 197 million Swiss francs for 2014

**Secretariat staff:** 634

**Head:** Roberto Azevêdo (Director-General)



## World Trade Organisation

[https://www.wto.org/english/thewto\\_e/minist\\_e/minist\\_e.htm](https://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/minist_e/minist_e.htm)

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### Ministerial Conferences

- > [Nairobi, 15-19 December 2015](#)
- > [Bali, 3-6 December 2013](#)
- > [Geneva, 15-17 December 2011](#)
- > [Geneva, 30 November - 2 December 2009](#)
- > [Hong Kong, 13-18 December 2005](#)
- > [Cancún, 10-14 September 2003](#)
- > [Doha, 9-13 November 2001](#)
- > [Seattle, November 30 – December 3, 1999](#)
- > [Geneva, 18-20 May 1998](#)
- > [Singapore, 9-13 December 1996](#)



# Changing challenges



# UE ET USA : DEUX MODÈLES D'AGRICULTURE



**Production**  
*en milliards de dollars*

UE (15)

197

Etats-Unis

190



**Nombre d'exploitations**  
*en millions de fermes*

UE

7,37

Etats-Unis

2,06



**Surfaces de terres agricoles**  
*en millions d'hectares*

UE

134

Etats-Unis

425



**Taille moyenne des exploitations**  
*en hectares*

UE

18

Etats-Unis

207



**Subventions**  
*(soutien à la production)*  
*en milliards de dollars*

UE

90,2

Etats-Unis

49



**Subvention par agriculteur**  
*en dollars*

UE

14 000

Etats-Unis

20 000

Laurence Saubadu source : UE, OCDE 100504



## CAIRNS

Afrique du Sud

Argentine

**Australie**

Bolivie

Brésil

**Canada**

Chili

Colombie

Costa Rica

Guatemala

Indonésie

Malaisie

**Nouvelle Zélande**

Paraguay

Philippines

Thaïlande

Uruguay

## G 20

Afrique du Sud

Argentine

Bolivie

Brésil

Chili

**Chine**

Cuba

Egypte

Guatemala

**Inde**

Indonésie

Mexique

Nigéria

Pakistan

Paraguay

Philippines

Tanzanie

Thaïlande

Venezuela

Zimbabwe



<b>2001</b>	<b>TOTAL GDP</b>	<b>GDP AGRIC.</b>
G-20	12.6 %	20.9 %
US	32.3 %	6.8 %
EC-15	25.4 %	7.4 %
CAIRNS	8.0 %	7.5 %



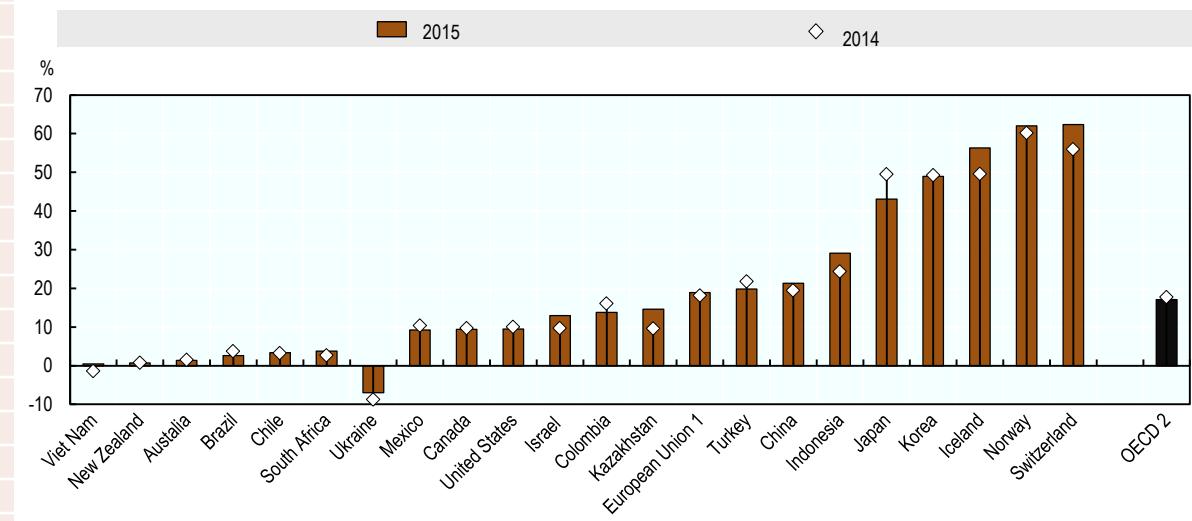
<b>2001</b>	<b>Pop. Total</b>	<b>Pop. Agric.</b>
G-20	56.8 %	70.0 %
US	4.7 %	0.2 %
EC-15	6.1 %	0.6 %
CAIRNS	9.2 %	4.9 %



