

# News Letter no. 122



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## The situation in Ukraine

### Comment from DFA Board

Danish Farmers Abroad (DFA) strongly condemns Russia's continued invasion of Ukraine and observes with great sadness and concern at the human losses and tragedies caused by the war.

The DFA is concerned about the great effect of the devastating war in Ukraine on the global food supply - to the detriment of not least the people of the Third World and the related consequence of famine.

DFA has no influence on and does not relate to the affairs of the individual members. DFA is a network organization for Danish farmers in 44 countries around the world and the association's primary focus is to promote the exchange of experience.

*Yours sincerely*

*DFA's board*

**Read also:** Danish Director General of the UN: "The harvest raises concerns about a serious situation in 2023. Uncertainty about this year's harvest in Ukraine is spreading tensions in large parts of the world market. I predict a darker 2023 because of the war and its tremors in Europe's granary". See his entire message [here](#)



## Briefly about upcoming activities



### Good interest in DFA study trip to England in June

There is great interest in visiting Clive Baily and Tim Parton as well as the exhibition "Groundswell" on 20-23 (24). June. At 27 April, 24 persons have registered for the trip. The aim of the trip is to study "Conservation Agriculture" and other alternative forms of cultivation within agriculture.

The trip starts on Monday 20 June with an approach to Luton or Stansted and accommodation at a hotel near Luton Airport. The next day we visit [Clive Baily](#) and his neighbor [Tim Parton](#). On June 22, we visit the combined conference and agricultural exhibition "[Groundswell](#)". which will be held on 22 and 23 June. Participants can choose an extra day to attend the entire conference.

You can read the entire program [here](#).

Further information and registration at DFA's secretariat.



*Clive Baily, TWB Farms*



*Tim Parton, Green Farm collective*

### DFA Summer Conference on 14 June

DFA provide its traditionally annual summer conference on 14 June including a series of presentations on actual topics.

The program is being prepared with input from DFA's board. Many presentations can be expected on the CO<sub>2</sub>-issue, biodiversity, etc. but also other actual issues affecting the situation in Ukraine and Russia.

Therefore, tick the date right now.

## DFA courses middle managers in cropping and pig production - new timeline

Several factors interfere with our plans to start new courses for farm middle managers. Here are our actual timelines for both courses.

**The DFA MSP course for Pig managers** starts with the 1st seminar on 20 September 2022 in Denmark and the subsequent 3 seminars will be held in 2023. An updated course folder with a new timeline can be found on the DFA website [here](#).

**The DFA CMP course for Crop managers** has been postponed to start on 21 February 2023 with the 1st seminar in Denmark (21 - 24 February) and the following two seminars will be held in June and November 2023.

We made many efforts assembling a team to starting in June, but there was not enough interested managers. That is why we have chosen to postpone the start to 2023.

An updated course leaflet can be found on the [DFA website](#).

Contact course manager **Povl Nørgaard** on + 45 31720145 or mail: [povl@povlnorgaard.dk](mailto:povl@povlnorgaard.dk) or the DFA secretariat for further information about the course.



## Briefly on completed DFA-activities

### A moving weekend

*By Asger Christensen, Member of the European Parliament for the Liberal Party*

We are on the brink of one of the biggest food crises of recent times. Ukraine accounts for 24 percent of Europe's total grain exports. Ukraine therefore plays an important role in Europe's grain supply.

Therefore, I decided to travel to Ukraine. Johannes Hansen from Danish Farmers Abroad, quickly put me in touch with Jesper Krogh, who is COO and responsible for pig production and agriculture on the farm

Halychyna Zahid, 60 kilometers south of Lviv in western Ukraine. My goal in going to Ukraine was to talk to farmers and people experiencing the war at close.

Friday morning, I crossed the two-kilometer-long border from Poland to Ukraine on foot. Crossing the border into a country at war and seeing what happens to civilians and their professions is deeply shocking. At the border, I saw clear traces of Putin's completely meaningless war. I saw people on the run and weapons and emergency aid crossing the border.

