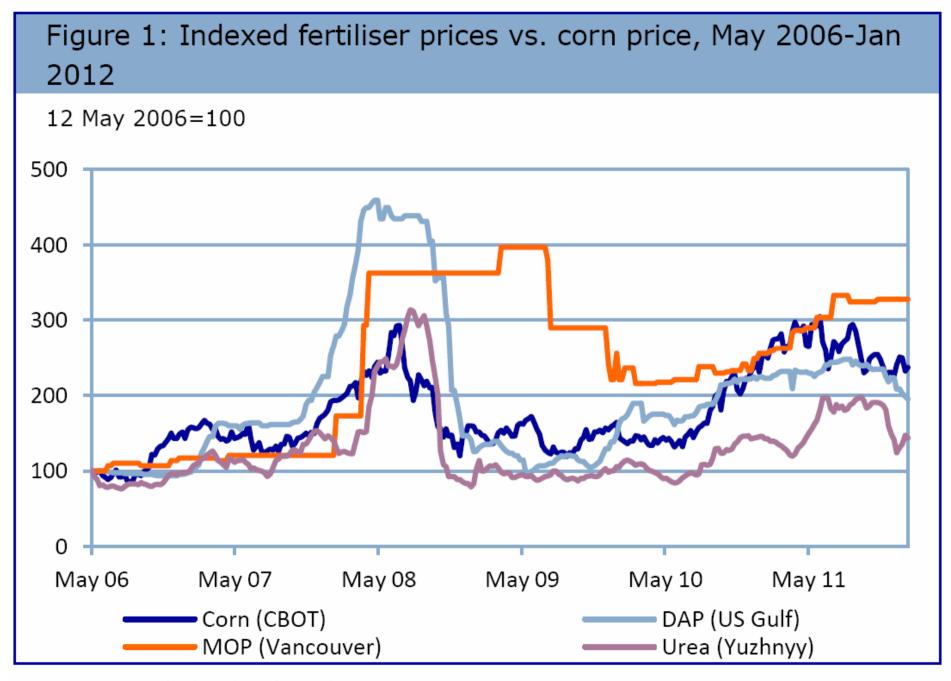


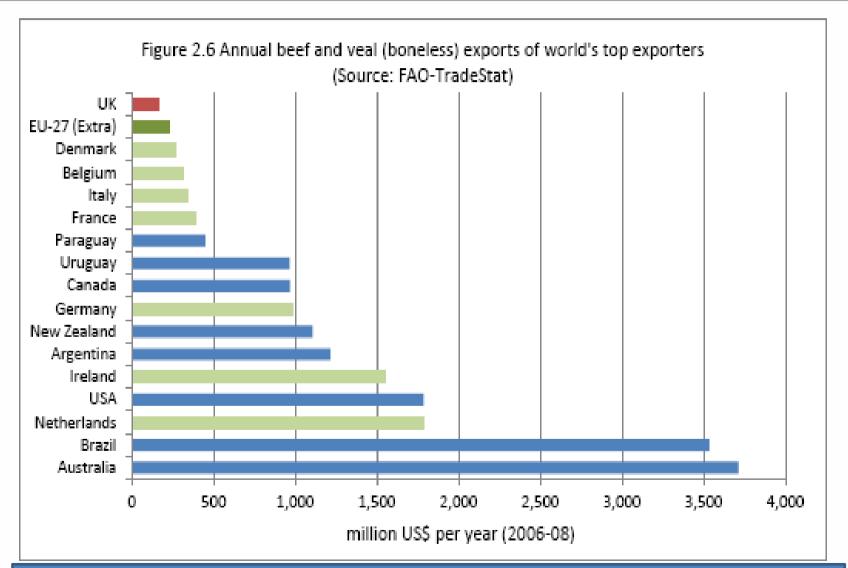
# World factors creating volatility in crop inputs and outputs

