

# *Cultivar Development ALA 1.1*

Using the FAO database to learn more about crop productivity

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FAO maintains a database on agricultural productivity by crop, country, year

<http://www.fao.org/faostat/en/#data>

You can explore food and agriculture data for over 245 countries from 1961 to 2014.

Click  
**EXPLORE DATA**

The screenshot shows the FAO FAOSTAT website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the FAO logo and the text "Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations". To the right of the logo is a search bar with "Google Custom Search" and a search icon. Below the navigation bar are links for "About FAO", "In Action", "Countries", "Themes", "Media", "Publications", "Statistics", and "Partnerships". There are also language options: العربية, 中文, English, Français, Русский, and Español.

The main heading is "FAOSTAT". Below it is a horizontal menu with buttons for "Data", "Country Indicators", "Compare Data", "Definitions and Standards", and "FAQ". To the right of this menu is a search bar with the placeholder text "Search an Indicator or Commodity".

The central banner features the text "Food and agriculture data" and "FAOSTAT provides free access to food and agriculture data for over 245 countries and territories and covers all FAO regional groupings from 1961 to the most recent year available." A blue button labeled "Explore Data" is positioned below the banner.

Below the banner are three main content blocks:

- Database Updates:** Includes "Production Indices (Production) May 30, 2017 Minor Revision", "Value of Agricultural Production (Production) May 29, 2017 Minor Revision", and "Forestry Trade Flows (Forestry) May 22, 2017".
- FAO Statistical Yearbooks:** Describes the yearbook as a selection of indicators on food and agriculture by country, with thematic spreads and country-level tables.
- Bulk Download:** Offers "All FAOSTAT Data" (812 MB) for download, updated on May 30, 2017.

At the bottom right, there is a "Tweets" section by @FAOstatistics, featuring a tweet from UNFAO FDI (@FAOFDI) asking "What does sustainable crop production intensification look like? #SaveandGrow in pictures:" with a link to a video.

Examine production of a particular crop in your country during the time period from 1961 to 2014.

Choose a crop grown in your country to investigate realized yield e.g. Maize grain yield in Uganda from over 10-year intervals from 1964 to 2014.

Under **PRODUCTION**, choose **CROPS**

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- Production**: Crops, Crops processed, Live Animals, Livestock Primary, Livestock Processed, Production Indices, Value of Agricultural Production
- Inputs**: Fertilizers, Fertilizers archive, Fertilizers - Trade Value, Pesticides Use, Pesticides Trade, Land, Employment Indicators
- Emissions - Agriculture**: Agriculture Total, Enteric Fermentation, Manure Management, Rice Cultivation, Synthetic Fertilizers, Manure applied to Soils, Manure left on Pasture, Crop Residues, Cultivation of Organic Soils, Burning - Savanna, Burning - Crop Residues, Energy Use
- Trade**: Crops and livestock products, Live animals, Detailed trade matrix, Trade Indices
- Population**: Annual population
- Investment**: Machinery, Machinery Archive, Government Expenditure, Credit to Agriculture, Development Flows to Agriculture, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), Country Investment Statistics Profile
- Emissions - Land Use**: Land Use Total, Forest Land, Cropland, Grassland, Burning - Biomass

At the bottom right corner, there are two circular icons: a blue one with a speech bubble and a green one with a chat bubble.

Choose **COUNTRIES/ REGIONS** (e.g. Uganda)

Choose **ITEMS** (e.g. maize)

Choose **ELEMENTS** (e.g. Yield)

Choose **YEARS** (e.g. 1964, 1974, 1984, 1994, 2004, 2014)

Click **SHOW DATA** to run

The screenshot shows the FAOSTAT website interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 'Data', 'Country Indicators', 'Compare Data', 'Definitions and Standards', and 'FAQ'. A search bar is located on the right. The main content area is titled 'Crops' and has three sub-sections: 'DOWNLOAD DATA', 'VISUALIZE DATA', and 'METADATA'. The 'COUNTRIES' section is active, showing a list of countries with 'Uganda' selected. The 'ELEMENTS' section is also active, showing a list of elements with 'Yield' selected. The 'ITEMS' section is active, showing a list of items with 'Maize' selected. The 'YEARS' section is active, showing a list of years with '2014' selected. At the bottom, there are options for 'Output Type' (Table, Pivot), 'Thousand Separator in 'Show Data'' (None, Comma, Period), and 'Output Formatting Options' (Flags, Codes, Units, Null Values). A 'Show Data' button and a 'Download Data' button are at the bottom center. On the right side, there is a 'Crops' sidebar with a description of crop statistics, a 'Bulk Downloads' section with a table of download options, and a 'Last Update' section.