But even though there is war, farmers in Ukraine continue. They still have to make sure that food gets on the plates. The farmers must be in the field even though there is war.



*Asger Christensen, MEP on field work at Halychyna Zahid*

**Jesper Krogh and CEO Morten Johansen** received me at Halychyna Zahid and gave a good briefing. I was then in the field and a ride on the seed drill. The war also means changes for the farm. The field plan has changed radically. As a result of the war, they have chosen to reduce the sugar beet areas and produce soy instead. This is because they are afraid that it will be impossible to export to other countries.

To hear my farming colleagues in Ukraine, tell things that are so distant to me as a Danish farmer is crazy. It is not at all something I can imagine happening on Danish soil.

The Ukrainian farmers are currently making low agreements with the military to be able to have diesel delivered to their tractors. It seems completely surreal to me. The other day, a farmer died in the middle of his spring work when his tractor hit a mine and exploded.

The journey and the visit to the farm has been a completely wild experience. I would like to thank the entire team at Halychyna Zahid for making the experience possible. I would like to say a big thank you for your time and your explanation of the specific problems experienced in connection with the war.

The ride has been like losing a foothold for a while. Moving on uncertain terrain and meeting people who experience this first hand has given me many insights and impressions for my further work in the European Parliament. Where I have been appointed to a new committee, which will focus on the world's food security.



## DFA Benchmarking group visiting the EU Parliament

On 19 - 21 April, DFA benchmarking group 1 had chosen to have their semi-annual meeting in Belgium and Brussels. The visits provided the group with really good experiences.

The first item in the program was the EU Parliament having **Asger Christensen** to provide an hour-long briefing on his work as MEP. Their work is currently, of course, very much influenced by the situation in Ukraine, but in addition, the climate debate still fills much of the daily debate when all the members are gathered in the Great Hall.

The parliament has 705 members, of which 14 are Danish. Together with the Council of the European Union (Council), the European Parliament forms the legislative power of the European Union. The European Parliament and the Council are the highest legislative bodies in the EU. Since 1979, direct elections to Parliament have been held every five years.

4 days a month, the whole herd of parliamentarians as well as some key employees go to the department in Strasbourg - not impressively rational, but that's how it is agreed.

Before the meeting with Asger Christensen, the group had been given a thorough tour of the Parliament by Jens Ladekarl, who is employed by the Danish political parties to make tours for guests.

The group had to go through a thorough accreditation before it was allowed to enter the Parliament and one had to wear Covid 19 bandages during the tour. But still it was a great experience.



*Main entrance to the EU Parliament*

### The Group's visit to Agriculture & Food Brussels office

**Director Annette Toft** from the Agriculture & Food EU office in Brussels gave a thorough briefing on the role the office in Brussels providing an extended arm for L&F Copenhagen.

The group subsequently met with **Sune Christensen** as representatives from Danish Slaughterhouses, which has an office in the same location as L&F, as well as a meeting with a representative from the European agricultural organization COPA COGECA.

### Visit to Danis - Belgium's largest integrator

After a really exciting and rewarding morning in Brussels, the group went to the city of Izegem to meet with the management and employees of Belgium's largest agricultural company "Danis".

The company is today led by the third generation - **Stefaan Lambrecht**, who attended the meeting.

It all started in 1954 by Joseph Danis having established a pig production on a regular farm. Today, the farm has grown into a very large company including pig production in its own stables, contract production for other Belgian pig producers, as well as slaughterhouse and processing with sales to both the domestic market and exports.

Furthermore, Danis has built up a large feed company with production of feed mixtures and special production of eg. soy products, which are exported to a number of countries in Europe.

A very exciting visit to [Danis](#) - a visionary Belgian agricultural company.



