
MSU AFRE Food Security International Updates: July 2009**
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Since our last quarterly update, 24 new items have been added to our web site, according to the major headings and subheadings of the site, as specified below:

I. FS III & Related Projects Overview

A. Outreach Contributions - FS III Cross-Cutting Activities

1. [Are staple foods becoming more expensive for urban consumers in eastern and southern Africa?](#) N. Mason, T. Jayne, C. Donovan and A. Chapoto. Presentation at the Symposium on Food and Financial Crises and Their Impacts on the MDGs in Africa. Institute for African Development. Cornell University May 1-2, 2009

B. FSIII Leader Award Annual Report:

2. [2008](#)

II. Cross-Country Research and Outreach Topic Directories

A. The High Food Price Challenge – response options to protect the vulnerable and ensure growth

3. [Exploring the Logic Behind Southern Africa's Food Crises](#). T.S. Jayne and David Tschirley. Presented at the Symposium on The Food and Financial Crisis and their Impacts on Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in Africa. Institute for African Development. Cornell University. 2 May 2009

B. Cotton Sector Development and Reform in Africa

4. [Cotton Sector Regulation in Zambia. A Preliminary Case Study](#). David Tschirley, Stephen Kabwe. Presented at "Virtual Workshop on Cotton Sector Regulation in Africa" sponsored by the World Bank. 29 June 2009.

C. Input Use, Input Market Development and Natural Resource Management

5. [Promoting Fertilizer Use in Africa: Current Issues and Empirical Evidence from the COMESA Region](#). T. Jayne, S. Rashid, N. Minot, S. Kasule. COMESA African Agricultural Markets Programme Policy Conference Livingstone, Zambia. 15-16 June, 2009.

III. FS III In-Country/Regional Activities and Publication Directories

A. Support to COMESA and CAADP

6. [Improving the Performance of Staple Markets to Exploit the Productive Potential of Smallholder Agriculture](#). T. S. Jayne, A. Chapoto, and B. Shiferaw. Plenary presentation at Conference on Agricultural Markets, organized by the CGIAR system and Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), May 13-15, 2009. Nairobi, Kenya.
7. [Measuring the impacts of trade barriers and market interventions on maize price instability: Evidence from Eastern and Southern Africa](#). A. Chapoto and T. S. Jayne. Presentation at the Regional Consultation Workshop on: "The Use and Impact of Trade and Domestic Policy Interventions on Cereal Value Chain Stakeholders in Eastern and Southern Africa". Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, June 3-4, 2009.

B. Mozambique Productivity and Policy

8. [Prospects for BT Cotton In Mozambique](#). Raul Pitoro, Tom Walker, David Tschirley, Scott Swinton, Duncan Boughton, and Higinio de Marrule. IIAM-DFDTT Research Report No. 5E. June 2009
9. Pitoro, Raul, Walker, T., Tschirley, D., Swinton, S., Boughton, D. and de Marrule, H. [Can Bt Technology Reduce Poverty Among African Cotton Growers? An Ex Ante Analysis of the Private and Social Profitability of Bt Cotton Seed in Mozambique](#). Contributed Paper prepared for presentation at the International Association of Agricultural Economists' Conference, Beijing, China, August 16-22, 2009.

C. Zambia

10. [Agricultural Consultative Forum \(ACF\) & Food Security Research Project \(FSRP\) News: Information on the Fertilizer Support Programme \(FSP\) Review 2009](#). ACF and FSRP. June 2009

11. [Coming Policy Attractions – An Overview of On-Going Research & Potential Outreach.](#)
Presentation for Discussion at a Meeting of Donor Cooperating Partners and The ACF/ FSRP Research/Outreach Team. By the ACF/FSRP Team. ACF Offices, June 2, 2009.
12. [Presentation on how to prepare cassava cheese bread.](#) M.T. Weber. May 23, 2009.
13. Comments and Handouts to Inform Discussion of Rural and Urban Food Security Issues in Zambia. By The ACF/ FSRP Research/Outreach Team, Presented by Michael Weber & Hyde Haantuba. Presentation at a Meeting to Introduce the EU Food Facility For Rapid Response the Soaring Food Crisis- Chrismar Hotel, 6 May, 2009.
 - o [Comments to Inform Discussion of Rural and Urban Food Security Issues. Powerpoint presentation.](#)
 - o [Characteristics of Small and Medium-Scale Crop-Growing Households in Zambia: Preliminary Comparison of Results from CSO/MACO/FSRP National-Level Supplemental Surveys in 2003/04 and 2007/08 Crop Marketing Seasons.](#) Tadeyo Lungu, Antony Chapoto, Margaret Beaver and Michael Weber. (Draft for Review, 4 May, 2009). Handout 1.
14. [Factors Influencing the Profitability of Fertilizer Use on Maize in Zambia.](#) Zhiying Xu, Zhengfei Guan, T.S. Jayne, and Roy Black. Working Paper No. 39. Lusaka, Zambia. June 2009.
15. [Effects of Maize Marketing and Trade Policy on Price Unpredictability in Zambia.](#) Antony Chapoto and T.S. Jayne. Working Paper No. 38. June 2009.
16. [Access to Land, and Poverty Reduction in Rural Zambia: Connecting the Policy Issues.](#) T.S. Jayne, Ballard Zulu, Gear Kajoba, and M.T. Weber. Working Paper No. 34. October 2008.
17. Xu, Z., Guan, Z., Jayne, T.S. and Black, R. 2009. "[Factors influencing the profitability of fertilizer use on maize in Zambia](#)". Agricultural Economics Volume 40 (2009): 437 - 446.
18. Monthly Notes: [July 2009](#)

IV. Related In-Country/Regional Projects and Publications Directories

A. Guiding Investments in Sustainable Agricultural Markets in Africa (GISAMA)

19. [Guiding Investments in Sustainable Agricultural Markets in Africa \(GISAMA\).](#) Jan Nijhoff. Presentation made at ACTESA Work Plan Meeting. Livingstone, May 21-22, 2009.
20. [Modernizing Africa's Fresh Produce Supply Chains without Rapid Supermarket Takeover Towards a Definition of Research and Investment Priorities.](#) David Tschirley, Miltone Ayieko, Munguzwe Hichaambwa, Joey Goeb. Wayne Loescher. Presented at the Conference on Agricultural Markets, organized by the CGIAR system and Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), May 13-15, 2009. Nairobi, Kenya.

V. FSG Campus-Based Activities and Publication Directories

A. International Development Working Papers

21. [Are Staple Foods Becoming More Expensive for Urban Consumers in Eastern and Southern Africa? Trends in Food Prices, Marketing Margins, and Wage Rates in Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, and Zambia.](#) Nicole Mason, T.S. Jayne, Cynthia Donovan, and Antony Chapoto. Michigan State University. IDWP 98. June 2009.

B. Survey Research Training Materials

22. [Data Preparation and Analysis.](#) Margaret Beaver and Rick Bernsten. June 2009
23. Self-Tutorial Sample session for Windows-**Cross Sectional** Analysis. SPSS 17 (2009). [English](#)

C. Professional Publications

24. [Food Security in Developing Countries.](#) John M Staatz, Duncan H Boughton, and Cynthia Donovan. Staff Paper 2009-03. April 2009

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