

## Global Markets and the War in Ukraine

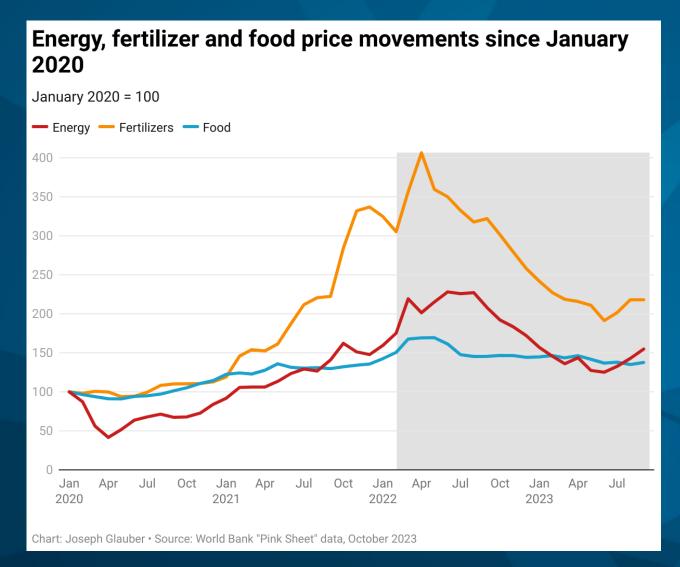
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#### Energy, fertilizer and grain price evolution



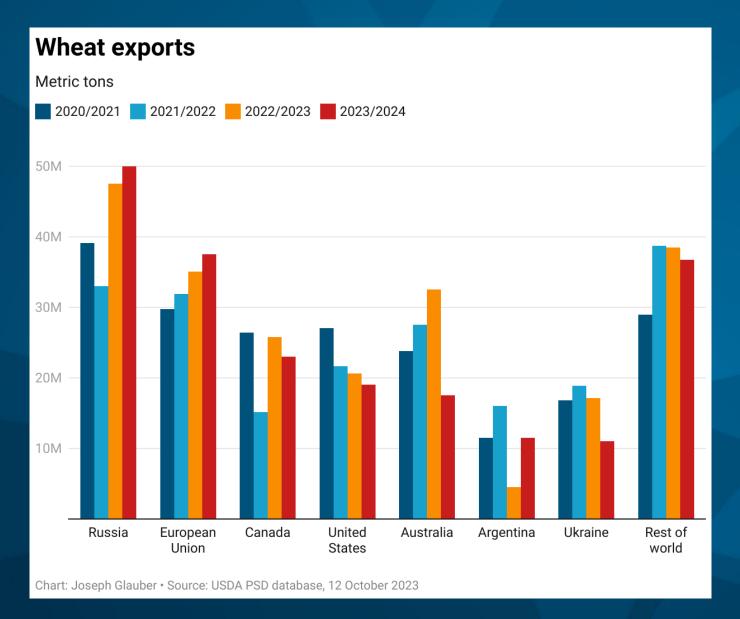
- Price rise had started prior to war (mid-2020)
- Peaked following the Russia invasion in spring 2022
- Since May 2022, prices have fallen back below pre-war levels
- Remain high relative to pre-COVID levels



