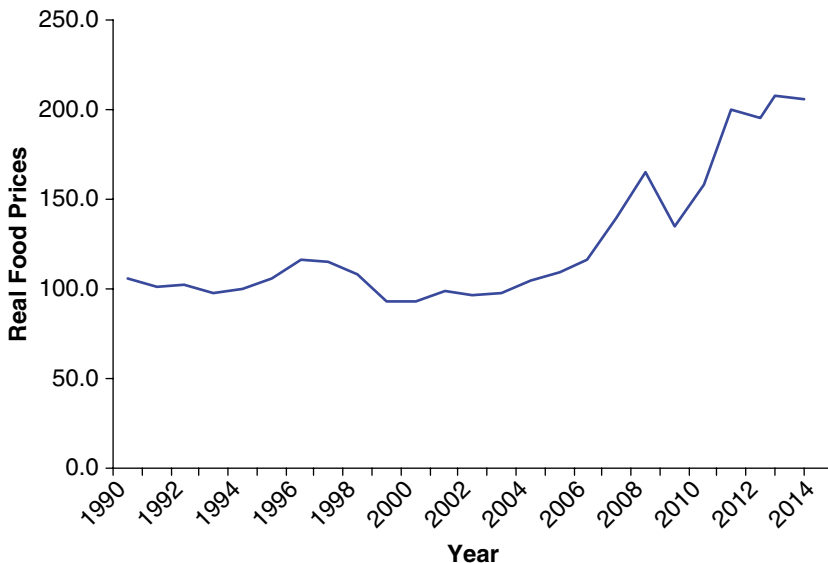


FIGURE
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THE RISING COST OF FOOD



Source: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, "World Food Situation: FAO Food Price Index," <http://www.fao.org/worldfoodsituation/foodpricesindex/en>.

Note: The FAO Food Price Index is a measure of the monthly change in international prices of a basket of food commodities. It consists of the average of five commodity group price indices (representing fifty-five quotations), weighted with the average export shares of each of the groups for 2002 to 2004.