*The group was shown around Dani's feed factory. Owner Stefaan Lambrecht is no. 2 from the right*

### The effect of the explosive price increase on fertilizers and crops

#### Summary of Webinar 29 March on the challenges of crop production

**Jakob Kjærsgaard and Ole Skou**, VKST, Sorø presented in a webinar on 23 March for 100 participants the actual challenges in crop production affected by rising prices for fertilizer.

With the war in Ukraine and the risk of lower harvest yields in the country, many experts estimate that there is a risk of a food crisis that will primarily affect the poor countries with large imports of wheat and soy. Uncertainty has led to high grain prices of currently 280 Euro per. tonnes wheat (Matiff Future Price 2022.) Jakob believed that the individual countries have difficulty in reducing their consumption of grain



used for eg. bioenergy and feed for livestock, so crop prices are expected to remain high for a long period - but not with high profits, due to high fertilizer prices.

Ole Skou said that the high nitrogen prices of currently 3-4 Euro per kg is due to restrictions on exports from Russia and Belarus (20-30% of EU fertilizer comes from these countries). And not least the high gas prices. But he does not expect a drop in fertilizer prices even if gas prices fall. Historical data show that the price of nitrogen is closely linked to the price of crops. It means that the crop manager in the long run, has to adjust to high fertilizer prices - those prices have actually been unrealistically low for 20 years.

Crop producers action options: Be precise in assessing the yield level of the field before determining the fertilization level. Postpone the spreading of the last part when you can "read" the season. Use GPS-precision applications to distribute the fertilizer on the specific areas in the field with the best potential. Make optimal use of catch crop, and consider options for intercropping - eg. to grow nitrogen-fixing crops - clover and peas - between rows of corn. Can add up to 30-50 kg N per. ha.

## News from member companies

### Status of emergency fund - initiated by Tom Axelgaard

In collaboration with i.a. Sofie Hammerskov, the Ukrainian Embassy and also the DFA, we set up an emergency aid fund on 27 February, where we, together with a number of employees in Goodvalley, try to bring emergency aid out to as many people as possible within the country.

So far, we have collected more than DKK 3.6 million. DKK, which goes uncut to purchase and distribute food, powdered milk, medicine and other daily necessities directly to the many needy people.

The reason why we can help as directly as we do, is that we have a large network internally in the country via Goodvalley, where we can still buy some of the necessities directly, and thus keep alive in local production and trade. In Poland, we also have the opportunity to purchase and collect large quantities of the goods that are in short supply internally in Ukraine.

I would like to say a thousand thanks for the trust in the many people, also among DFA's members and your network, who have already donated large sums to our work, see more at [www.help-ukraine.nu](http://www.help-ukraine.nu).

We still like to receive both larger or smaller amounts of money, but also other forms of help eg. in the form of food and medicine, accommodation of refugees or otherwise

### Status of spring fieldwork in Ukraine

Message from Halychyna Zahid, Manager Jesper Krogh (April 25)



The winter crops have generally entered the winter well. There are only a few frost-damages in the winter oilseed rape, which this spring is sown with spring wheat.

#### Cropping plan for 2022

<b>Crop</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Area</b>
Maize	330	Ha
Soya bean, oil	1754	Ha
Winter rape	1038	Ha
Winter wheat	1651	Ha
Spring wheat	20	Ha
Winter barley	1098	Ha
Beetroots	218	Ha
Buckwheat	20	Ha

The spring work has so far been provided according to plan. We are currently in the process of sowing sugar beets and soy. In the original cropping plan, we had planned 827 ha with sugar beets, but as the situation is in Ukraine, we have chosen to reduce the area with beets to 218 ha, and instead raise the area with soy.



#### Message from Agro East by manager Morten B Rasmussen, 25 April

Despite the war in the country, we have been able to carry out the field work more or less as planned. We have fertilized, spread manure, sprayed, sown spring barley, sunflower and in the middle of last week we started sowing corn.

