

FAO in Ethiopia - El Niño Response Plan 2016

January, 2016 - FAO

To address the consequences of the global phenomenon of El Niño, FAO is moving forward on the development of response plans for emergency interventions, recovery and resilience building. Including Ethiopia, 20 countries (in Africa, the South Pacific, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean) are being targeted as high priority, with a further 21 countries being monitored closely.

Read more:

<http://www.fao.org/emergencies/resources/documents/resources-detail/en/c/380012/>

Saudi petrochemical groups hit by oil price fall

18th of January, 2016 - Hellenic Shipping News

Saudi Arabian petrochemical firms felt the full impact of lower oil prices in results posted this week, with Saudi Arabia Fertilizers Co (SAFCO) reporting its fourth-quarter net profit fell by more than half.

The decline at SAFCO follows lower earnings earlier in the day from Saudi Kayan Petrochemical Co and Yanbu National Petrochemical Co (Yansab).

Read more:

<http://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/saudi-petrochemical-groups-hit-by-oil-price-fall/>

Potash Co. of Saskatchewan (POT) Hits New -1 Year Low Following Analyst Downgrade

12th of January, 2016 - Deane Yates

Potash Co. of Saskatchewan (NYSE:POT) reached a new -52week low during trading on Tuesday after Barclays lowered their price target on the stock from 23.00\$ to 21.00\$, Analyst Ratings Net reports. Barclays currently has an equal weight rating on the stock. Potash Co. of Saskatchewan traded as low as 15.02\$ and last traded at 15.20\$, with a volume of 4,637,280 shares changing hands. The stock had previously closed at 15.44\$.

Read more:

<http://www.emqtv.com/potash-co-of-saskatchewan-pot-hits-new-1-year-low-following-analyst-downgrade/121142/>

The Supply Chain Cares About Sustainability More Than Ever

7th of January, 2016 - AGWEB

There was a time when once grain left the farm gate, little was thought about where it went. Those days are disappearing quickly, with more and more links in the supply chain taking significant interest in how the grain they source is grown. The upside – interest usually leads to positive change in the industry.

Read more:

<http://www.agweb.com/article/the-supply-chain-cares-about-sustainability-more-than-ever-naa-ben-potter/>

INCREASING GAS PRICES THREAT TO VIABILITY OF FERTILIZER INDUSTRY

7th of January, 2016 - Pakistan Observer

The ever increasing gas prices i.e., over \$ 5 per MMBTU is the highest in comparison with the international trends which showed a downward slide, was viewed as a serious threat to the viability of domestic fertilizer industry. The industry, while highlighting its contribution towards food security and the national economy, urged the Government to roll back the prices of gas in line with the Prime Minister's Kissan Package.

Read more:

<http://pakobserver.net/detailnews.asp?id=284773>

Fertiliser industry's gas tariff on lower side: minister

7th of January, 2016 - The News

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources Shahid Khaqan Abbasi on Wednesday said the gas tariff for the fertiliser manufacturers is already on the lower side, rejecting their criticism on its rate.

Read more:

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/print/86878-Fertiliser-industrys-gas-tariff-on-lower-side-minister>

More Fertilizer Plants And Their Baggage: CO2

12th of January, 2016 - ABBY WENDLE

Anhydrous ammonia is the cheapest form of nitrogen fertilizer on the market. But because it's dangerous to handle and difficult to apply, farmers often hire out custom applicators who work for local fertilizer dealers to do the job.

Read more:

<http://wuis.org/post/more-fertilizer-plants-and-their-baggage-co2#stream/0>

Country's largest fertilizer firm Iffco earmarks Rs 10 crore for startups

11th of January, 2016 - Times of India

NEW DELHI: Iffco, country's largest fertilizer firm, is looking to invest in start-ups and has set up a Rs -10crore fund to support new ideas and proposals, preferably related to agriculture sector.

Read more:

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/Countrys-largest-fertilizer-firm-Iffco-earmarks-Rs-10-crore-for-startups/articleshow/50534299.cms>

More Problems with Synthetic Nitrogen Fertilizer

7th of January, 2016 - Joanna Poncavage

Synthetic nitrogen fertilizer has become one of the foundations of modern industrial agriculture — and it's leading to alarming consequences. Synthetic fertilizer allows crops, such as corn, to grow unnaturally crowded in fields.

Read more:

<http://www.motherearthnews.com/nature-and-environment/synthetic-nitrogen-fertilizer-zmgz16fmzsto.aspx>

Fertilizer Industry Honors Outstanding Farmer-Retailer Partnerships

5th of January, 2016 - Matt Hopkins

Five American farmers and their fertilizer retail partners have been named as 4R Grower Advocates for 2016 by The Fertilizer Institute (TFI). The winners represent growers and retailers across the nation, dedicated to implementing the 4Rs of nutrient stewardship — using the right nutrient source at the right rate, the right time and in the right place.

Read more:

<http://www.croplife.com/management/stewardship/fertilizer-industry-honors-outstanding-farmer-retailer-partnerships/>

كان من الرسائل الرئيسية التي تمخضت عنها السنة الدولية للبقول، 2016، أنّ البقول نباتات مغذية للغاية- فهي بذور صغيرة معبأة بالمغذيات، وتشكل مصدرا هائلا من البروتينات. تتضمّن العديد من المقالات العلمية والجداول وقواعد البيانات الوطنية للمكونات الغذائية، بعض البيانات التركيبية عن البقوليات. لكن، لا يوجد حاليا مصدر عالمي وشامل لمكونات الأغذية التي تتضمنها البقول، ببيانات موحدة ومُقيّمة وفقا لمعيار مشترك. لسدّ هذه الفجوة المعرفية، تعمل المنظمة على إنشاء الشبكة الدولية لنظم بيانات الأغذية للبقول، التابعة للمنظمة، والتي ستمثّل إحدى النتائج الرئيسية للسنة الدولية. وقد تحدثنا مع السيدة روث شارونديير، المسؤولة عن التغذية، لمعرفة المزيد عن قاعدة البيانات هذه، وعن كيفية استخدامها.

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<http://www.fao.org/pulses-2016/news/news-detail/ar/c/362605/>

