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# WEST AFRICA FERTILIZER WATCH

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

## HIGHLIGHTS

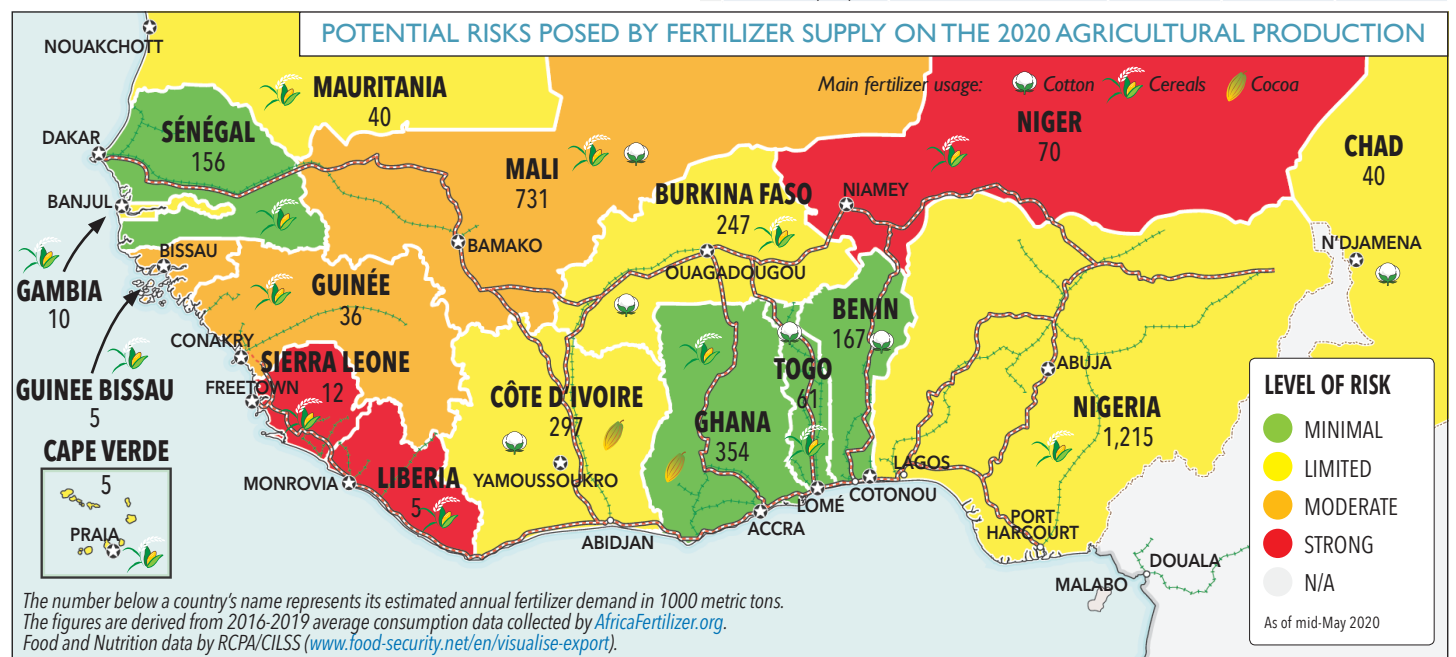
- ▶ This twelfth issue is the last one dedicated completely to **West Africa**. From July 2020, a new **Africa Fertilizer Watch** will cover 28 countries across sub-Saharan Africa, including the 17 **ECOWAS**, **UEMOA**, and **CILSS** states of western Africa.
- ▶ This new initiative led by **AfricaFertilizer.org** has the support of the **African Union**, and a group of technical and financial partners, including **BMGF**, **USAID**, **AFAP**, **AGRA**, **WAFA**, **IFA**, and **Development Gateway**. An improved **FertiNews** will provide the latest fertilizer prices and market news every month.
- ▶ The map below is a composite of the 11 maps published since April, and shows **we are now living in a "new normal"**. If COVID-19 preventive measures are maintained or reinforced, the priority is to continue to ensure the free movement of agro-inputs within the ECOWAS region, and the timely supply of these inputs to the greatest number of farmers.
- ▶ Low fertilizer prices, effective subsidy and distribution programs for small farmers, coordinated responses by national governments and regional institutions, and favorable climatic conditions contribute to a **2020 growing season which looks relatively satisfactory for most of the countries**, despite COVID-19 (+25% new cases this week).
- ▶ In countries at higher risk, such as Niger, Sierra Leone, and Liberia, fertilizer unavailability, food and civil insecurity put the most vulnerable at high risk.



## STATUS

Country	Covid -19	Public Measures	Status of fertilizer supply chain	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: public health and economic measures, fertilizer logistics	% stock coverage	Fertilizer market indicators: % subsidized/ total market	Retail/FOB urea price ratio
Stable	No impact &/or improvement	80% +	< 30%	80% +	
< 25%	Limited impact	50 - 80%	30 - 50%	50 - 80%	
25% - 50%	Moderate impact	30 - 50%	50 - 80%	30 - 50%	
> 50%	Strong impact	< 30%	80% +	< 30%	
No data (N.D.)	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	



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