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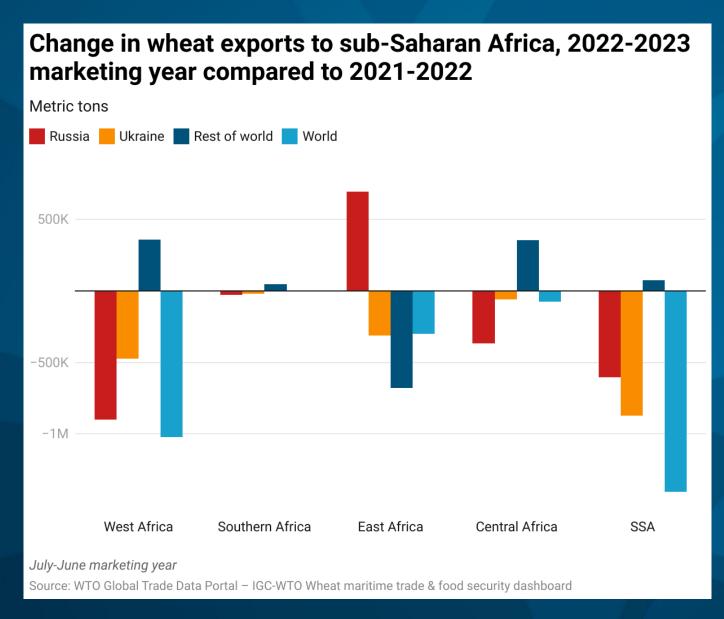
Global wheat exports for 2023/24 projected down 7% over 2022/23 levels, Declines in Western hemisphere, Australia as well as Ukraine.



#### Impact of war on sub-Saharan Africa wheat imports



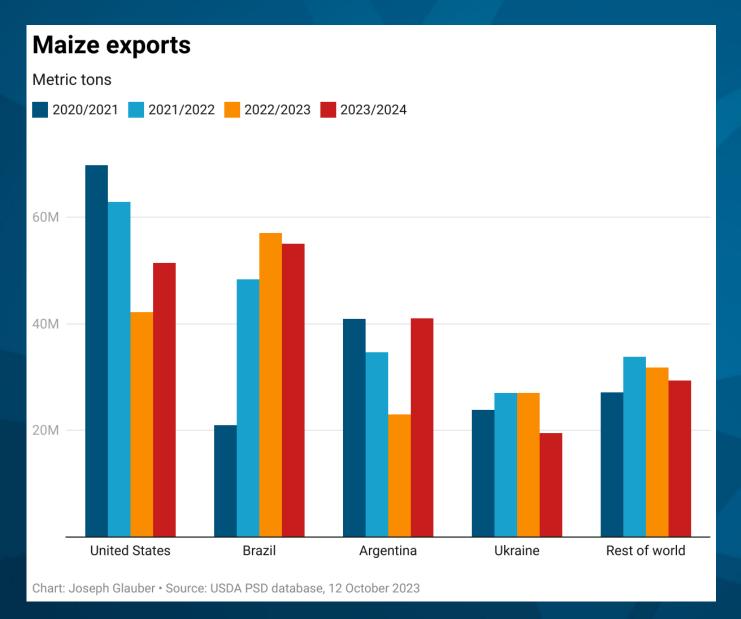
**Shipment data show** 7% decline in wheat exports to SSA in 2022/23: Russia -13% Ukraine -55% **Exports from ROW** up, but not enough to offset decline from Black Sea.



#### Maize exports UP 8.4%



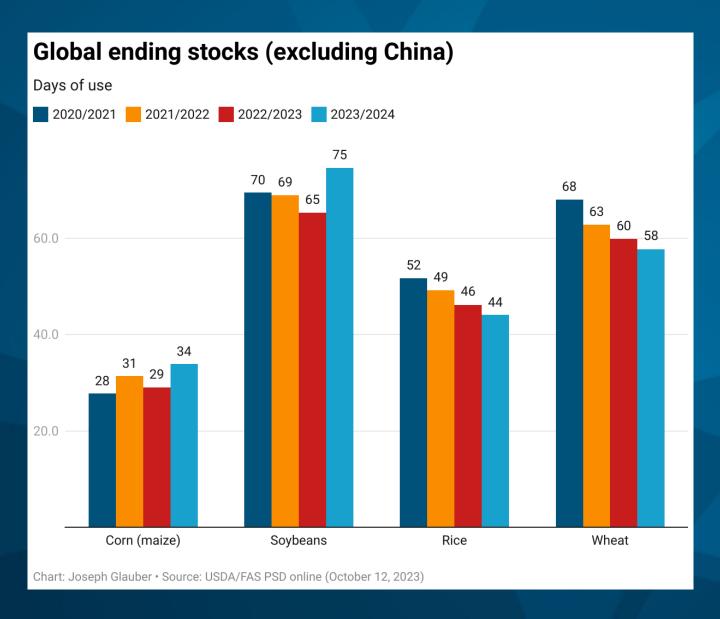
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#### Global ending stocks



