

FAO FOOD PRICE INDEX SUMMARY - AUGUST 7TH 2026

Please see below a brief overview of the latest FAO Food Price Index and Cereal Supply and Demand Brief, highlighting key developments relevant to the Caribbean poultry industry and the organisations and technical professionals supporting the sector.

Food Price Index

131.1 Points

- The FAO Food Price Index rose by **0.6% in July**, driven by higher cereal, sugar and vegetable oil prices.
- The Cereal Price Index increased by **3.4%**, with wheat prices rising by **5.8%** due to disruptions in Black Sea exports and heat-related concerns in major producing countries.
- Maize prices increased by **3.6%**, influenced by hot and dry conditions in parts of the United States Corn Belt and stronger energy markets.
- International poultry-meat prices declined, largely due to ample Brazilian export supplies. The possible redirection of some Brazilian products from the European market could also increase competition in alternative markets.

Cereal Supply and Demand

- Global cereal production in 2026 is forecast at **2.983 billion tonnes**—1.9% below the 2025 record, but still the second-highest level on record.
- Global maize-production prospects have improved, although the United States is expected to draw down part of its currently high reserves.
- World maize trade is forecast to grow by **2.5% in 2026/27**, while overall cereal stocks are expected to remain relatively stable.

For the Caribbean poultry industry, the immediate concern is the upward movement in wheat and maize prices, given the region's dependence on imported feed grains, particularly from the United States. However, the broader global cereal-supply outlook remains relatively strong.

Key summary and poultry implications for the archive table:

Higher wheat and maize prices may increase imported feed costs for Caribbean poultry producers. However, the global cereal-supply outlook remains relatively strong, while ample Brazilian poultry supplies may increase competition in international and alternative markets.

Read the full reports:

[FAO Food Price Index](#)

[FAO Cereal Supply and Demand Brief](#)

