

Meat Output and Consumption Grow

Abstract

In 2006, meat production increased 2.5 percent to an estimated 276 million tons; output is expected to rise another 3 percent in 2007 to 285 million tons.¹ (See Figure 1.) Developing countries produced more meat and dairy products than industrial countries for the first time in 1995.² At least 60 percent of meat in 2006 was produced in developing nations.³

Consumption of meat and other animal products also continues to grow. While 43 kilograms of meat are produced annually per person at the moment, however, meat consumption still varies widely by region and socioeconomic status.⁴ In the developing world, people eat about 32 kilograms of meat per year, compared with almost 85 kilograms per person in the industrial world.⁵ (See Figure 2.)

Includes the following charts and graphs

World Meat Production, 1961-2006

World Meat Production Per Person and Consumption Per Person in Industrial and Developing Countries, 1961-2006

World Meat Production by Source, 2006