Global ending stocks
(ex China) are
projected to increase
for maize and
soybeans, decline
for rice and wheat

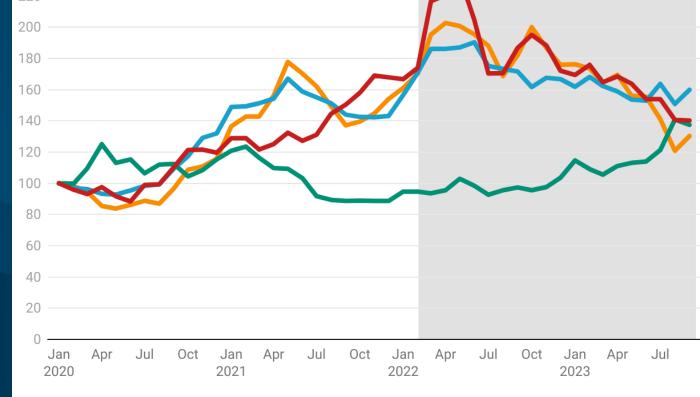


#### Prices below pre-war levels



Prices for most grains and oilseeds are below pre-war levels (but may remain high in local currencies). Rice is the exception (El Nino, export restrictions)

# Grain and soybean price movements since January 2020 January 2020 = 100 Wheat — Corn (maize) — Soybeans — Rice

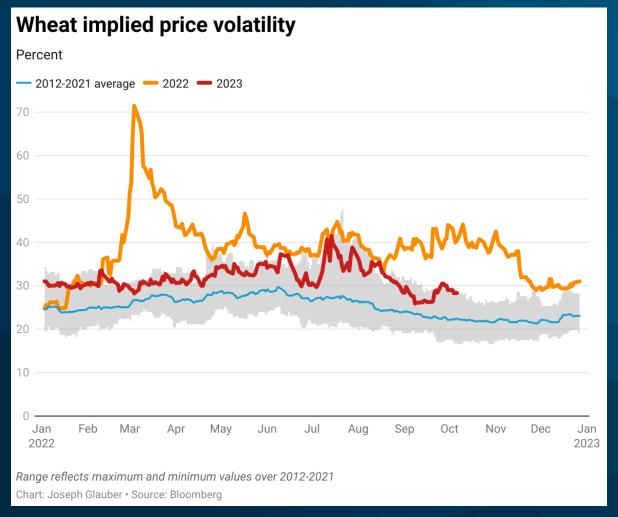


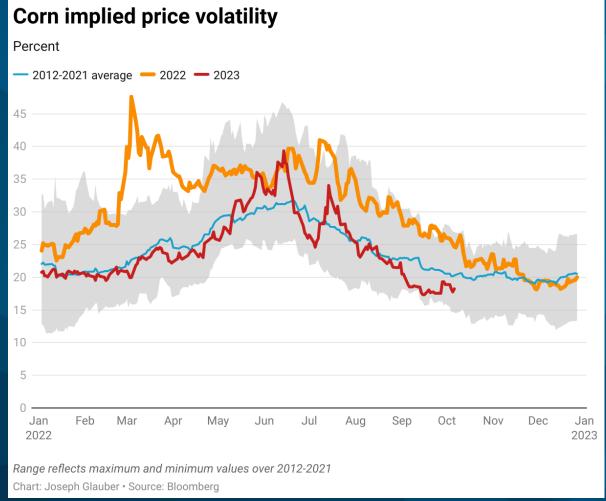
US HRW wheat, US yellow corn, US soybeans, Thai rice (5% broken)

Chart: Joseph Glauber • Source: World Bank "Pink Sheet" data, October 2023

### Wheat price volatility remains high reflecting tight stocks; corn volatility low relative to 10-year average







#### Summary

Please visit:

https://www.ifpri.org/l anding/war-ukraineblog-landing-page Markets have proved to be resilient. Grain was available though not necessarily affordable. Non-traditional suppliers (Brazil, India) helped offset reduced export capacity of Ukraine.