Matthew Dempsey, Editor & Chief Executive, Irish Farmers Journal

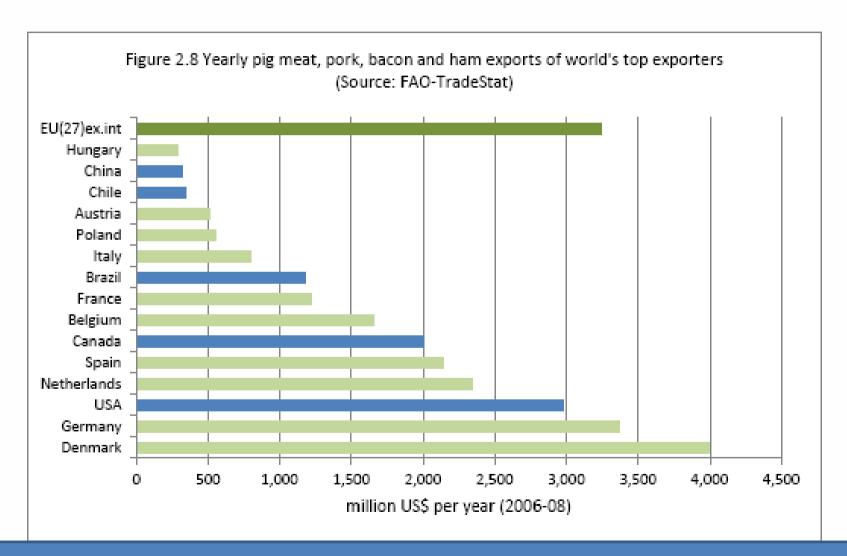


Source: Rabobank, Bloomberg, CRU, 2012

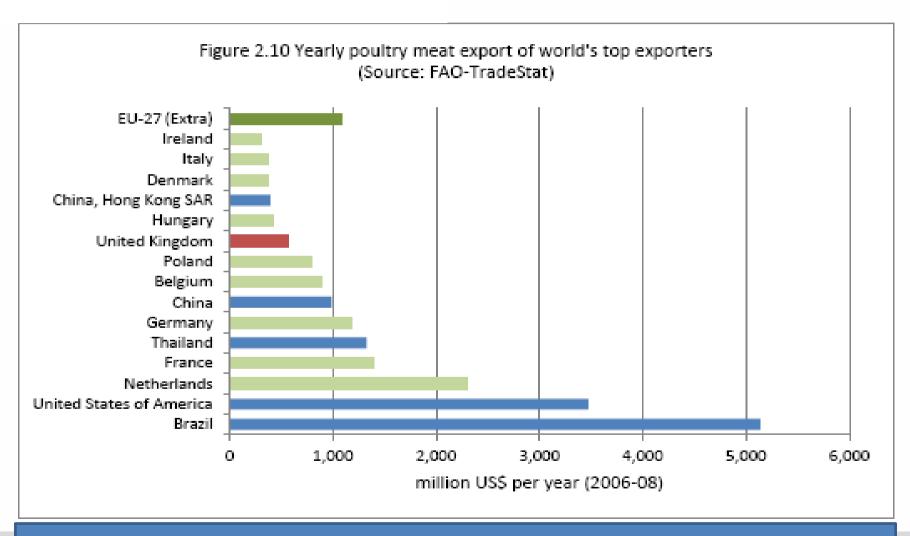




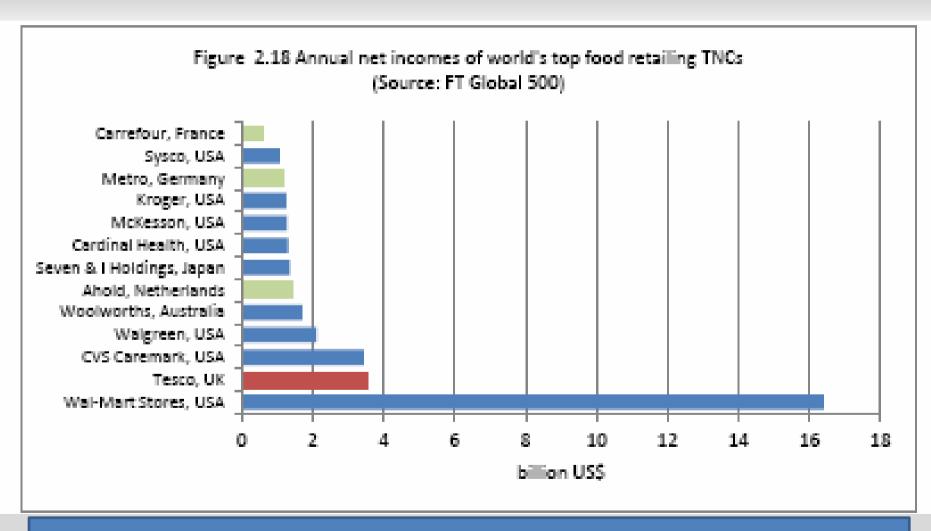






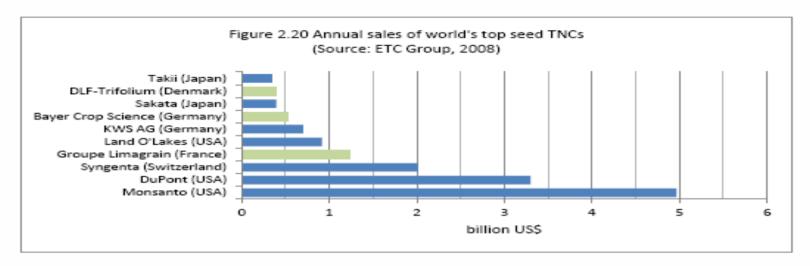




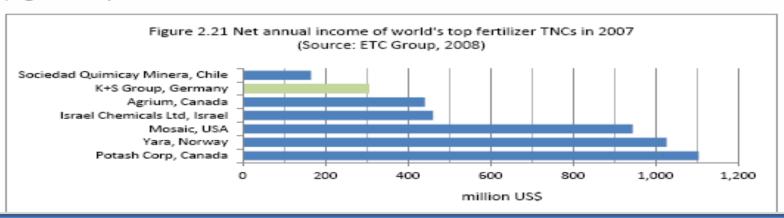


Source: Power in Agriculture, Oxford Farming Conference 2012