<b>2001</b>	<b>EXPORT<sup>1</sup> AGRIC.</b>	<b>IMPORT<sup>1</sup> AGRIC.</b>
G-20	26.2 %	18.2 %
US	18.9 %	14.1 %
EC-15	18.9 %	17.2 %
CAIRNS	31.4 %	11.3 %



Figure: Producer Support Estimate by country, 2014 and 2015  
Percentage of gross farm receipts

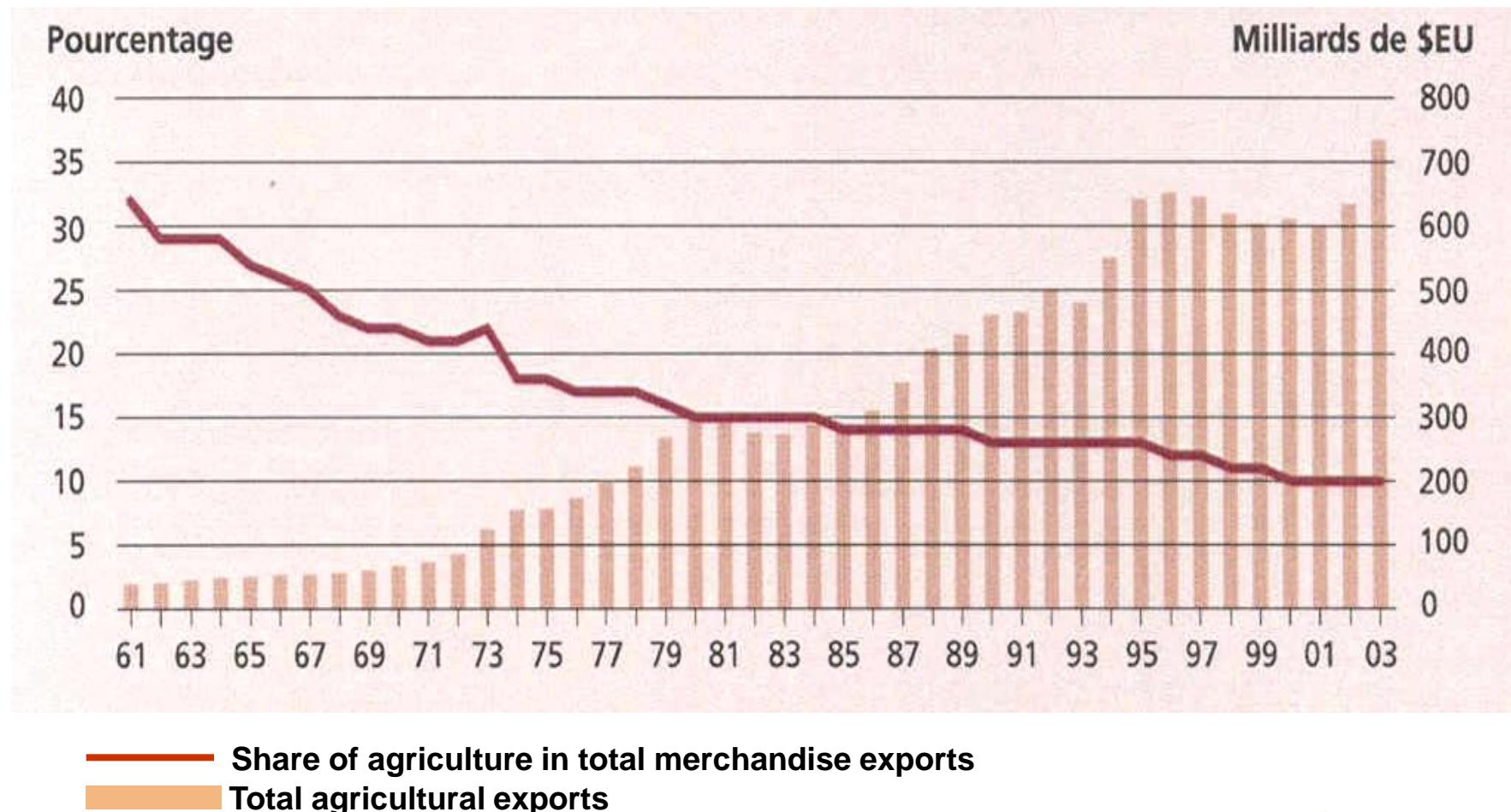


Source: OECD (2016), "Producer and Consumer Support Estimates", OECD Agriculture statistics (database).



