

**EXTENT OF FARMLAND GRABBING FOR FOOD PRODUCTION BY FOREIGN INTERESTS:
HOW MUCH AGRICULTURAL LAND HAS BEEN SOLD OR LEASED OFF?**

affected country	rate (as % of the country's...)*	area leased or sold to foreign investors for food production	sources, remarks
ASIA PACIFIC			
Australia	arable land: 95% ag land: 12% total area: 6%	45,000,000 ha	ABS 2011. Only reflects the situation as of December 2010. In 2011, China's Beidahuang group was seeking an additional 80,000 ha there. By region, the Northern Territory is most affected: 24% of its agricultural land is controlled by foreign capital.
Cambodia	arable land: 11% ag land: 8% total area: 2.4%	432,900 ha	WB 2011, GRAIN 2011, FIDH 2011.
Indonesia	arable land: 18% ag land: 8% total area: 2%	4,240,000 ha	WALHI 2011, GRAIN 2011.
Laos	arable land: 71% ag land: 41% total area: 4%	960,000 ha	LNLM 2011.
New Zealand	arable land: 66% ag land: 3% total area: 1%	312,727 ha	NZIER 2011.
Papua New Guinea	n.a.	n.a.	According to various 2011 reports, 5.1 million hectares have been leased out -- to both national and foreign investors, for timber, palm oil production, carbon trading and other -- which is 10% of the country's entire land area. (See Colin Filer 2011.)
EUROPE			
Czech Republic	arable land: 5% ag land: 4% total area: 2%	147,000 ha	WA 2011. The government said in July 2011 that 147,000 ha are now ready for sale to foreigners.
Romania	arable land: 11% ag land: 7% total area: 4%	1,000,000 ha	The Diplomat 2011.
Ukraine	arable land: 3% ag land: 3% total area: 2%	1,045,000 ha	Spoor and Visser 2011, GRAIN 2011. Does not include Libya's reported 100,000 ha deal or Ukraine's large agroholdings in which foreign firms hold minority ownership. The lands are presently under lease arrangement.
AMERICAS			
Argentina	arable land: 58% ag land: 10% total area: 6.4%	18,000,000 ha	FAA 2011, Minister of Agriculture 2011.

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Bolivia	arable land: 39% ag land: 4% total area: 1%	1,450,000 ha	Only reflects the situation with soybean in Santa Cruz, where according to Fundación Tierra 71.2% of the 1 m ha planted to soy is foreign-held (40.4% by Brazilians, 20.2% Menonites, 7.1% Japanese, 0,5% Argentine and 3.0% others), <i>plus</i> the 700,000 ha that Brazilians hold for cattle ranching (in 3 provinces).
Brazil	arable land: 7% ag land: 2% total area: 1%	4,500,000 ha	INCRA 2011. Looks like a small percentage, but it's more land than the whole of Switzerland. Most observers consider this figure an underestimate, as the government lacks proper data.
Paraguay	arable land: 208% ag land: 38% total area: 19%	7,889,128 ha	COHA 2011, BASEIS 2009. The land deals exceed arable land here because livestock projects are extending into permanent pastures while the expanding soy plantations are ploughing up what were forests and grasslands. // "In Paraguay, Argentine firms and individuals own about 60 percent of the 3 million hectares of land used to cultivate soy," writes COHA.
Uruguay	arable land: 213% ag land: 27% total land: 23%	4,000,000 ha	La sed y el agua, Aug 2011. The land deals exceed arable land here because livestock projects are extending into permanent pastures while the expanding soy plantations are ploughing up what were forests and grasslands. // COHA 2011 says "Argentines own almost all of the 500,000 ha of Uruguayan soil designated for soy cultivation"
USA	arable land: 4% ag land: 2% total land: 1%	6,434,502 ha	USDA 2006. Of the foreign holdings, forest land accounts for 52%, cropland 15% and pasture & other agricultural land 33%. Canadian interests top the list (37%), followed by Germany and UK (10% each) and Switzerland (4%).
AFRICA			
Benin	arable land: 10% ag land: 3% total area: 2%	236,100 ha	SYNPA 2010. This tally reflects just 5 investors from Italy, China, Libya and Nigeria who are growing jatropha, cassava, maize, fruits and rice.
DR Congo	arable land: 6% ag land: 2% total area: 0.2%	401,000 ha	GRAIN 2011. The data for DRC is poor. We only reflect holdings by ZTE, Feronia and Eni, mostly to grow oil palm. Claims made about AgriSA (8 m ha) and Daewoo (4 m ha) are excluded here.
Ethiopia	arable land: 26% ag land: 10% total area: 3%	3,619,509 ha	OI 2011a. If we include the 7.5 million additional hectares that the government says will be made available to foreign investors, then the portion of agricultural land signed off leaps to 32% .
Gabon	arable land: 128% ag land: 8% total area: 2%	415,000 ha	RSPO 2011, GRAIN 2011. The land deals exceed arable land here presumably because they are extending into what was forest land.

