Michigan State University's Food Security Group is pleased to share with you this policy brief:


The authors draw on existing literature and updated price data to characterize recent events in world and developing country staple food markets. They outline five key characteristics of these events that are relevant to designing policies and programs to protect the world’s poor. A central assertion is that the world has likely entered a new era of permanently higher – though not necessarily more volatile – prices for food and other commodities. The brief closes with a list of actions that governments and donors should consider to ensure broad access to quality food by the world’s poorest inhabitants.

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