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### FOOD SECURITY SNAPSHOT

- Favourable production prospects following good rains throughout the 2012 A agricultural season
- Cereal production in 2011 higher than previous year, supported by larger plantings
- Stable but high prices of maize and rice persist

### Good crop prospects for 2012 A season

Harvesting of the 2012 A season's crop is well underway. Rainfall levels have been above average across much of the country during the main cropping period (September-December), benefiting crop development. As a result, production is expected to be similar or above the previous year's good crop.

### Increased cereal production realised in 2011

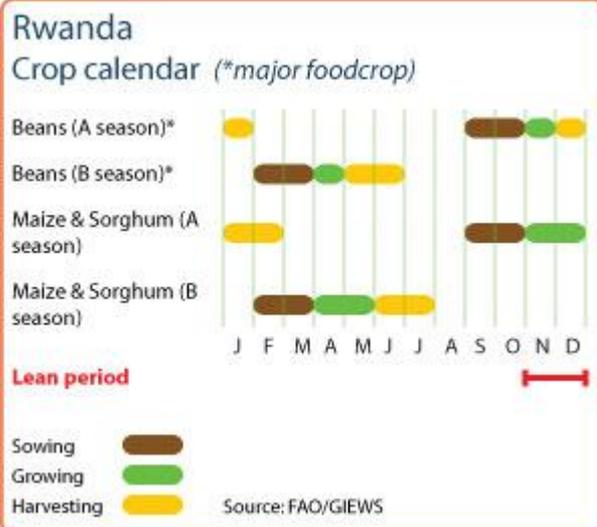
Aggregate cereal production in 2011 is estimated at 856 000 tonnes, 12 percent higher than in 2010. Maize and rice production registered the largest increases. Following erratic rains during the 2011 A season, precipitation levels improved for the 2011 B season across much of the country contributing to the increase in production.

### Relatively stable but high maize prices observed in Kigali

In Kigali, monthly prices of maize and rice in December 2011 were about 60 and 40 percent above their levels of the previous year. The higher prices are reflected in an increase in the cereal and bread sub-index of the national CPI, which recorded a year-on-year rise of about 21 percent in November 2011. Bean prices, by contrast, which remained steady since August 2011, are at comparable levels to the previous year.

### Satisfactory national supplies help to stabilise food security conditions

Food security conditions remain stable owing to the good production in 2011. New supplies from the 2012 A harvest are expected to further improve conditions, as households are able replenish food stocks and market supplies are augmented. However, the current high market prices are expected to erode households' purchasing power, particularly impacting vulnerable and low-income households, given their high reliance on markets. On average, market supplies contribute about 52 percent to total annual household food consumption (CFSVA 2009).



### Rwanda Cereal production

	2006-2010 average	2010	2011 estimate	change 2011/2010
	000 tonnes			percent
Maize	218	441	526	19
Sorghum	168	163	152	-7
Rice (paddy)	74	67	81	21
Others	60	92	97	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>856</b>	<b>12</b>

Note: percentage change calculated from unrounded data.  
Source: FAO/GIEWS Country Cereal Balance Sheets

