

Surviving on IMPORTS

Close to 70 per cent of countries in Africa are net food importers

- Total agricultural imports in 2012 (billion US \$) \ increase from 1980
- Total agricultural exports in 2012 (billion US \$) \ increase from 1980
- Total cereals imports in 2012 (billion US \$) \ increase from 1980
- Total cereals exports in 2012 (billion US \$) \ increase from 1980

AFRICA

Import dependency ratio (2012) **1,707*** | Increase from 1980 **100%**

83,376\460%
Total imports \ increase from 1980
(in billion US \$)

27,485\450%
Total imports
(value in billion \$)

42,666\214%
Total exports
(value)

1,685\119%
Total exports
(value)

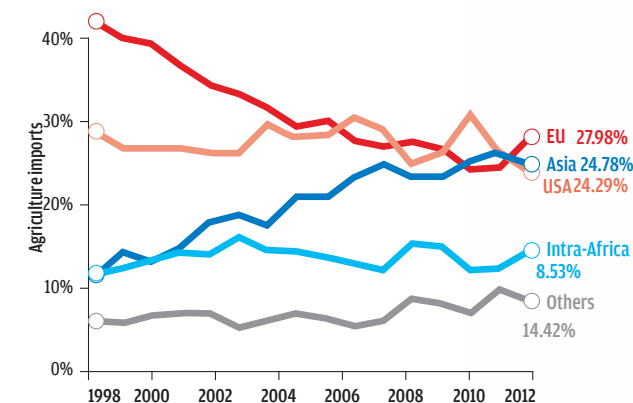
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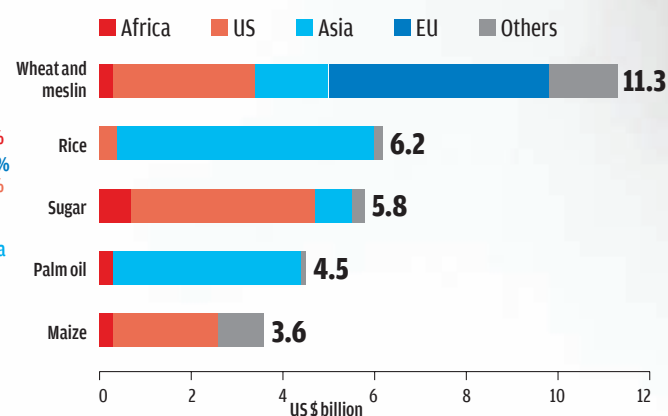
* Import dependency ratio shows the extent of dependency on imports in relation to an area's domestic consumption. It is calculated by $\text{imports} \times 100 / (\text{production} + \text{imports} - \text{exports})$

Africa's import story | cereals account for the bulk of Africa's agriculture imports

