

Symposium Agenda

***Confronting Food Price Inflation:
Implications for Agricultural
Trade and Policies***

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Monday, June 22

- 7:00-8:00 am
(Emerald III Rm) **Breakfast and Meeting Check-in**
- 8:00-9:00 am
(Emerald II Rm) **Keynote Address**
Confronting the Food Price Challenge
Joachim von Braun, IFPRI
- 9:00-10:30 am *Prospects for Food Commodity Prices*
Sally Thompson, Economic Research Service, USDA
OECD-FAO Agricultural Outlook—Global Trends in Commodity Markets
Pavel Vavra, OECD
- 10:30-10:45 am **Break**
- 10:45-12:15 pm **Food Prices and Trade**
Global Commodity Prices and Trade: Boom, Bust, and Beyond
Wyatt Thompson and Pat Westhoff, FAPRI
Devil or Angel? The Role of Speculation in the Recent Commodity Price Boom (and Bust)
Scott Irwin, University of Illinois
Recent Global Food Price Shocks: Causes, Consequences, and Lessons for Governments and Donors
Phillip Abbott, Purdue University and Adeline Borot de Battisti, OECD
- 12:15-2:00 pm **Lunch and Speaker—Research and Productivity Issues**
Greg Traxler, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- 2:00-3:30 pm *Meeting the Growing Demand for Food: Productivity or Protection?*
Will Martin and Maros Ivannic, World Bank
Rising Food Prices and Undernourishment: A Cross-Country Inquiry
Gustavo Anriquez, FAO
- 3:30-3:45 pm **Break**
- 3:45-5:15 pm **Policy Options Panel Discussion**
Neil Conklin, Farm Foundation
Ephraim Leibtag, Economic Research Service, USDA
David Orden, IFPRI and Virginia Polytechnic Institute

Tuesday, June 23

7:30-8:30 am

Breakfast

8:30-10:00 am

Concurrent Sessions One and Two:

Session 1

(Emerald II Room)

THE LINKAGE BETWEEN ENERGY AND FOOD PRICES

Determinants of International Agricultural Market Prices and the European Union: The Roles of Energy Prices and Bio-fuel Production

Harald von Witzke, Gerald Schwarz and Steffen Noleppa, Humboldt University of Berlin

The long-Run Impact of Energy Prices on World Agricultural Markets: The Role of Macro-economic Linkages

François Chantret and Alexandre Gohin, INRA

The Energy/non-Energy Commodity Price Link

John Baffes, World Bank and Tassos Haniotis, European Commission

Session 2

(Whidby Room)

TRADE MODELING AND FOOD PRICES

Effects of Foreign Tariffs and TRQ's on U.S. Food and Agricultural Exports

Marinos Tsigas, Office of Economics, U.S. International Trade Commission

Impact of Exports Liberalization and Specialization in Cash Crop:

What are the Expected Gains for Vietnamese Households?

Barbara Coello, Paris School of Economics, INRA

10:00-10:30 am

Break

10:30-12:00 pm

Concurrent Sessions Three and Four:

Session 3

(Emerald II Room)

PASS-THROUGH FROM THE FARM TO RETAIL PRICES OF FOOD

The Root of Food Cost Inflation—Producer and Import Prices

Alberto Jerardo, Economic Research Service, USDA

How Much and How Quick? Pass-through of Commodity and Input Cost Changes to U.S. Retail Food Prices

Ephraim Leibtag, Economic Research Service, USDA

Cross-Border Pass-Through Effects of Exchange Rates and Food Import Prices on Retail Food Prices in Canada

Sean Cahill and Bruce Phillips, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

Tuesday, June 23 (continued)

10:30-12:00 pm

Concurrent Sessions Three and Four (continued)

Session 4
(Whidby Room)

FOOD PRICE ISSUES AROUND THE WORLD

Food Price Crisis: Welfare Impact on Mexican Households

Benjamin Wood, Carl Nelson and Lia Nogueira, University of Illinois

Food Insecurity and Other Economic Development Challenges Facing Fragile African Countries: Are They Caused only by Commodity Price Volatility?

William Amponsah, Georgia Southern University

Food Price Inflation in Livestock Product Markets:

From the Live Animal to Retail Prices

David Anderson, Texas A&M Univ and John Anderson, Mississippi State Univ

12:00-1:30 pm

Lunch

1:30-3:30 pm

Plenary Session Five

Session 5

FACTORS INFLUENCING FOOD PRICE IN THE LONG TERM

Factors Affecting U.S. Food Price Inflation

Jungho Baek and Won W. Koo, North Dakota State University

Asynchronous Approvals of GM Products, Price Inflation, and the Codex Annex: What Low Level Presence Policy for APEC Countries?

Guillaume Gruere, IFPRI

Country Responses to the Food Security Crisis: Nature and Preliminary Indications of the Policies Pursued

Holger Matthey, FAO

3:30-3:40 pm

Concluding Comments