



food prices quiz

- 1. High food prices are now a matter of daily struggle, and even survival, for many. The number of struggling people could rise by how many?**
 - a. 100 million
 - b. 250 million
 - c. 500 million
- 2. What has been blamed for food shortages and soaring commodity prices?**
 - a. Declining agricultural production
 - b. Droughts, floods and other weather shocks
 - c. Both of the above
- 3. With poverty rates falling, will rising food prices be a threat to recent gains in reducing malnutrition worldwide?**
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
- 4. Since early 2007 to now (spring 2008), the price of rice globally has risen how much?**
 - a. 25%
 - b. 50%
 - c. 75%
- 5. Food prices are rising, but like other market ups and downs, they will fall, if not this year then next, and certainly by 2010. True or false?**
 - a. True
 - b. False



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Answers

1. a. 100 million

High food prices could push 100 million people into deeper poverty, according to the World Bank.

2. c. Both declining agricultural production, and droughts, floods and other weather shocks

In addition to the reasons above, regional food shortages and soaring commodity prices have also been attributed to dietary changes in developing countries and shifts to biofuel crops.

3. a. Yes

Hundreds of millions of poor people spend up to 80% of their meager income on food. The big price increases in food threatens many of them with malnutrition. Already hunger and malnutrition are the underlying causes of death for over 3.5 million children every year.

4. c. 75%

The price of rice has skyrocketed to near historic levels, rising about 75% globally since mid-2007. This means that in 2008 in Bangladesh, a 2-kilogram bag of rice now costs about half the daily income of a poor family.

5. b. False

The World Bank estimates that high prices are expected to continue until 2015.