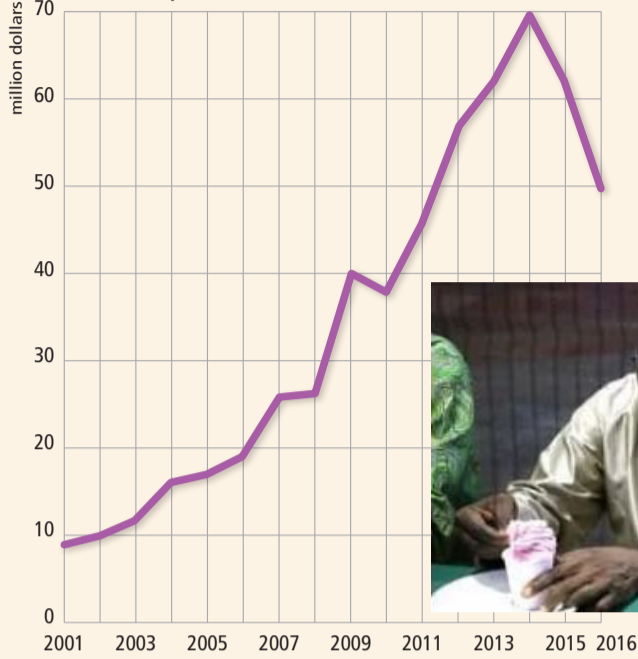




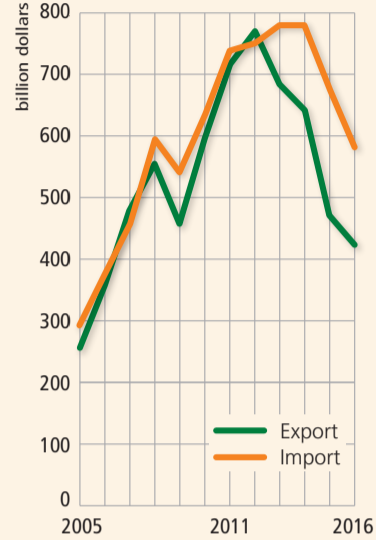
Icecream import



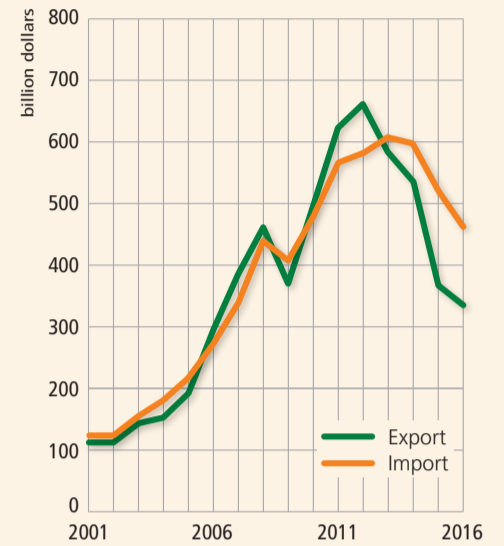
"Obasanjo eats icecream with enjoyment" by Makinde, 2015

Africa's international trade statistics (www.trademap.org) between 2001 and 2016 (2016 data are provisional) show the enormous growth dynamics until 2014, and the crisis afterwards: boom and bust. Ice cream imports are a telling metaphor for these dynamics. It means middle class expansion, supermarket growth, cooling facilities, but also one wonders: if more than half of those imports come from outside Africa: can't African countries produce this locally? Do they have to rely on imports from France, the United Arab Emirates, Lebanon and Italy? The trade statistics also show the continuing dominance of exports of raw materials, and the major shifts in Africa's trading partners during these years of 'emerging Africa', both for exports and for imports.

