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# WEST AFRICA FERTILIZER WATCH

PROVIDING WEEKLY INFORMATION ON THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE WEST AFRICA FERTILIZER MARKET

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ **The supply chain is working, and stocks are being built up**, while some countries are taking measures to open up. This is true in Ghana and Nigeria, where the economic impacts of the pandemic may be more severe than the direct health impacts.
- ▶ **Government responses are being fine-tuned**, with response plans and support programs for inputs (Togo, Nigeria, Senegal) being put in place, or for agricultural commodity chains (Côte d'Ivoire, Mauritania, Chad).
- ▶ **Subsidies, first of all for food crops?** While food crops only consume a little more than half (54%) of the fertilizers consumed in West Africa and receive barely 20% of the recommended inputs, governments should **encourage local food production and maintain the production level and purchasing power of cash crop farmers**. Implementation options should be based on ECOWAS regulations and the future Fertilizer Subsidy Directive, as well as existing national subsidy programs (see the map published in Issue 2 and RODEVA's viewpoint).
- ▶ **Responses from the seed sector** are being prepared with support from CORAF, which notes that enough certified seed for rice is available for the next growing season, while all other crops have a shortfall in the quantity of seed required.

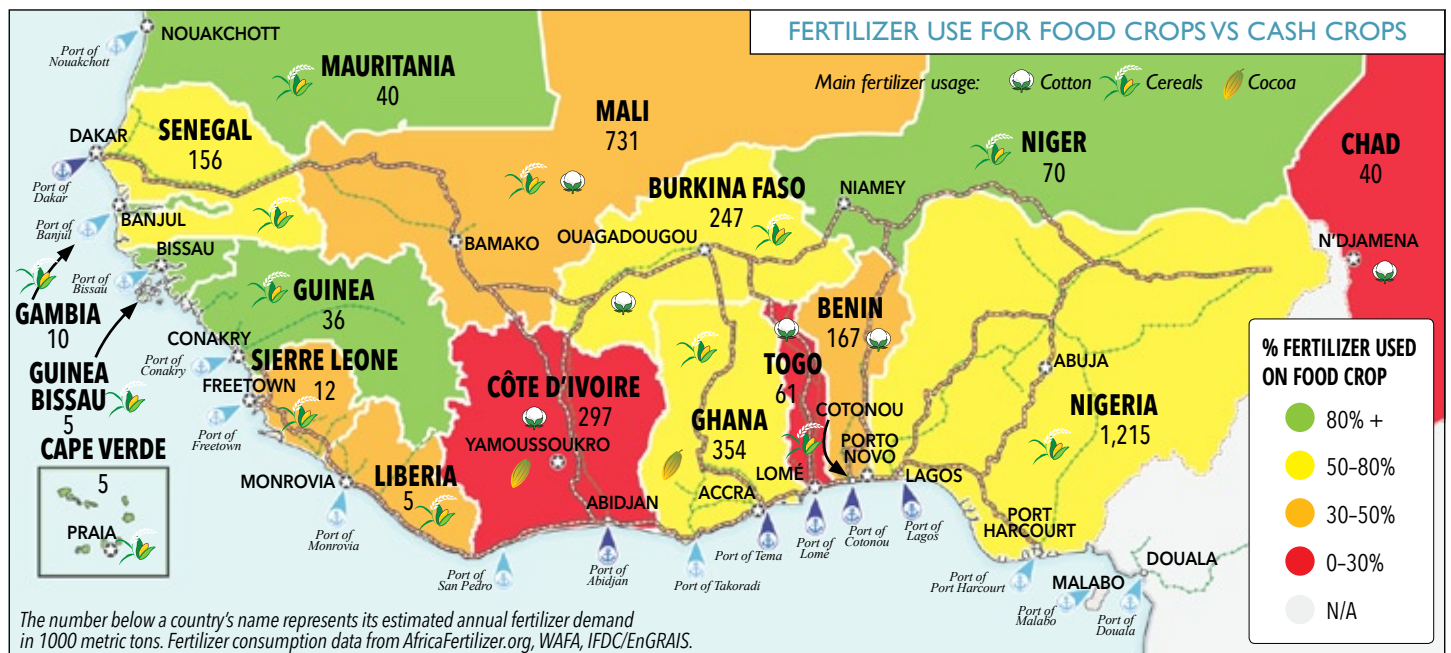


## STATS

Country	Covid -19	Public Measures	Measures affecting fertilizer logistics				Fertilizer Markets	
BENIN								
BURKINA FASO								
CAPE VERDE								
CHAD								
CÔTE D'IVOIRE								
GAMBIA								
GHANA								
GUINEA BISSAU								
GUINEA								
LIBERIA								
MALI								
MAURITANIA								
NIGER								
NIGERIA								
SENEGAL								
SIERRA LEONE								
TOGO								

Color	COVID-19 pandemic: diagnosed cases on a week-on-week basis	Economic status: government measures, logistics, finance	Fertilizer market indicators:		
Stable	No impact &/or improvement	% stock coverage	% subsidized/total market	Retail/FOB urea price ratio	
Up to 25%	Limited impact	80% +	Up to 30%	80% +	
25% - 50%	Moderate impact	50 - 80%	30 - 50%	50 - 80%	
> 50%	Strong impact	30 - 50%	50 - 80%	30 - 50%	
No data	No data	< 30%	80% +	< 30%	
		No data	No data	No data	



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