

FAO FOOD PRICE INDEX SUMMARY - SEPTEMBER 4TH 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

133.3 Points

- The FAO Food Price Index rose by **1.9% in August**, with prices increasing across all commodity groups.
- The Cereal Price Index increased by **2.2%**, reaching its highest level since May 2024. Wheat prices rose by **2.6%**, influenced by disruptions to Black Sea exports and lower production prospects in parts of Europe.
- Maize prices increased by **2.5%**, reflecting weather-related concerns in the United States Corn Belt and the European Union, strong feed and ethanol demand, and disruptions to Ukrainian exports.
- International poultry-meat prices increased as Brazilian export prices rebounded amid strong global import demand.

Cereal Supply and Demand

- Global cereal production in 2026 is forecast at **2.980 billion tonnes** - 2.0% below the 2025 level, but still the second-highest harvest on record.
- Global maize production is forecast at **1.309 billion tonnes**. Reduced prospects in the European Union, India and Paraguay more than offset improved forecasts for Argentina and Brazil.
- World cereal stocks are forecast at **947.2 million tonnes**. Although maize stocks have been revised downward, the global cereal stocks-to-use ratio of 31.6% continues to indicate a relatively comfortable supply level.

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