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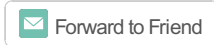


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## Key Articles



### Blumberg Grain to invest \$250m in grain storage in Nigeria

New public-private initiative seeks to make Nigeria the hub for grain and cold storage in African agricultural logistics



## The bane of unprofessional warehouses

Need to develop a strong warehousing system equipped with modern and scientific storage facilities in India urgent, says Assocham study

## News

### Issues of Loss

#### **Storage: FCI in comfort zone** *Business Standard*

After facing a lack of space during the past few wheat procurement seasons, the FCI of India will have access to more storage space this year. A combination of increased storage space, lower procurement, and lifting of stocks has improved the storage situation.

#### **Move and process last year's grain still in storage** *Portage Daily Graphic*

A combination of limited grain storage capacity and slow movement of grain out of Western Canada has increased the risk of temporarily stored grain spoiling due to insect infestation, mold growth, and rodents. Experts recommend moving grain out of temporary storage silobags and quonset huts as soon as possible to reduce the risk of spoilage.

### Projects

#### **Government urged to amend Warehouse Receipt Act** *News Day*

To enhance commodity marketing, the government of Zimbabwe has been urged to amend the Warehouse Receipt Act to pave the way for a new model. The proposed model will include electronic receipts, a central depository, a dispute resolution mechanism, and the establishment of the Zimbabwe Agriculture Commodity Exchange (ZIMACE). This will provide a platform for efficient price discovery, reduced postharvest losses, better risk management, and increased access to credit by farmers.

#### **Farmers benefit from P2-M WFP project** *The Philippine Star*

Joint agricultural projects funded by the United Nations (UN) and the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (DAF-ARMM) have been launched in the Maguindanao province of the Philippines. Peasant groups in this region have received P2 million worth of postharvest facilities that include collapsible grain drying cases and hermetic cocoon-type storage bins through the World Food Programme to improve food security.

#### **Record purchase from P4P-supported farmers in Ethiopia** *World Food Programme*

The UN World Food Programme recently bought nearly 19,000 metric tonnes of food produced by smallholder farmers in Ethiopia, making it the largest contract with Purchase for Progress (P4P) farmers to date. However, WFP has identified challenges with the P4P program, such as limited storage capacity, and

has started working on improvements with postharvest technologies alongside the government of Ethiopia.

### **WFP contracts private company to market quality grain at its Gulu warehouse** *World Food Programme*

In another project, the World Food Programme has leased its 5,000 metric tonne warehouse in Gulu, Uganda, to the company Afgri-Gulu Ltd. The support of Afgri-Gulu Ltd allows farmers to process, bag, and store grain, while using their produce as collateral to access finance via legally tradable electronic receipts. Afgri-Gulu will also provide training on postharvest handling and good agricultural practices.

### **Russian firm to build Egypt silos** *State Information Service*

A partnership between the Minister for Industry and Foreign Trade of Egypt and a Russian company has resulted in a plan to construct wheat storage silos in Egypt. The Russian-style silos will provide a safe way to store the staple crop and reduce postharvest losses.

### **Cargill to expand Manitoba grain elevator amid crop backlog** *Reuters*

Multiple companies in Canada have recently made plans to expand and increase grain storage capacity after a struggle to move a record-large harvest to port. Cargill Ltd. plans to increase grain storage capacity in Morris, Manitoba, Canada, by 20,000 tonnes in addition to equipping the new storage site with access to 100 rail cars to load grain easily and avoid another backlog.

### **Food security research gets a focus and a home** *Business Report*

The Centre of Excellence in Food Security at the University of Western Cape has been launched to improve food production and security in South Africa. This platform will look into policies and technical interventions to increase access to affordable and nutritious food, as well as preventing waste during production and delivery.

## Reports

### **Groundnut value chain in Malawi: postharvest** *Farm Radio International*

An issue pack analyzing the postharvest value chain of groundnuts has been released to provide radio broadcasters with information to create effective reports. The issue pack is organized into two sections that present a case study on a groundnut processor, and factual background information on groundnut postharvest activities, including the various reasons for postharvest losses along the value chain.

## Awareness

### **The shocking cost of food waste** (VIDEO) *Forbes*

The FAO's latest Food Wastage Footprint video explains the retail cost of food loss, which is valued at \$1 trillion dollars each year. In addition to the high retail cost of food waste, an additional \$700 billion is wasted in natural resources, including water, forest clearing, and the cost of greenhouse gas emissions.

