

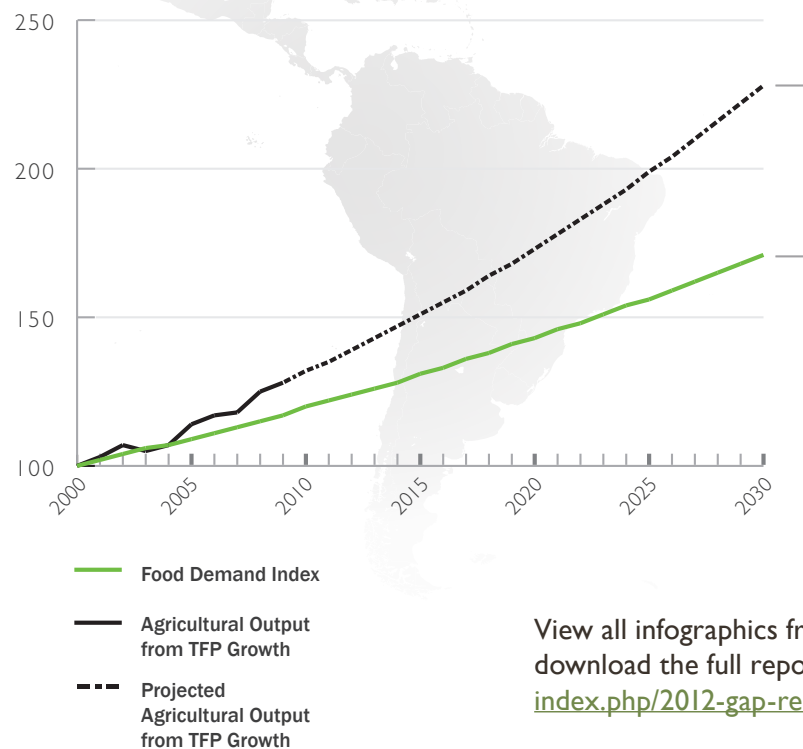
Regional Findings: Latin America and Caribbean

The estimated growth in food demand for the Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) region is 1.8 percent per year from 2000 to 2030. TFP growth from the last decade is 2.74 percent. If that rate is maintained or accelerated, this region may expand exports, increase biofuels production, or withdraw some land from production for conservation or carbon-credit strategies.

Policies that encourage productivity, while sustainably managing water, land, and forest cover, can provide an environment conducive to future food exports.

In order for the LAC region to realize its productivity and export trade potential, governments must commit to improvements in infrastructure.

If TFP growth rate is maintained,



Food demand will be met and exceeded, and the region will likely become a larger exporter.

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Source: Calculations based on data from Fuglie (2012), Fischer (2009), and Tweeten and Thompson (2008)