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Key Articles



10 mt of wheat export possible by reducing spoilage

Study conducted by the Assocham of India shows improving storage to reduce postharvest losses can allow India to export an additional 10 million tonnes of wheat



Documenting grain loss in the Brazilian harvesting supply chain

Researchers at the University of Illinois and three Brazilian universities collaborate to measure and document postharvest losses of soybeans and corn

News

Issues of Loss

Rotting wheat stocks in a village near Ludhiana (VIDEO) *The Hindu Business Line*

A video depicting rotting wheat stocks on a two-acre plot on the outskirts of Mullanpur village, Ludhiana, India has been released to show the extent of the waste in the country. Those who live nearby say the wheat belongs to the Punjab state agency, and are waiting for state authorities to dispose of the damaged crop.

22,000 wheat bags recovered *The Nation*

A raid on three rice mills completed by the Food Department of Pakistan has resulted in the recovery of 22,000 bags of illegally stored wheat in Daska, Pakistan. According to Assistant Commissioner Zulfiqar Ahmed Bhoon, storing the large quantity of wheat illegally intended to create an artificial shortage in the region.

Projects

Nigeria woos Investors *All Africa*

The Minister of Agriculture of Nigeria recently called upon investors to support agriculture in the country by implementing the Staple Crops Processing Zones scheme. This scheme, established by the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, aims to drastically reduce postharvest food wastage and boost production to decrease dependence on imports.

SNV supports 3,000 farmers in a rice project *Ghana Web*

The SNV Netherlands Development Organization recently started a two-year project in northern Ghana to improve the domestic rice market. The project aims to improve food security and income of smallholder farmers by linking them to productive resources, including rice harvesting technology and postharvest management.

Alfonso Castaneda town gets P20M FMRs, postharvest facility projects from DAR *Philippine Information Agency*

Municipal officers and farmers in the town of Alfonso Castaneda, Philippines recently received Farm-to-Market and postharvest facility projects to improve agricultural production and economic life of villagers. The postharvest facility will provide drying and storage for farm products, as well as serve as a center for business transactions, such as palay trading.

Education by animation: Videos reaching tens of thousands of Ethiopian farmers *News Bureau Illinois*

Scientific Animators Without Borders (SAWBO), an educational initiative at the University of Illinois and partially funded by the ADM Institute, recently released a video demonstrating efficient ways to plant teff, a nutritious staple crop in Ethiopia. Through partnerships with local institutions, the videos have reached an estimated 168,000 farmers. By utilizing the method in the video, Ethiopian farmers can save up to 49 kilograms of edible teff seeds.

Reports

Report urges U.S. commitment to addressing impact of climate change on global food security *The Chicago Council*

The newly released Chicago Council on Global Affairs annual report on agricultural calls on the U.S. government to act on curbing the risks to global food security posed by climate change. One of the report's four main recommendations is to advance climate change adaptation and mitigation through partnerships, emphasizing the need to implement for strategies 'beyond the farm gate'. Governments, the private sector, and other institutions are urged to prioritize the reduction of postharvest losses and to improve the quality, security, and continuity of supply chains.

Awareness

Agriculture Secretary of Kenya says no to rice import ban, for now *Oryza*

According to the Kenyan Agricultural Cabinet Secretary, rice will continue to be imported in Kenya until domestic production increases to meet local needs. Domestic production has not been increasing at the same rate as consumption over the past few years due to lack of mechanization, which causes postharvest losses and poor productivity.

A five-step plan to feed the world *National Geographic*

The debate surrounding the global food challenge has become polarized between conventional agriculture

and local food systems. Along with other steps, monitoring and reducing food loss and food waste in both developed and developing countries can help increase the world's food supplies and decrease the environmental impact of agriculture across the world.

Poor postharvest handling fueling food insecurity *New Vision*

In Uganda, poor postharvest handling and inadequate on-farm storage facilities have been singled out as the major roadblocks affecting the quality and quantity of food produced in the country. Many farmers lack hands-on skills and expertise to handle and manage crops after harvesting them, which the agricultural ministry plans to address by increasing the number of agricultural extension officers in the field.

UN Global Compact launches six principles for sustainable food industry *Eco-Business*

The UN Global Compact has recently released a set of principles to help food and agricultural businesses operate in a more sustainable manner in hopes of feeding a rapidly growing population. One of these principles includes supporting food and agricultural systems that optimize production and minimize wastage.

Related Articles

India tackles supply chain to cut food waste

FUAM to hold course on postharvest management and trade

Gazan, West Bank farmers learn postharvest storage techniques in Beit Dagan

Conferences & Symposiums

- 28 May - 6 June 2014 - Lafayette, Indiana, United States
2014 Borlaug Summer Institute on Global Food Security
- 10 - 13 June 2014 - Cyprus, Greece
Scientific Program of the V International Postharvest Unlimited Symposium
- 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
Postharvest Technology Course
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