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Crops Back to domains

DOWNLOAD DATA VISUALIZE DATA METADATA

COUNTRIES REGIONS SPECIAL GROUPS Filter results

- Tuvalu
- Uganda
- Ukraine
- United Arab Emirates
- United Kingdom
- United Republic of Tanzania
- United States of America

Select All Clear All

Uganda x

ELEMENTS Filter results e.g. area harvested

- Area harvested
- Yield
- Production Quantity
- Seed

Select All Clear All

Yield x

ITEMS ITEMS AGGREGATED Filter results e.g. agave fibres nes

- Lentils
- Lettuce and chicory
- Linseed
- Lupins
- Maize
- Maize, green

Select All Clear All

Maize x

YEARS Filter results e.g. 2014

- 2014
- 2013
- 2012
- 2011
- 2010
- 2009

Select All Clear All

1964 x 1974 x 1984 x 1994 x 2004 x 2014 x

Output Type:  Table  Pivot

Thousand Separator in 'Show Data':  None  Comma  Period

Output Formatting Options:  Flags  Codes  Units  Null Values

Show Data Download Data

Crops

Crop statistics are recorded for 173 products, covering the following categories: Crops Primary, Fibre Crops. Crop statistics are recorded for 17... [Show More](#)

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Bulk Downloads

All Data	8.2 MB
All Data Normalized	20.37 MB
All Area Groups	2.03 MB
Africa	1.38 MB
Americas	1.22 MB
Asia	1.49 MB
Europe	1.19 MB
Oceania	268 KB

Last Update: May 17, 2017

Related Documents

- [Revision of the agriculture production data domain](#)
- [Methodology - Crops Primary](#)

Definitions and standa... Metadata

Output lists the average maize grain yield for each year in hg/ha  
(Note: 1 ton=9071.8474 hg)

