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**EGYPT**

**Egypt to allow wheat shipments with up to 0.05% Ergot fungus: signals PM, June**

Egypt’s prime minister said that authorities would allow wheat shipments with up to 0.05 percent levels of ergot fungus, potentially ending a months-long conflict over import requirements that have affected the country’s ability to buy from abroad. [More ➞](#)

**AFDB supports water and agriculture improvement projects in Egypt, May**

The African Development Bank Group (AfDB) and the Government of Egypt signed two grant agreements amounting to USD 860,000 to help finance water and agriculture projects in Egypt. [More ➞](#)

**FAO and EBRD host public-private dialogue on Egypt’s grain sector, May**

A high-level conference in Cairo on the 25th of May sought to strengthen the role of the private sector in Egypt’s crucial grain sector, with the aim of improving efficiency and reducing waste and damage. [More ➞](#)

**Egypt to save millions of dollars with new grain control center, April**

Egypt is expected to save hundreds of millions of dollars annually thanks to a US-based food security company which has opened its Grain Command and Control Center to monitor the country’s wheat inflows. [More ➞](#)

**Egypt to upscale water use efficiency by up to 75%, April**

Egypt’s agricultural sector will be able to produce more food with less resources if farmers adopt an effective practice in irrigated farming that uses mechanized raised beds to enhance water productivity and usage. [More ➞](#)

**Encourage private sector investment to reduce Egypt’s grain import bill, April**

Investment in critical segments of strategic value chains could reduce costs. The importance of wheat to the country’s population has prompted the mobilization of massive budget support. [More ➞](#)

**US $100 million EBRD equity investment in Egypt’s agribusiness sector, March**

EBRD is providing equity investment in one of Egypt’s sugar refinery companies, which is also a subsidiary of one of the largest food groups in the Middle East and North Africa region, in order to strengthen the country’s agribusiness sector. [More ➞](#)

**Training farmers to harness full potential of Egypt’s agriculture, March**

EBRD, EU, and Juhayna support sustainable dairy farming in the Nile Delta with a €53.65 million loan and the implementation of training programmes to boost milk production, introduce new products, and support higher environmental standards. [More ➞](#)
Egypt’s Government decides to pay fixed price to its wheat farmers, February
The Government of Egypt will now pay a fixed price of 420 pounds per ardeb (150kg) to its wheat farmers in contrast to the previous decision to buy wheat by the cereal prices on world markets and provide farmer subsidies.

Agricultural export earnings in Egypt have quadrupled over the past decade, February
Agricultural exports have increased from $500 million in 2005 to $2.1 billion in 2015, which has solidified the agricultural sector as the most powerful engine for economic development in Egypt.

Egypt to open a stock market for agricultural commodities, February
Egypt plans to launch an agricultural commodities stock market that would protect small farmers against price fluctuations and facilitate access to supply chains. The next step would be to develop regulations and establish electronic infrastructure that will connect traders to farmers.

Egypt announced a modification of phytosanitary rules on imported wheat, January
With the change of rules, buyers now require lots without ergot trace a common fungus in cereals.

Tunisia experiences weak cereal harvest, June
Grain harvest is down by 22% on average and will reach about 14.5 million quintals during the 2015/2016 season.

Tunisia and the EU cooperate together to improve the competitiveness of Tunisia’s products and diversify its outlets across Europe.

In the face of drought, Tunisia’s Ministry of Agriculture unveils a Plan B, February
The Ministry of Agriculture is working to set up a rescue plan in case the rainfall deficit continues, including ways to fight against plant and animal diseases.

Organic farming in Tunisia
Tunisia has made significant progress in organic farming and is now the second top African exporter of organic products.

EU to import 70,000 tons of duty-free Tunisian olive oil to help recovery, January
Members of the European Parliament have endorsed a plan of emergency measures to help the Tunisian economy.

Tunisia Launches a Reduction of Food Waste Project, January
Tunisia’s Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources, and Fisheries in collaboration with FAO launched a project to reduce food loss and waste and develop value chains for food security. The project strives to control every link in the production chain to address waste in cereal and dairy sectors in Tunisia and tomato and vine sectors in Egypt.

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**MOROCCO**

Morocco will again export its citrus to the US, June
Moroccan citrus have been barred from entering the United States by the health authorities due to the presence of fruit fly larvae. An operational action plan has been set up to manage the species of fruit fly and exports of citrus fruit will resume from October 2016.

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The Launch of the Terroir label of Morocco, January
The Agency for Agricultural Development (ADA) has launched the collective label Terroir Morocco with the objectives to bring together different Moroccan labels and protect local products.

JORDAN

Medjool dates farming to expand fourfold amid rising demand, June
Jordan’s production of medjool palm dates is expected to grow by nearly fourfold in the coming years to meet surging international demand for the healthy fruit. Nearly 50 percent of medjool production is exported.

Agriculture Ministry to continue reaching out to new markets, June
Efforts are underway to revive the agricultural sector after the ongoing closure of its biggest markets in Syria and Iraq. Now there is much focus on opening the Russian market for the country’s fruits and vegetables.

Germany to provide €22million in funds for Water and Wastewater projects, April
Jordan and the German Development Bank (KfW) signed agreements for water and wastewater projects to be implemented across the Kingdom, especially in regions hosting Syrian refugees.

Morocco Creates the Africa Fertilizer Complex, February
Morocco has launched the first ever fertilizer plant fully dedicated to Africa as a means to strengthen the South-South cooperation. The project aims to support the growth of African markets through their supply of continuous and regular fertilizer that would allow for the development of agriculture in Africa while improving food security.

Morocco Makes Progress as a “Major Force” in the MENA region, February
Progress made at both the institutional and community levels and effective economic reforms have contributed to the improvement of the daily lives of citizens and have strengthened Morocco’s position internationally. The agriculture sector has played a major role in these developments.

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**REGIONAL**

North African Workshop on “the fight against the red palm weevil”, “Rhynchophorus ferrugineus”, and the “Xylella fastidiosa” bacteria, April
The Sub regional office of FAO for North Africa supported the Arab Maghreb Union (UMA) and the Near East Plant Protection Organization (NEPPO) in organizing a workshop focusing on addressing the issues of the pests threatening date palms production. More ➔

IFAD and ICARDA hold a Joint Seminar Linking Research to Development Impacts, February
The seminar showcased results from IFAD’s investments in agricultural research for development through ICARDA in the Near East, North Africa, and Europe region. More ➔

EBRD boosts food security across regions, April
The EBRD is continuing to address the global challenge of ensuring food security by promoting the role of the private sector in increased and sustainable food production. According to the Private Sector for Food Security Initiative Annual Report 2015, the EBRD mobilised EUR 7 million for technical assistance and policy dialogue in the agribusiness sector, complementing EUR 770 million invested through 51 projects in 2015 alone. More ➔

International Green Week Highlights Moroccan Agriculture, January
The event highlighted Morocco’s initiatives of combatting climate change with integrated and sustainable development. More ➔

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