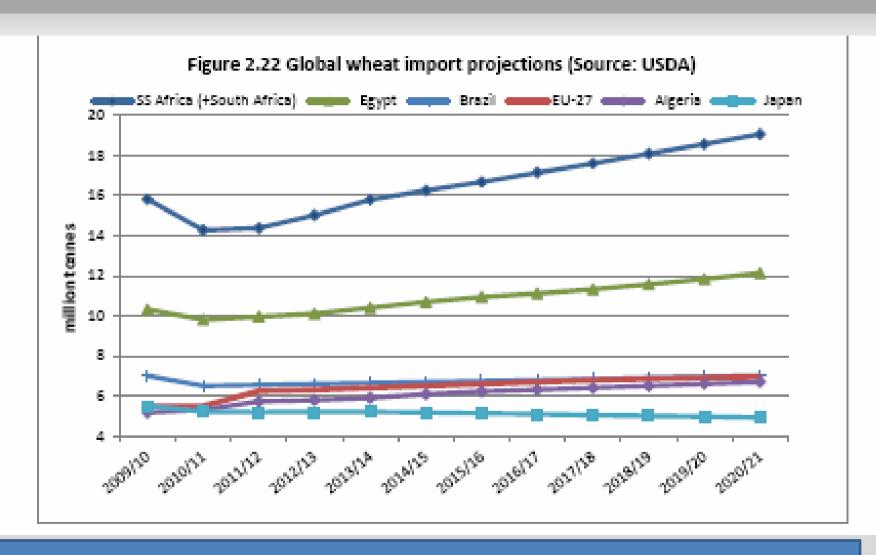




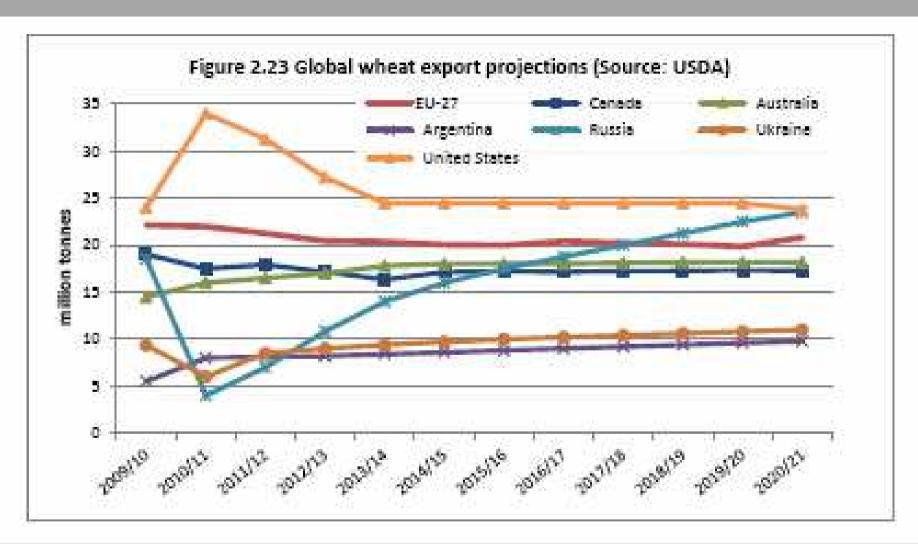
Only seven TNCs currently dominate the fertiliser market of the world (Figure 2.21). In terms of net income in 2007, Potash Corporation ranked first in the world (US\$1104 million), while Yara (US\$1027 million) and Mosaic (US\$944 million) ranked second and third respectively (Figure 2.21).



