

increased only 200,000 tons, an amount sufficient for little over a million people.

The following figures from "The World Food Budget" are relevant to Africa's future success in improving agriculture:

Per capita availability of arable land, hectares.....	¹ 0.9
Percent of world fertilizer production (percent).....	¹ 1.6
Literate population (percent).....	15 to 20
Average income per capita.....	\$100

¹ Average for Africa and west Asia.

West Asia and the Far East

Since the mid-1940's, west Asia's population has been increasing at a rate in excess of 2 percent a year. Over half of the people in the area are in Turkey and Iran; the others are in Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, and other small countries.

Wheat is the basic food in west Asia—accounting for two-thirds of the total energy intake—and the area's most important agricultural products are grain and livestock. Sugar, fats and oils, fruits, and vegetables also are important in the diet. In recent years, its annual agricultural exports—mainly fruits and nuts, cotton, and tobacco—have averaged about \$560 million and imported agricultural products have amounted to about \$375 million.

The area as a whole was below nutritional standards in calories, even with the addition of substantial imports of foods. About 12 percent of the average intake of energy foods for the area as a whole was supplied by imports; in Israel, Lebanon, and Jordan imports supplied about two-thirds of the total. Protein needs are met in most countries of the area but the use of fats and oils is below nutritional standards in several.

A small net export position in coarse grains probably will be reversed as the livestock and poultry industries continue to be developed, and increased needs of milled rice and vegetable oil are expected. Substantial increases are expected for imports of wheat, which in 1958 amounted to 625,000 tons.

Relevant figures to the general agricultural outlook in west Asia include:

Per capita availability of arable land, hectares.....	¹ 0.9
Percent of world fertilizer production.....	¹ 1.6
Literate population (percent).....	33
Average income per capita.....	\$175

¹ Average for West Asia and Africa.

The Far East contains almost half of the world population and its population is increasing at a rate almost as great as Latin America. Although food production has been increasing in recent years, the amount of food per capita still is less than it was before World War II. The food deficit is so great throughout the area that maintenance of current substandard nutritional levels, even with increased imports, will be difficult in the years ahead.

Food consumption levels in the area are lower than those in the other less developed areas. Diets are high in carbohydrates and deficient in fats and animal, pulse, and other proteins. In 1958, these deficiencies were the equivalent of 20 million tons of wheat, 100,000 tons of dry beans and peas, 670,000 tons of nonfat dry milk, and 1.5 million tons of vegetable oil.