### **Future survival of human civilization will depend on cutting food losses and waste** *Zero Hunger Challenge*

The latest IPCC report launched in Yokohama, Japan, highlighted the growing concern over food loss in relation to climate change. Climate change and the growing scarcity of natural resources makes the production of food more difficult, which makes saving food from being wasted crucial.

### **Raising the bar to reduce poverty and realize the MDGs** *This Day Live*

Continued efforts toward the Millennium Development Goals in Kwara State, Nigeria, have been made to alleviate poverty in the region. These efforts include empowering farmers and ensuring more foodstuffs are produced to boost the economic development of the state. One program in particular seeks to curb

postharvest losses by helping farmers make concrete plans for their business to ensure a ready market for their produce.

### **Agriculture at top of global agenda** *The Huffington Post*

The co-chairs of the UN discussion of Sustainable Development Goals have listed poverty eradication, sustainable agriculture, food security, and nutrition as their top areas of focus to shape global development until 2030. Reducing postharvest losses and food waste will be critical to achieving these goals.

## Opinions

### **What should come with mechanization** *Manila Standard Today*

The average age of a Filipino farmer is 57 years old, so a further increase in mechanization can make farming less burdensome. PhilMech, the Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization, hopes to raise farm mechanization from the current 1.23 horsepower per hectare to 2 horsepower per hectare to improve yields and decrease postharvest losses.

### **Food losses and waste reduction as one way to secure food in Japan** *Food Tank*

Although reducing food loss and food waste has been a long-term policy goal of Japan, the concern over this issue developed differently than elsewhere in the world due to its dependence on overseas resources for meeting domestic food demand. Food loss and waste represent a loss of domestic security for this reason, which demonstrates the need to alleviate the problem.

### **The youth hold key to food security** *Daily Nation*

Sir Gordon Conway, professor of International Development and Director of Agriculture for Impact, was recently interviewed to discuss agricultural development problems in Africa. Some suggestions include enabling women to succeed as farmers via better access to finance, and making agricultural school more appealing to Generation Y.

## Related Articles

- **Plan to control post harvest losses of vegetables**
- **Wheat procurement yet to start in Punjab, Haryana**
- **Food industry alliance publishes toolkit for reducing food waste**
- **Food wastage remains a serious concern**

## Conferences & Symposiums

- 1 May 2014 - Berkeley, California, United States  
**Evidence to Action: Building Markets for Small Scale Farmers**
- 7 - 8 May 2014 - Rome, Italy  
**SAVE FOOD 2014 Congress**
- 7 - 8 May 2014 - Foz do Iguacu, Brazil  
**RTRS 9th Annual International Conference on Responsible Soy (RT9/GA8)**
- 15 - 17 May 2014 - Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
**IFPRI 2020 Conference on Building Resilience for Food & Nutrition Security**
- 21 May 2014 - Cranfield University, Bedfordshire, United Kingdom  
**Re-imagining Agriculture: Engineering as the Strategic Enabler**

- 22 May 2014 - Washington, D.C., United States  
**2014 National Policy Conference: The Devolution of AgriCULTURE**
- 22 May 2014 - Washington, D.C., United States  
**2014 Global Food Security Symposium**
- 28 May - 6 June 2014 - Lafayette, Indiana, United States  
**2014 Borlaug Summer Institute on Global Food Security**
- 16 - 27 June 2014 - Davis, California, United States  
**Postharvest Technology Short Course**
- 17 - 19 June 2014 - Cape Town, South Africa  
**International Food & Agribusiness Management Association World Forum**
- 23 - 25 June 2014 - Washington, D.C., United States  
**TOPS Food Assistance Commodity Management Workshop**
- 6 - 8 August 2014 - Hiroshima, Japan  
**The Asian Congress on the Millennium Development Goals**
- 26 - 28 August 2014 - Gatineau, Ottawa, Canada  
**International Conference on Water, Informatics, Sustainability, and Environment**
- 13 - 16 October 2014 - Mar del Plata, Argentina  
**1st International Conference of Grain Storage in Silo Bags**
- 14 - 17 October 2014 - Wageningen, Netherlands  
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