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Ghana	arable land: 21% ag land: 6% total area: 4%	907,000 ha	GLP 2010, FOE 2010, GRAIN 2011.
Guinea	arable land: 56% ag land: 11% total area: 7%	1,608,215 ha	FLG 2011. Only accounts for Farm Lands of Guinea, including the 1.5 million ha that they were commissioned by Government of Guinea to identify for lease to third parties, as FLG have exclusive marketing rights to the land.
Liberia	arable land: 434% ag land: 67% total area: 16%	1,737,000 ha	WB 2011, GRAIN 2011. The land deals exceed arable land here presumably because they are extending into what was forest land.
Madagascar	arable land: 26% ag land: 2% total area: 1%	765,100 ha	Andrianirina-Ratsialonana et al. 2011. Accounts for land that is targetted under projects whose status is "in motion" or "unsure" (disregarding projects that are "cancelled" or "stopped"). The portion of this that is in actual production is 150,000 ha. Some 20 investors are concerned.
Malawi	arable land: 11% ag land: 7% total area: 3%	397,000 ha	GLP 2010, GRAIN 2011.
Mali	arable land: 6% ag land: 1% total area: 0.3%	372,167 ha	OI 2011b.
Mozambique	arable land: 53% ag land: 6% total area: 3%	2,700,000 ha	CoDA 2011. Figures do not include 1,000,000 ha granted to AgriSA in Apr/May 2011 and 6,000,000 ha committed to Brazilian investors in August 2011. If included, they would bring the total portion of agricultural land already signed off to 20% .
Nigeria	arable land: 2% ag land: 1% total area: 1%	542,500 ha	GLP 2010, GRAIN 2011.
Rep. of Congo	arable land: 134% ag land: 6% total area: 2%	670,000 ha	GRAIN 2011. The land deals exceed arable land here presumably because they are extending into what was forest land. In addition, AgriSA has an option to expand its holdings to 10,000,000 ha. If included, it would bring the tally to 100% of Congo's agricultural land area.
Senegal	arable land: 12% ag land: 5% total area: 2%	460,000 ha	CICODEV 2011, GRAIN 2011.
Sierra Leone	arable land: 46% ag land: 15% total area: 7%	501,250 ha	OI 2011, GRAIN 2011.
South Sudan	arable land: 13% ag land: 5% total area: 4%	2,640,000 ha	NPA 2011 (foreign holdings) and GoSS 2011 (South Sudan land area).

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Sudan	arable land: 28% ag land: 8% total area: 2%	5,671,000 ha	GLP 2010, GRAIN 2011. Agricultural land area estimated here as FAO 2009's figure for Sudan (136,731,000 ha) minus WB 2008's figure for South Sudan (64,433,070 ha).
Tanzania	arable land: 24% ag land: 7% total area: 3%	2,444,000 ha	GLP 2010, GRAIN 2011.
Uganda	arable land: 4% ag land: 2% total area: 1%	274,990 ha	GLP 2010, GRAIN 2011. Does not include the reported 840,000 ha deal with Egypt. If this were included, the portion of agricultural land signed off would jump to 8% .
Zambia	arable land: 19% ag land: 3% total area: 1%	634,850 ha	GLP 2010, GRAIN 2011. Does not include a reported 2 million ha biofuel deal with China. If included, the total portion of agricultural land signed off would jump to 11% .

* Foreign farmland deals as % of land areas measured by FAO for 2009 (unless otherwise indicated) where: "arable land" is land under temporary agricultural crops, temporary meadows, market and kitchen gardens and temporary fallow; "agricultural area" is arable land + permanent crops + permanent meadows and pastures (e.g. for livestock grazing); and "total land area" is area of the country including area under inland water bodies, but excluding offshore territorial waters. Figures are rounded. As to abbreviations, ha = hectare.

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