# Prices and declining terms of trade

Total world agricultural exports and their share in merchandise exports





# Declining terms of trade

## Example : coffee

incomes of coffee producers countries

*Beginning  
of years 90*

*Today*



10 à 12 billions USD

5 à 6 billions USD

-50%

Retail Sales

*Beginning  
of years 90*

*Today*



30 billions USD

70 billions USD

+133%



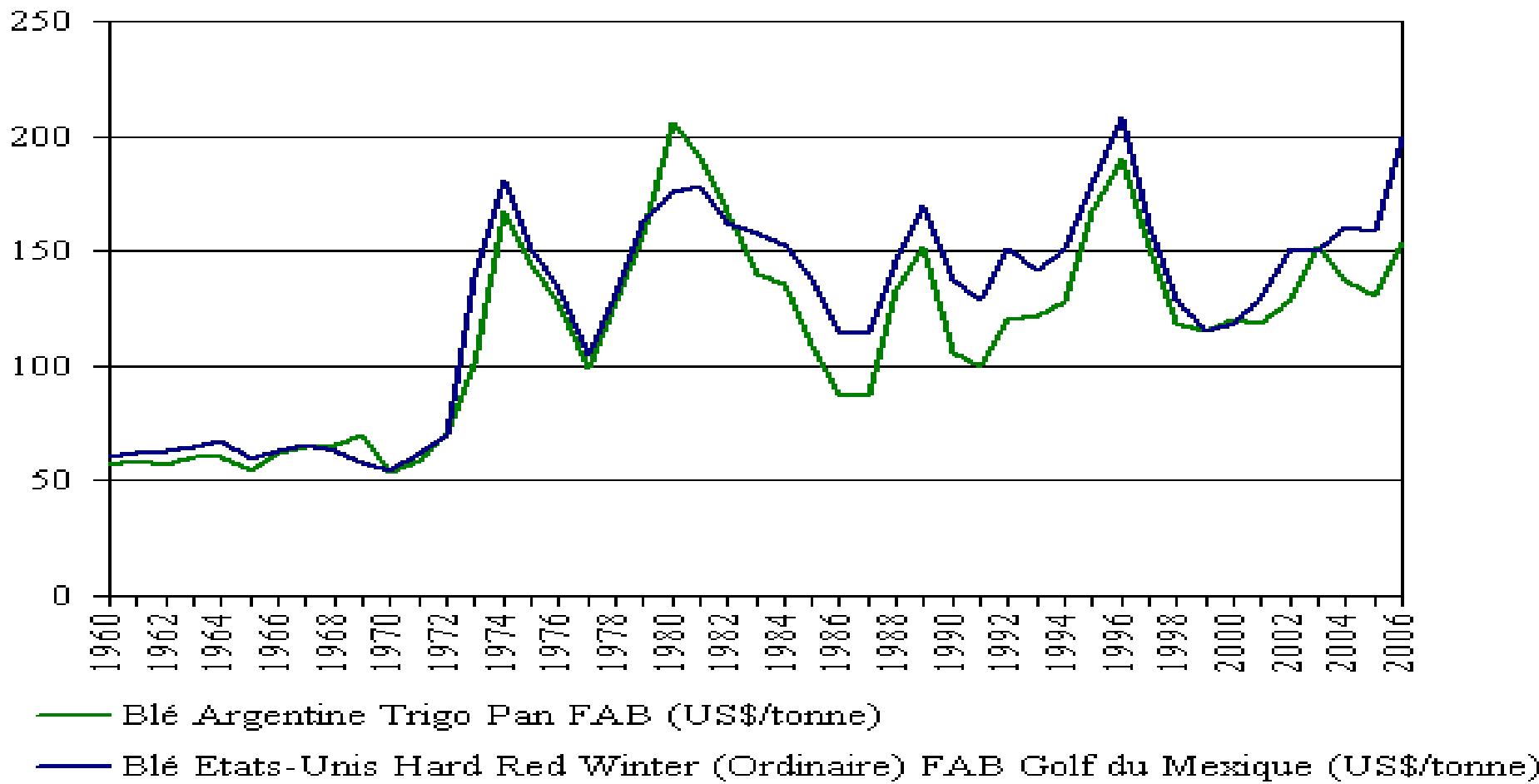
# The volatility of world markets for agricultural products