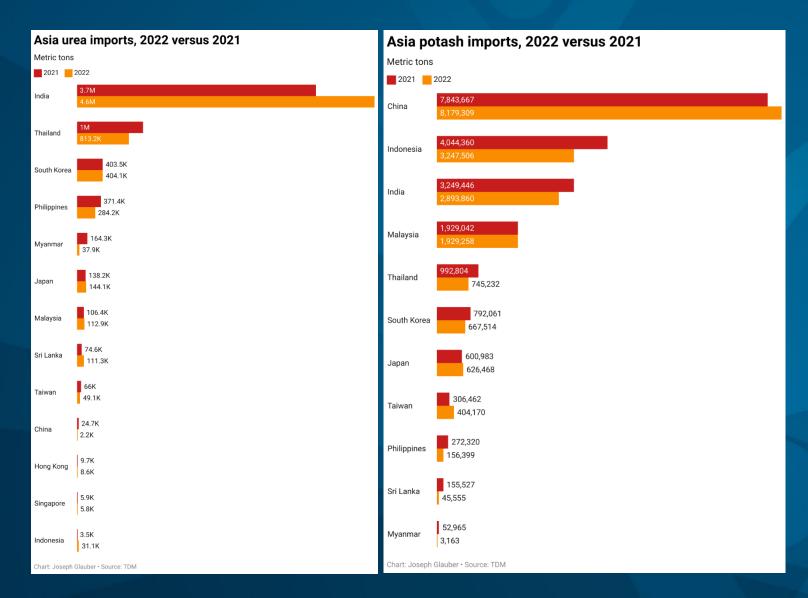
However, in case of wheat, no rebuilding in global stocks. Markets remain vulnerable to a major disruption in one of the key exporting regions (Russia, EU, N. America). Market remains highly volatile.

Maize and soybean stocks have increased based on strong western hemisphere production.



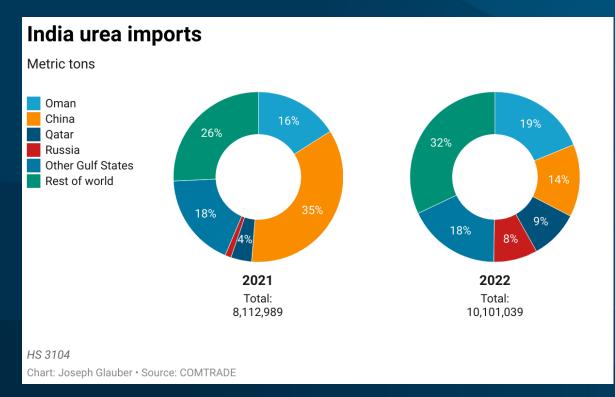
## Fertilizer trade

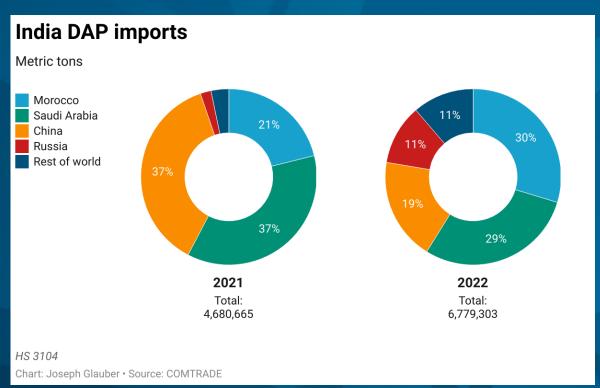
- Russia exports affected by war (ammonia)
- Sanctions (Russia and Belarus)
- China export restrictions on P, N
- Demand impacts due to record high prices











#### Fertilizer imports—selected African countries, 2022 versus 2021