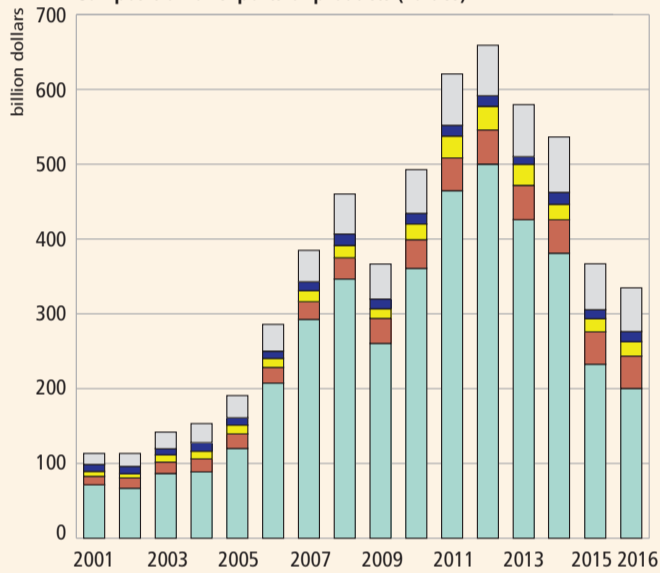
Export and import of products and services



Export and import of products

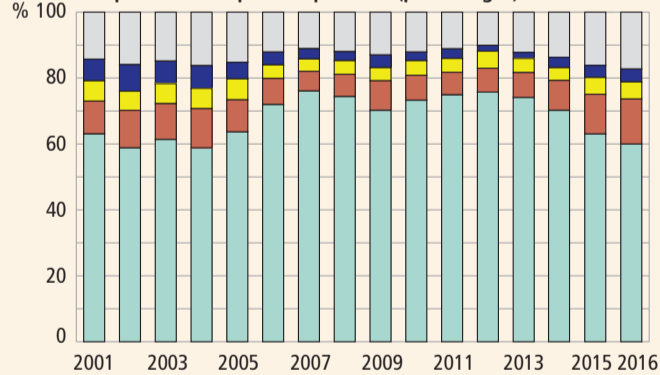


Composition of exports of products (values)

