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## Key Articles

### **Ukraine to lose 15 percent of grain crop in violence-hit regions**

Violence has led to close of processing plants, fires in silos, and safety concerns for farmers

### **New storage bag innovation to reduce postharvest losses**

A new storage bag allows farmers in Kenya to protect grain crops from pests, such as weevil

## News

### Issues of Loss

#### **Groups rush to avoid food crisis in Ebola-stricken areas** *The Washington Post*

Food supplies in Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Guinea are increasingly threatened by the Ebola virus. Farmers are abandoning their fields, and labor is decreasing for postharvest handling and processing. Losses are occurring, such as for the staple crop cassava, which needs to be turned into flour.

#### **States say no to extra rice over lack of storage** *The Indian Express*

A lack of infrastructure is challenging attempts made by the Government of India to reduce food insecurity through releasing surplus grain to states. Those with high rates of food insecurity, Odisha, have the most ill-equipped infrastructure, and are not able to accept the allocated rice.

#### **Grain piles up, waiting for a ride, as trains move North Dakota oil** *New York Times*

With the recent exploration of oil in North Dakota, USA, grain producers face competitive rice. Millions of dollars in agriculture loss. This year's record soybean and wheat crop are at high storage space.

## Projects

### **50 women farmers schooled on postharvest losses** *Ghana Web*

Two NGOs, SEND-Ghana and Southern African Trust, partnered to offer workshops to farmers in the northern district of Ghana on the reduction of postharvest losses. The workshops focused on aflatoxin and postharvest loss of maize.

### **Awarded grants to reduce food insecurity locally and abroad** *The Exponent*

The Purdue Center for Global Food Security at Purdue University in Indiana, USA, awarded grants aimed at solving global food security issues. A project to design a multi-grain thresher that reduces labor input received over \$8,000.

### **FAO to help India develop agriculture, food security** *Poultry News*

The Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, and UN FAO Director-General, Jose Graziano, strengthened efforts to promote India's food security and sustainable agriculture development. Reducing food loss and food waste were some specific areas in which FAO support was directed.

## Reports

### **2014 Africa Agriculture Status Report** *Relief Web*

The 2014 Africa Agriculture Status Report (AASR) finds that over 80% of all farms in Sub-Saharan Africa do not adapt to rapidly rising temperature and rising rains caused by climate change. The report was presented at the Green Revolution Forum, where one of the major topic areas was postharvest loss reduction.

## Awareness

### **Quality matters for rich and poor alike** *CGIAR*

Grain Quality Scientist at the Africa Rice Center, John Manful, says that rice quality must improve in order for agricultural farmers to maximize yield from production. Issues within the postharvest stages of rice production, such as breakage and lodging, lead to lower quality rice and revenue losses for farmers.

### **Solving post harvest loss in Africa** (Video) *The Rockefeller Foundation*

A video produced by the Rockefeller Foundation and Idea.Org states the three biggest opp loss are to work with farmers to extend the shelf life of fruits and vegetables, to properly stc to link them to buyers. The video was produced as a part of the Rockefeller Foundation Fo

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- 24 September 2014 - Washington, D.C., USA  
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- 30 Septeber - 2 October 2014 - Urbana, IL, USA  
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- 1 October - Stanford, CA, USA  
[\*\*Earth Matters: Feeding the World in the 21st Century\*\*](#)
- 13 - 16 October 2014 - Mar del Plata, Argentina  
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- 14 - 15 October 2014 - Bangkok, Thailand  
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- 14 - 17 October 2014 - Wageningen, Netherlands  
[\*\*Postharvest Technology Course\*\*](#)
- 27 October - 1 November 2014 - Bangkok, Thailand  
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- 29 - 30 October 2014 - San Diego, California, USA  
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- 1 - 2 November 2014 - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
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- 19 - 21 November 2014 - Rome, Italy  
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- 8 - 9 December 2014 - Bali, Indonesia  
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