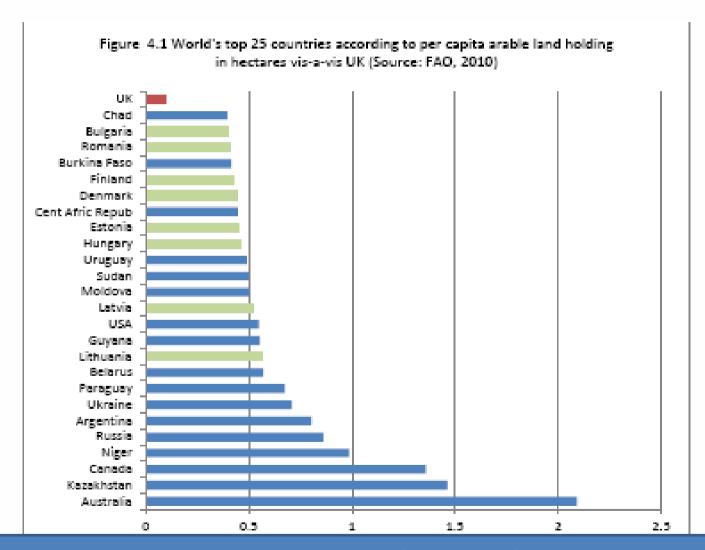












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# **Projected Prices in 2012 OECD**