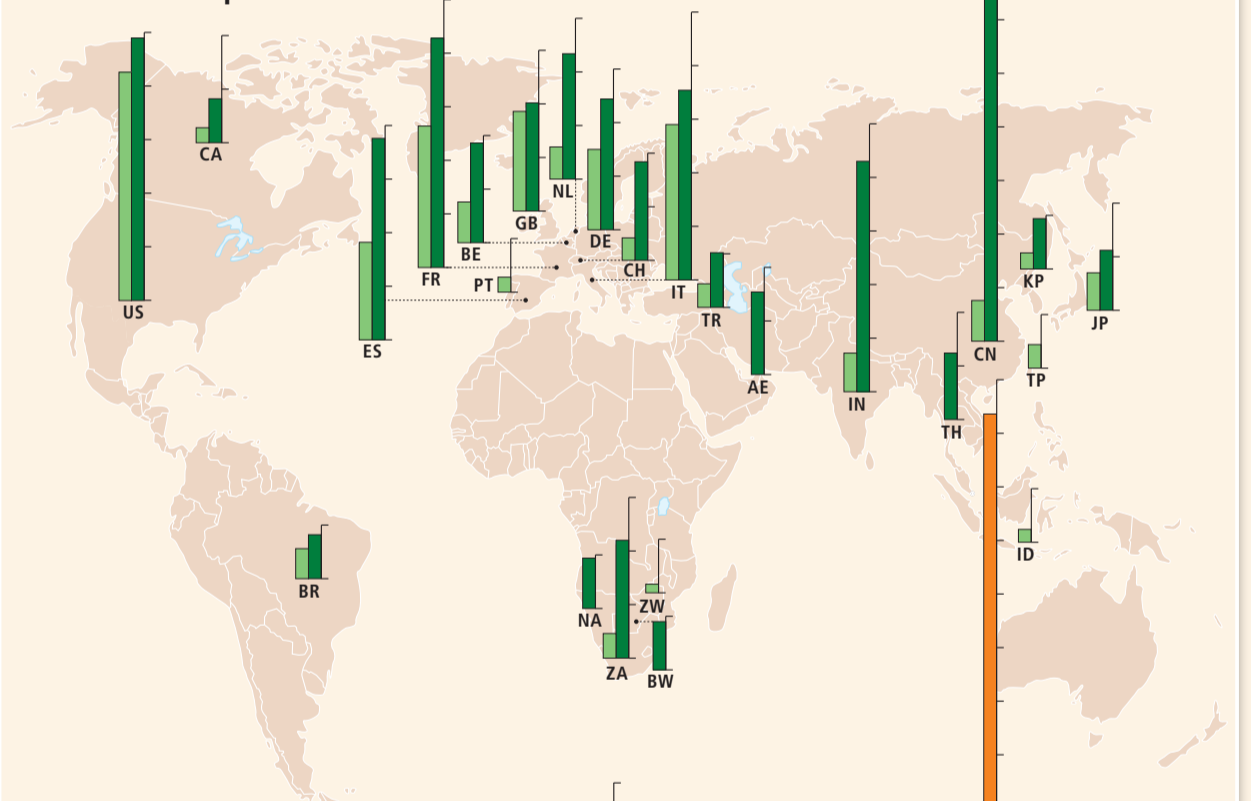


Non-agricultural natural products
Agricultural: food
Agricultural: non food
Clothing
Other

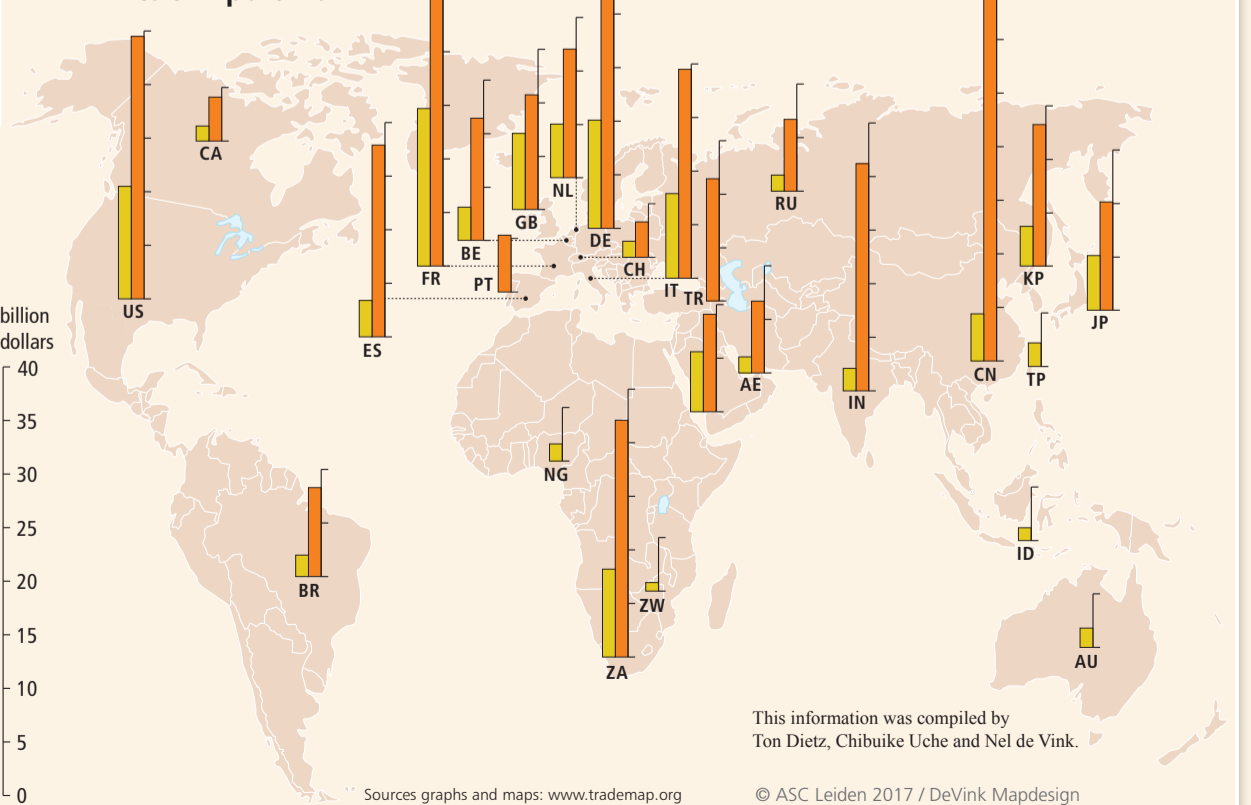
Composition of exports of products (percentages)