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fao.org/faostat/en/#data/QC

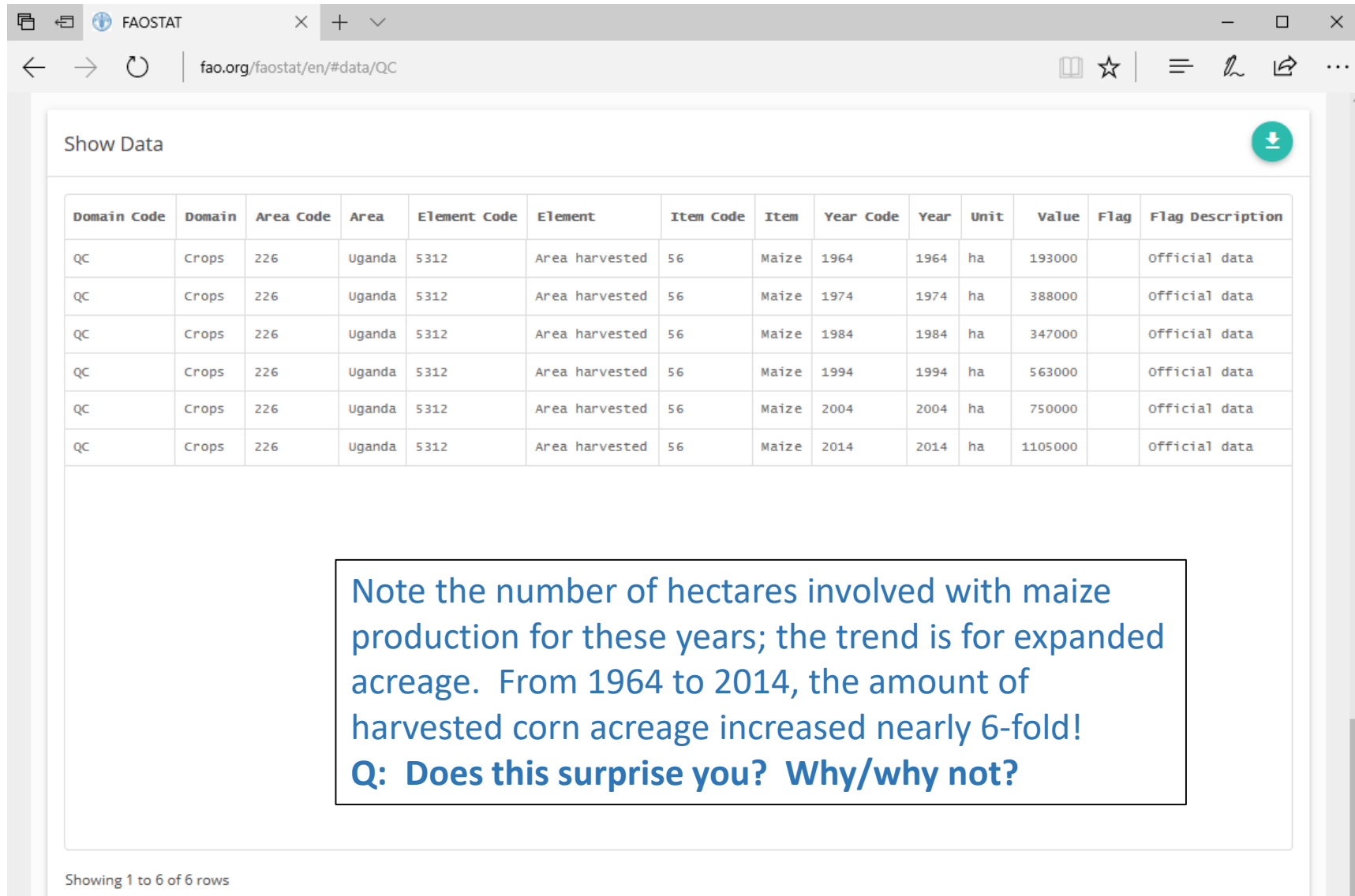
Show Data

Domain Code	Domain	Area Code	Area	Element Code	Element	Item Code	Item	Year Code	Year	Unit	Value	Flag	t/ha
QC	Crops	226	Uganda	5419	Yield	56	Maize	1964	1964	hg/ha	11399	Fc	1.257
QC	Crops	226	Uganda	5419	Yield	56	Maize	1974	1974	hg/ha	11082	Fc	1.222
QC	Crops	226	Uganda	5419	Yield	56	Maize	1984	1984	hg/ha	9741	Fc	1.074
QC	Crops	226	Uganda	5419	Yield	56	Maize	1994	1994	hg/ha	15098	Fc	1.664
QC	Crops	226	Uganda	5419	Yield	56	Maize	2004	2004	hg/ha	14400	Fc	1.587
QC	Crops	226	Uganda	5419	Yield	56	Maize	2014	2014	hg/ha	25005	Fc	2.756

Showing 1 to 6 of 6 rows

**Q: In what year was the highest average yield realized?**  
**Q: How has productivity changed over time?**  
**Q: Can you offer reasons for this change?**

Go back to CROPS page; specify **AREA HARVESTED** on the ELEMENTS menu keeping settings for COUNTRY, ITEM, and YEARS constant



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Show Data

Domain Code	Domain	Area Code	Area	Element Code	Element	Item Code	Item	Year Code	Year	Unit	Value	Flag	Flag Description
QC	Crops	226	Uganda	5312	Area harvested	56	Maize	1964	1964	ha	193000		Official data
QC	Crops	226	Uganda	5312	Area harvested	56	Maize	1974	1974	ha	388000		Official data
QC	Crops	226	Uganda	5312	Area harvested	56	Maize	1984	1984	ha	347000		Official data
QC	Crops	226	Uganda	5312	Area harvested	56	Maize	1994	1994	ha	563000		Official data
QC	Crops	226	Uganda	5312	Area harvested	56	Maize	2004	2004	ha	750000		Official data
QC	Crops	226	Uganda	5312	Area harvested	56	Maize	2014	2014	ha	1105000		Official data

Note the number of hectares involved with maize production for these years; the trend is for expanded acreage. From 1964 to 2014, the amount of harvested corn acreage increased nearly 6-fold!

**Q: Does this surprise you? Why/why not?**

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### Compare Data

#### COMPARE DATA

Select a timerange

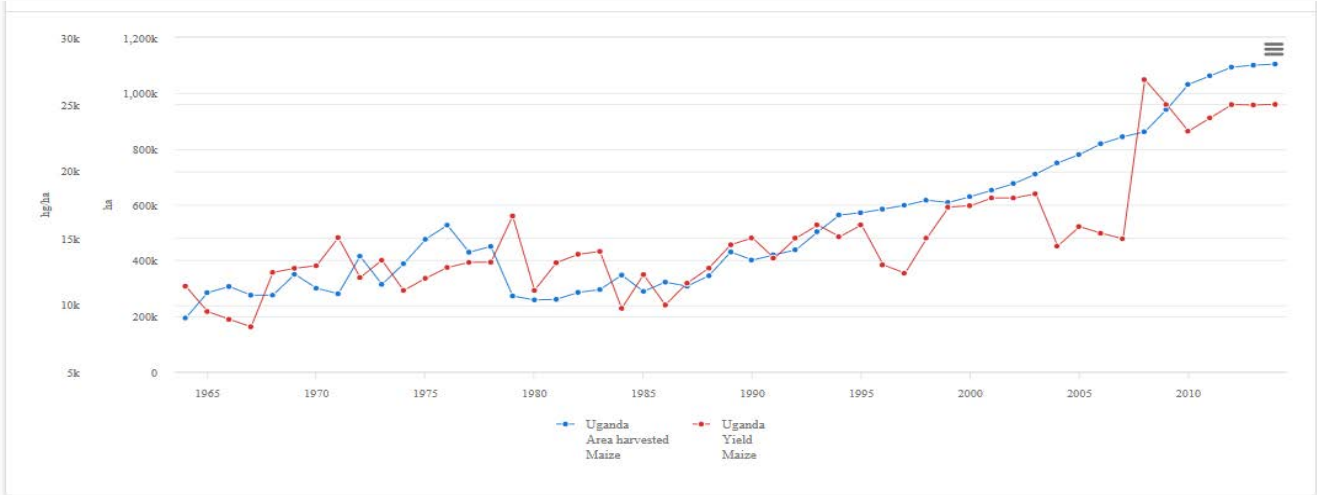


Add Filter

Production - Crops

Groups	Domains	Country/Region	Element	Item
Production	Crops	Uganda	Yield Area harvested	Maize

Compare Data



To view the these data together on a graph, go to the **COMPARE DATA** tab to view a graph of the output.

e.g. Maize grain yield in Uganda from 1964 – 2014

Note that the graph image can be saved to your computer.