## KING effect

« Any change in agricultural supply, resulting deficit or surplus, determines a further change in the price »



## Comparison between wheat prices (Argentine Trigo Pan FOB & USA Hard Red Winter (FOB ) Mexico Golf from 1960 to 2005, USD/tons





# **THE MARKETS FUTURES FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS:**

**THE INSURANCE  
OF A PRICE  
BUT NOT A GUARANTEE OF  
A REMUNERATIVE PRICE**



## Commodity Futures Price Quotes For Coffee (ICE Futures)

	Open	High	Lowt	Last
<a href="#"><u>Dec'16</u></a>	138.85	139.00	138.20	138.20
<a href="#"><u>Mar'17</u></a>	142.85	143.20	140.80	142.45
<a href="#"><u>May'17</u></a>	144.85	145.50	143.10	144.80
<a href="#"><u>Jul'17</u></a>	147.70	147.70	145.50	147.00
<a href="#"><u>Sep'17</u></a>	149.65	149.65	147.25	148.80
<a href="#"><u>Dec'17</u></a>	152.15	152.20	150.05	151.65
<a href="#"><u>Mar'18</u></a>	152.70	154.25	152.70	154.25



# CENTRAL HIGHLANDS SPECIFICITIES





# Demography

THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS TOTAL POPULATION:

5,460,400 (GSP, 2013)

WITH NEARLY 20 ETHNIC GROUPS,  
OF WHICH:

KINH (3,310,000),  
GIA RAI (409,000),  
EDE (304,000).



# Demography

A LARGE NUMBER OF KINH PEOPLE MIGRATED TO THE REGION FROM THE NORTHERN AND CENTRAL PROVINCES OF VIETNAM

SINCE THE 1990S RESULTING IN A REMARKABLE POPULATION GROWTH OF 485% IN 1999.



**Population growth has since resulted during the same period, intensifying resource use, including water.**

**Much of the increased agricultural production has been based on cropping, with deforestation providing cropping land and increasing water use.**



**Vietnam is the second largest coffee producer in the world, and approximately forty percent of national coffee output originates from Dak Lak Province.**

**In recent years coffee production in Dak Lak has been significantly constrained by dry season water shortages, and the sustainability of smallholder coffee production in the region has been questioned.**



**“Coffee smallholders in the Dak Lak Plateau are technically and allocatively inefficient irrigators, meaning they can both reduce the amount of irrigation water input use per tree per season, and can also reschedule irrigations to achieve higher output using the same amount of water input”.**

Cheesman, J., Son, T. V. H. and Bennett, J. W., 2007. Valuing irrigation water in coffee production in Viet Nam’s Dak Lak Plateau: a marginal productivity analysis, Managing Groundwater Access in the Central Highlands of Viet Nam Project Research Paper 6, Canberra.



# **Reforestation should be promoted in specific areas**

# **Proposed changes would make specific farmers efficient forest managers**



**Typical monocultures in the Central Highlands could be replaced with diversified cropping systems, which vary agricultural products (both cultivation and livestock).**

**These diversified systems engender multiple sources of household income and promote resilience to climate change and extreme weather events.**



Farmers have already developed effective adaptation practices with their accumulated experience and knowledge against the effects of drought.

For instance, a common practice among farmers in the province of Dak Lak is integrating trees (e.g. fruit and timber trees) with agriculture crops.



However, no standard guidelines are in place for such practices since intercropping designs vary from farm to farm.

So, excellent research question for Phan Thi Thuy, PhD Student!



## Other research topic:

**Vietnam National University of Agriculture (VNUA) is currently working with USSEC to research and development of a new fish production model.**



**The intensive pond aquaculture (IPA) technology enhances management control to yield greater fish production at lower per-unit cost through improved fish survival and feed conversion.**

**The zero exchange system captures nutrients for use as a crop fertilizer and requires minimal use of drugs and chemicals to ensure food safety (Cremer, M. and al., 2014).**

<http://pdf.gaalliance.org/pdf/GAA-Cremer-Jan14.pdf>



# New Aquaculture System





With 13,900 ha of water surface for aquaculture, total aquaculture production (mainly fish) was 29,156 tons, with capture fishery producing about 4,600 ton.

Among the five Central Highlands provinces, Dak Lak has the largest aquaculture area (7,800 ha) and produces 50% of the total fish production in the region.

# Q & A

**Thank you for your attention!**

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