Africa's export to

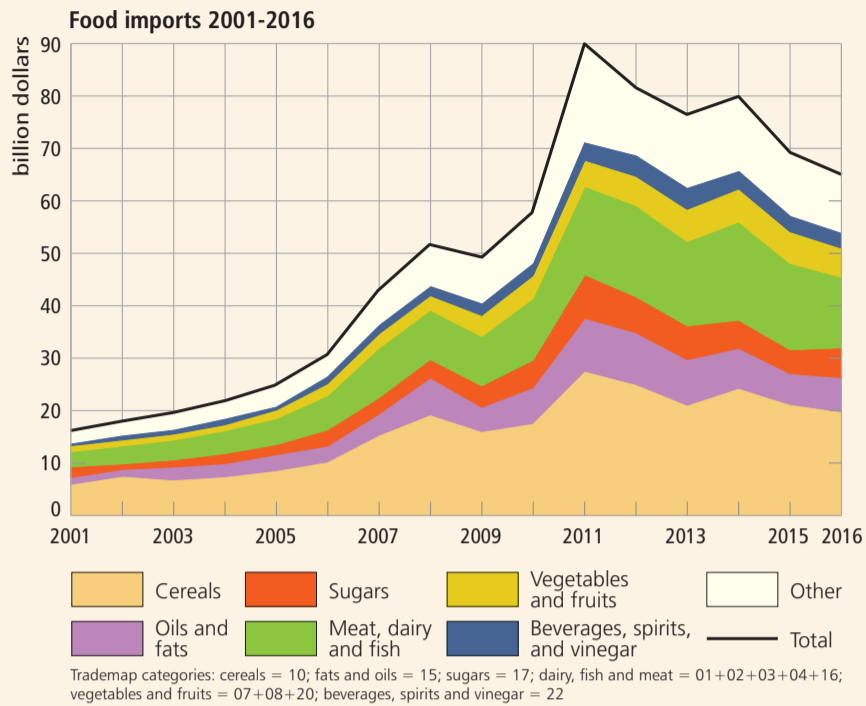


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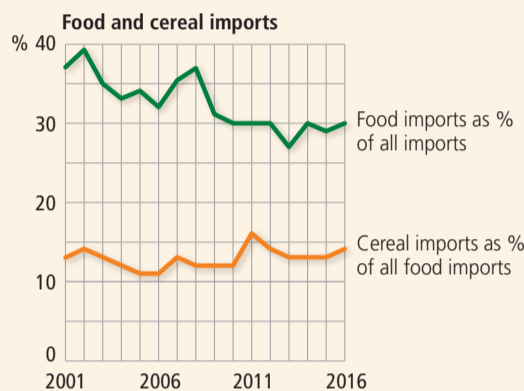
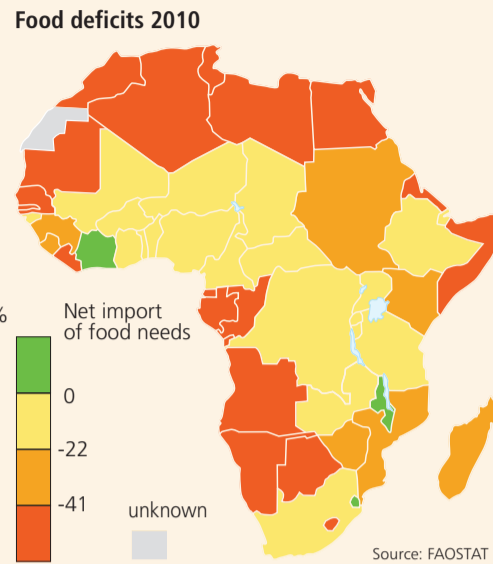
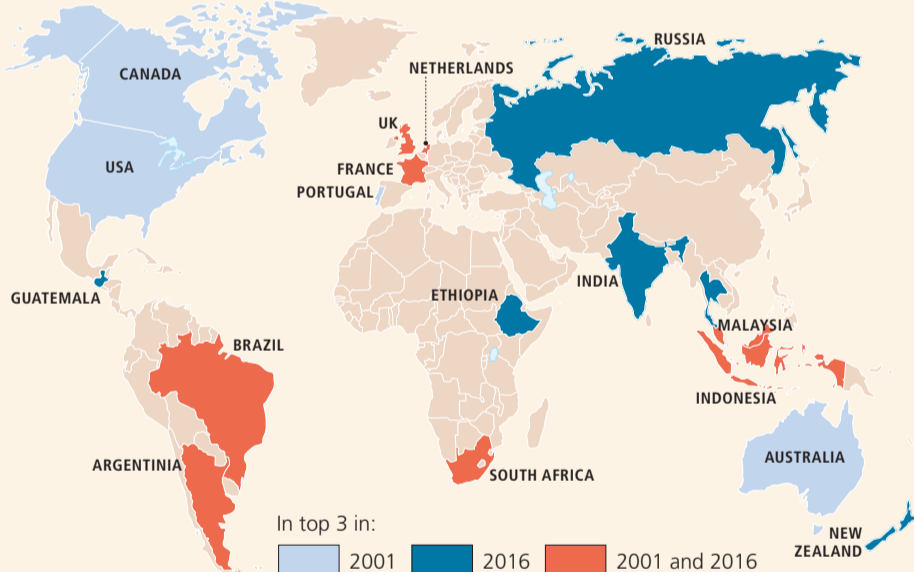
Rank	Export		Import	
	2001	2016	2001	2016
1	USA (US)	China	France	China
2	Italy (IT)	USA	USA	France
3	France (FR)	India	Germany	Germany
4	UK (GB)	France	South Africa	USA
5	Spain (ES)	Spain	Italy	South Africa
6	Germany (DE)	Italy	UK	India
7	Netherlands (NL)	Germany	Saudi Arabia (SA)	Italy
8	China (CN)	Netherlands	Japan	Spain
9	Belgium (BE)	South Africa	China	North Korea
10	India (IN)	UK	North Korea	Netherlands
11	Japan (JP)	Belgium	Spain	Turkey
12	Brazil (BR)	Switzerland	Belgium	Belgium
13	South Africa (ZA)	UAE (AE)	Netherlands	UK
14	Taipei (TP)	Japan	India	Japan
15	Turkey (TR)	Turkey	Brazil	Saudi Arabia
16	North Korea (KP)	Namibia (NA)	Australia (AU)	Brazil
17	Canada (CA)	North Korea	Nigeria (NG)	UAE
18	Portugal (PT)	Botswana (BW)	Russia (RU)	Russia
19	Indonesia (ID)	Brazil	Switzerland	Thailand (TH)
20	Zimbabwe (ZW)	Taipei	UAE	Portugal

This information was compiled by Ton Dietz, Chibuiche Uche and Nel de Vink.



