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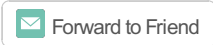


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Given that proven technologies and practices to reduce postharvest loss exist, why don't farmers and managers around the world employ them?

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News

Issues of Loss

FPCCI demands to improve storage infrastructure *Pakistan Observer*

The president of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) has stated that postharvest losses due to inadequate storage and refrigeration are causing Pakistan to lose billions of rupees every year. The FPCCI has suggested that the government devise a policy and provide incentives to construct warehouses.

Grain bin listings available to farmers facing spring floods *Manitoba Co-operator*

In anticipation of upcoming floods, the Manitoba, Canada, government has launched a grain bin listing service to assist farmers in moving grain to prevent water damage. Current grain elevators are above full capacity, so there are plans to process more grains within the province to prevent over-capacity in the future.

Philippine rice farmers need government support to reduce production costs, says agriculture secretary *Orzya*

Production costs of rice in the Philippines are currently high for several reasons, including a lack of farm mechanization, lack of postharvest facilities, high prices of inputs, and disproportionate interest on farm loans. Government programs are being put into place to better support farmers.

Projects

USD \$34 million IFAD loan and grants to strengthen post-harvest interventions and resilience to climate change in Rwanda *IFAD News*

The government of Rwanda and IFAD launched a new project in Kigali, Rwanda, to advance postharvest loss reduction efforts. The Climate Resilient and Postharvest Agribusiness Support Project will target over 32,000 rural households, and will provide opportunities for smallholder farmers to acquire skills, knowledge, and access to service providers in hopes of delivering improved produce to the market.

New innovations to reduce harvest loss in Africa *Rockefeller Foundation*

The Rockefeller Foundation has partnered with the Global Knowledge Initiative (GKI) to perform a global scan of postharvest food loss innovations to better understand the breadth of available solutions. The scan revealed that food losses can be reduced by improving farmers' use of good agricultural practices, but

inadequate extension efforts limit farmers' awareness of these practices.

FAO plans to ensure food security *The Daily Star*

In Bangladesh, the FAO will provide additional technical assistance programs, valued at about \$100 million in funding, to develop capacity and institutions for long-term food security. Efforts will be made to increase farmers' market access, enhance food safety, and improve agricultural extension to reduce yield gaps between research stations and producers' fields.

Good postharvest management key to attaining food security *CIMMYT*

Coordinators from CIMMYT's Effective Grain Storage for Sustainable Livelihoods of African Farmers Project (EGSP) Phase-II organized a workshop in Zambia in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture. The objective was to impart knowledge and skills to extension staff and agro-dealers on managing metal silos and super grain bags to reduce postharvest losses.

P4P procurement update *WFP News*

A multi-country WFP Purchase for Progress project supports the development of local processing capacity for smallholders so that they can compete in regional and global markets. Preliminary procurement figures from the treatment period show that over 430,000 metric tonnes of commodities at a value exceeding US \$167 million have been contracted, and smallholders have also been successfully connected to sustainable markets.

Technology

DA: Mechanization key to food security *Inquirer*

According to the Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization, the use of farm machinery in certain provinces has shown that the Philippines can achieve 100% rice self-sufficiency. There are goals to increase the national average of mechanization to 2-3 hp/ha by 2016 through the passage of the Agriculture and Fisheries Mechanization Act.

Mechanization project to reduce postharvest losses for rice farmers *Kenya News Agency*

The Mwea branch of the Kenya Agricultural Research Institute has initiated a project aimed at improving rice production and reducing the losses incurred by farmers during the harvesting period, which are estimated to be at 22%. The project aims at introducing the farmers to simple machines for postharvest support.

Reports

Food losses and waste in Europe and Central Asia (PDF) *FAO*

A recent conference in Bucharest, Romania, has revealed issues and policy options for reduction of food losses and waste in middle- and low-income countries in Central Asia and Europe. One of the key issues is identifying the causes and mitigation measures of food loss and waste, as well as improving information and data on these topics.

UN Rome-based agencies reveal food security and nutrition targets for post-2015 agenda *WFP News*

The FAO, IFAD, and WFP recently unveiled the results of their joint work to develop targets and indicators for a new global development paradigm for sustainable agriculture, food security, and nutrition. One of the targets was to improve efficiency of post-production food systems to reduce global food loss and waste by 50 percent.

Climate change, food security, and small-scale producers (PDF) *CGIAR CCAFS*

The CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture, and Food Security published an analysis of the Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) released by the IPCC. The analysis provides a brief on the impact that climate change has on food farming, particularly on small-scale farmers and livestock keepers that are

dependent on agricultural systems.

Awareness

BJP vows 50pc profits to farmers *The Week*

The BJP, a national political party of India, promises to achieve farm growth, saying it will increase public investment in agriculture, provide cheaper agri-inputs and credit, and introduce latest technologies for farming. To reduce postharvest losses, the BJP says it will incentivize the establishment of food processing industries.

Zimbabwe: Women key in food production and security *The Herald*

The executive director of the Zimbabwe Women Resource Centre and Network has emphasized that training women in the production and processing of small grains can make government investments in the country more worth while. Empowering women can increase income generation and alleviate hunger, and directly impact families and communities.

HINGBETI 2014: Lagos lists priority areas for agriculture *World Stage News*

The Lagos government of Nigeria has identified key agricultural value chains it hopes to leverage to achieve food sufficiency for its residents. The agriculture value chains being focused on are poultry, rice production, cassava cultivation, aquaculture, vegetable, postharvest, and others.

Entice youth to take up farming - Ambassador *Ghana Web*

Ghana's Ambassador to Italy has recently stressed the importance of youth in agriculture to feed the nation and potentially export surplus. This can be done by investing capital into agricultural production to promote innovation in modern agriculture, such as developing better postharvest facilities.

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