Global food crises

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Food price crisis 2007-8



The crisis began when a 2005–6 drought led to crop failure in Australia, the second-largest grain exporter in the world.

At the same time, crop yields in Europe were lower due to too much rain.

Ukraine and India introduced export bans, triggering a series of export restrictions in other countries and escalating the cycle of rapid price increases and supply shortages.