Milk
 22.11 cent / ltr

Soft Wheat €106 / tonne

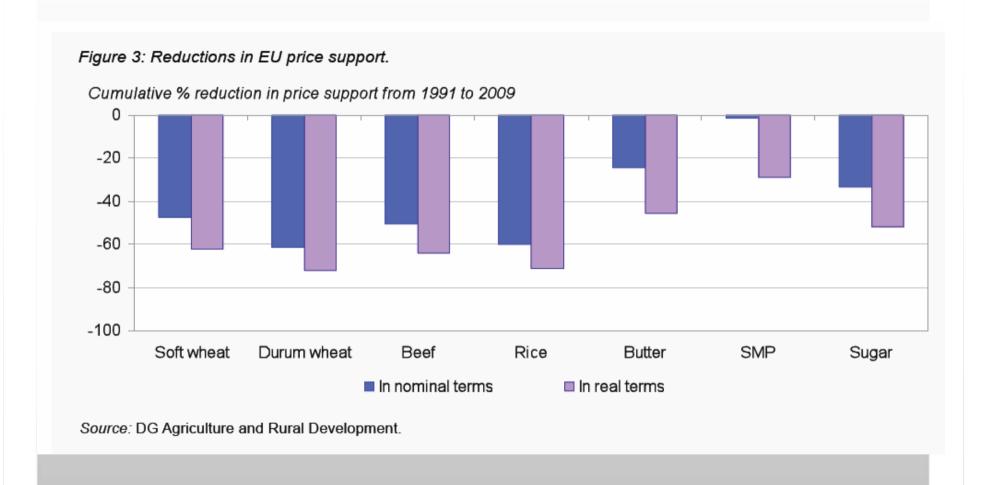
• Barley €100 / tonne

• Beef R3 €2.50 / kg d.wt

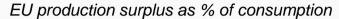
• Sheep €3.84 / kg d.wt

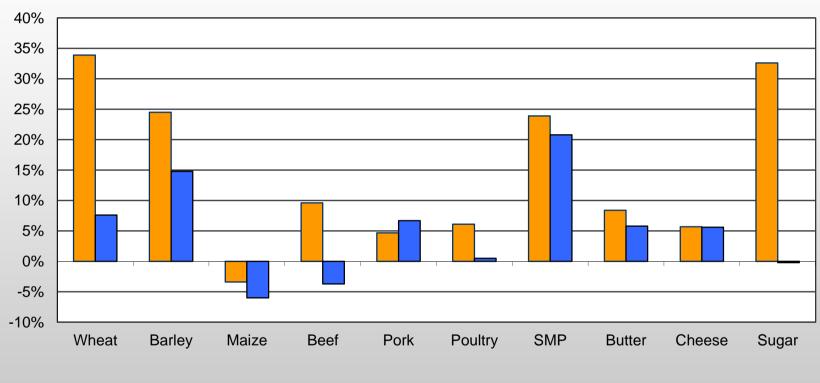
• Pigs €1.29 / kg d.wt

#### Reductions in EU price support



#### ...and its market impact





■ Production surplus: 1990/1994 avg

Sources: European Commission – Eurostat and DG Agriculture and Rural Development





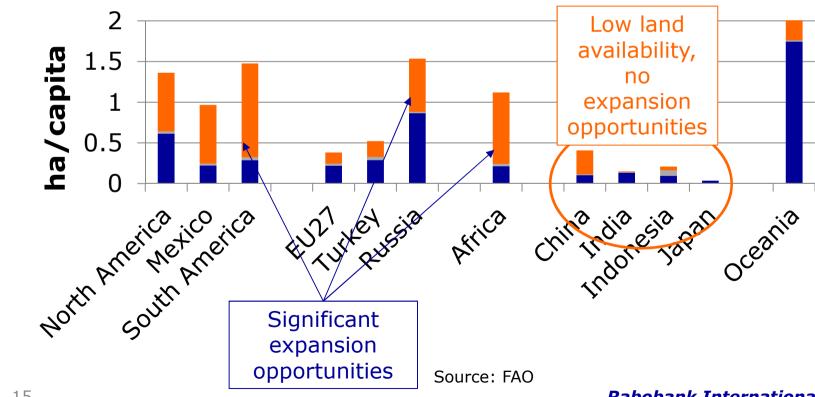
# Economic growth effects

Income level per capita	Effect of economic growth on food consumption		
<\$2 per day	Eat more (increase calorie intake)		
\$2-\$10 per day	Switch from grains to meat and dairy		
>\$10 per day	O per day Increase spending on services/quality (convenience, brands, fresh/cooled)		

### Growth regions lack land

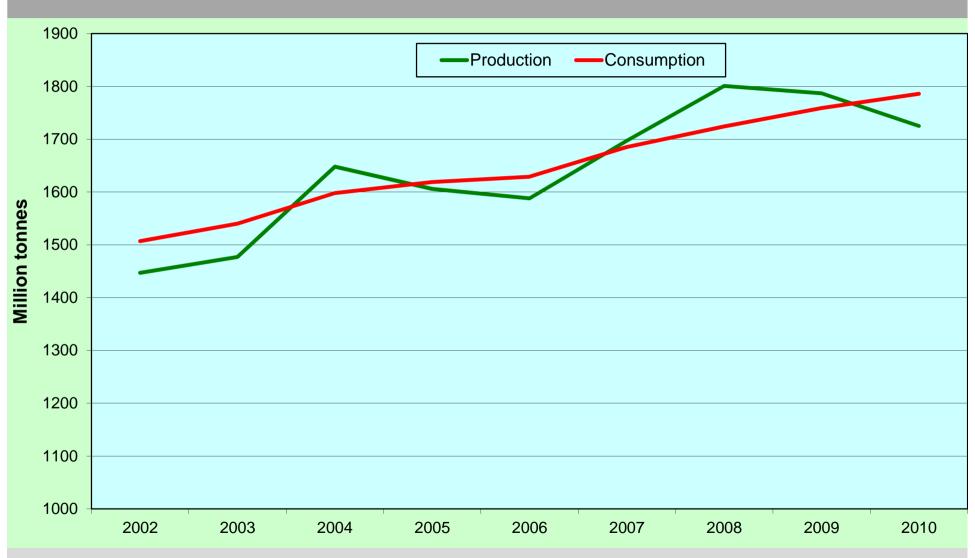


- Permanent meadows and pastures
- Permanent crops
- Arable land



# World grain supply/demand





# Wheat / Oil Exchange Rate 1950 - 2010



			OUTINAL
Year	Bushel of Wheat US\$	Barrel of Oil US\$	Bushels per Barrel (Ratio)
1950	1.89	1.71	1
1960	1.58	1.85	1
1970	1.49	1.79	1
1975	4.06	11.45	3
1980	4.70	35.71	8
1985	3.70	27.37	7
1990	3.69	22.99	6
1995	4.82	17.20	4
1999	3.05	17.98	6
2001	3.45	24.33	7
2003	3.98	28.89	7
2004 *	4.20	36.00	9
2010	4.60	80.00	17

Source: IMF Statistics Online Database.

<sup>\*</sup> Author's estimates based on April wheat & oil futures price for 2004

#### Milk Prices



Figure 1
Milk prices EU, Us and NZ since 1997 (c/l)