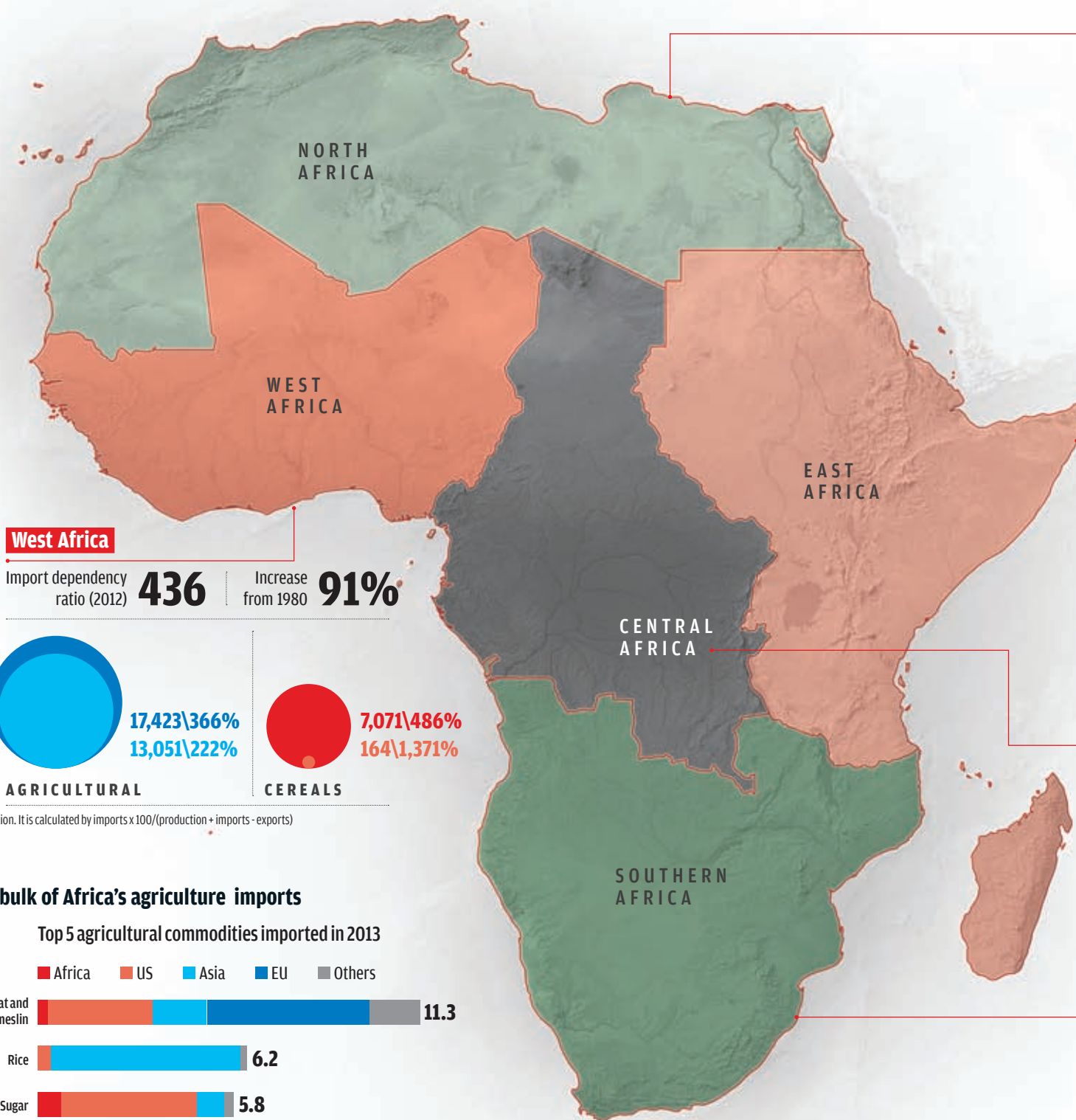
EU, Asia and the US account for 77% of Africa's agriculture imports



Top 5 agricultural commodities imported in 2013



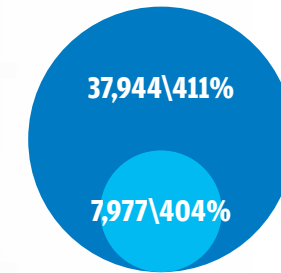
Data sources: African Development Bank's Socio Economic Database, 1960-2016 and African Agricultural Trade Status Report 2017



North Africa

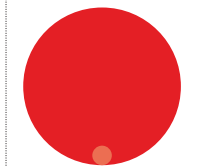
Import dependency ratio (2012) **311**

Increase from 1980 **177%**



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13,376\390%
205\360%

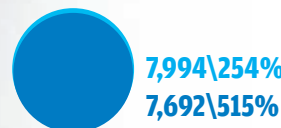


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East Africa

Import dependency ratio (2012) **282**

Increase from 1980 **225%**



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2,578\461%
309\250%

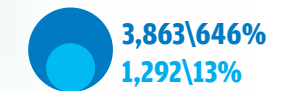


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Central Africa

Import dependency ratio (2012) **150**

Increase from 1980 **33%**



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1,137\639%
4\79%

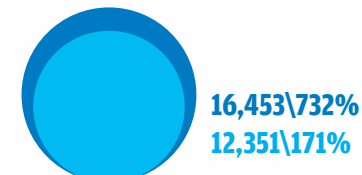


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Southern Africa

Import dependency ratio (2012) **529**

Increase from 1980 **70%**



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3,322\523%
1,002\61%



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