Between 2005-2011, world food prices for wheat, rice, and maize rose significantly:

- **Wheat**: 102% price increase
- **Rice**: 115% price increase
- **Maize**: 204% price increase

Rising prices had a devastating effect on hungry people in developing nations.

"With price increases, people with less disposable income [had to] spend a larger percentage of their earnings on essential staple grains, and less on other food and non-food items."

- **World Watch Institute**

In 2009... **45 million Americans** were food insecure.

**Food Insecurity**: unable to consistently access or afford adequate food

- **Webster's Dictionary**

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