Although Africa's production of food between 2001 and 2016 shows rapid growth (see FAOSTAT data, not given here), food imports have also become a major element of Africa's economic reality, and in a lot of African countries food imports provide even more than half of food consumption. The graphs about food imports show the growth and shifts in composition. The maps show the geo-political shifts: for cereals the dwindling position of the USA, and the growing importance of Russia. And in general: the growing importance for Africa's food provisioning of countries outside Europe and North America: a major shift in Africa's food alliances.

Top 3 exporters of major food items



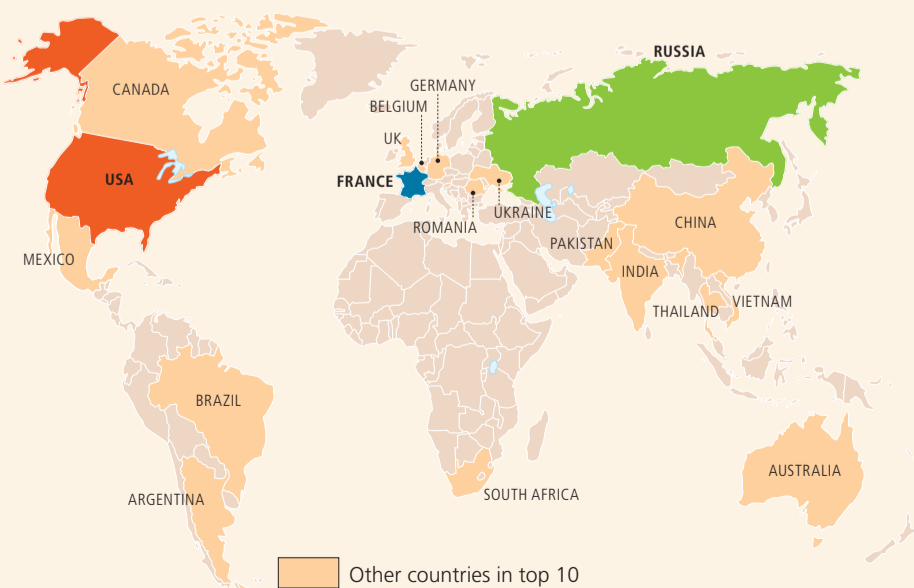
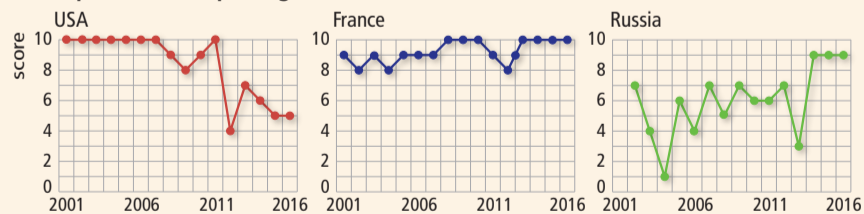
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	rank 2001	rank 2016
Cereals	1 USA	1 France
	2 France	2 Russia
	3 Canada	3 Thailand
Oils and fats	1 Argentina	1 Malaysia
	2 Indonesia	2 Indonesia
	3 Malaysia	3 Argentina
Sugars	1 Brazil	1 Brzil
	2 France	2 India
	3 South Africa	3 Guatemala
Meat, dairy and fish	1 Netherlands	1 Brazil
	2 France	2 New Zealand
	3 Australia	3 Netherlands
Vegetables and fruits	1 South Africa	1 South Africa
	2 Netherlands	2 Ethiopia
	3 Australia	3 Netherlands
Beverages, spirits and vinegar	1 South Africa	1 South Africa
	2 UK	2 UK
	3 Portugal	3 France

Main cereal imports from:



Top 10 cereal exporting countries



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