All this is achieved by our people, who with great dedication have done their daily work as well as at all possible. We all owe a big thank you for their efforts.

The winter crops have overwintered well, so it will not be necessary to sow again due to frost damage.

All in all, we have managed to keep our nose in the loop, even though in the first weeks after Russia's invasion there were many unresolved issues. The questions were if we could get diesel, fertilizer and other consumables, but things have resolved as time has progressed.

At the beginning of the war, there were situations where our people were sent home from the field by the military. But now that the Russians are concentrated in the southeastern part of Ukraine, everyday life is slowly returning to the areas in which we operate.

However, it creates a certain nervousness when there are occasional bombings in other parts of Ukraine - no one can feel completely safe.

**Message from Goodvalley Ukraine by Manager Steffen Ranch, 27 April**

There is generally a positive growth in our **rapeseed**. The spring has done very well in terms of getting the underdeveloped plants, which had gotten off to a bad start due to problems with snails in the autumn. We have about 10% which is underdeveloped, but the remaining hectares look really good. We have sprayed insecticide once and are slowly getting ready for the first fungicide spraying.

**Winter wheat** is generally well developed all around. The first sown wheat has up to 10 side shoots and is in stage 31. First growth regulation is well underway. On the most recently sown wheat, we have an average of about 4-5 side shoots and are in stage 30. Our weed spraying has worked really well in the autumn and the wheat is therefore more or less clean of weeds.

**The winter barley** is well developed. For the last sowed barley, we would have liked the crop to have been a little closer - but here we are talking about a problem on a smaller area. Generally clean of weeds - we sprayed with manganese about 10 days ago.

Regarding corn and soy - then the plan is to start sowing this week 17. The sowing bed is ready, we are just waiting for the soil to dry up.

Overall, it has been a good growing season so far. Early start to spring with low temperatures, which has given the crops a quiet start. Both organic and mineral fertilizers have been brought out on time. Tillage has run painlessly, it has generally been dry, without being too dry.



*Winter rapeseed at Goodvalley, Ukraine is in good shape*

As for spraying, it has been very limited until April 27 due to the low temperatures. It just means that we will get extra busy the next few weeks.

## Overview DFA Networking activities

Month	Days	Activity	Location	Coordinator
May	Sunday 8 – Sunday 15	DFA ERFA Group 2 meeting	USA	Johannes V. Hansen
May	Sunday 29 - Tuesday 31	DFA ERFA Group 21 meeting	Denmark	Rasmus Andersen
May	Monday 30.04 - Wednesday 01.05	DFA ERFA Group 17 meeting	Denmark	Jes Klausen
June	Tuesday 14	DFA Summer Conference	Hotel and Conference center Trinity, Fredericia, Denmark	DFA secretariat
June	Tuesday 21 - Thursday 23	Conservation Agriculture study trip	England	Hans Poulsen and Johannes V. Hansen
August	Friday 26	Webinar on the development of raw materials	Teams	Adolfo Fontes, DSM/DFA secretariat
September	Wednesday 7- Friday 9	DFA Development Group meeting	Bruxelles	Johannes V. Hansen
September	Wednesday 14 – Friday 16	DFA – Ø-Vet course	Bratislava	Inger Morthorst Møller
September	Monday 19 – Wednesday 21	DFA - ERFA 4 meeting	France	Henrik Nielsen
September	Tuesday 20 – Friday 23	MSP Course for pig Managers	Denmark	Povl Nørgaard
2023				
January	Tuesday 10	DFA Annual meeting and Winter Conference	Hotel Pejsegaarden, Brædstrup, Denmark	DFA secretariat
January	Tuesday 17 – Friday 20	MSP course for Pig managers	Hungary	Povl Nørgaard
February	Tuesday 21 – Friday 24	CMP Course for Crop managers	Denmark	Povl Nørgaard

## Global Pork Meat Prices

Source: Genesis, 20 April 2022

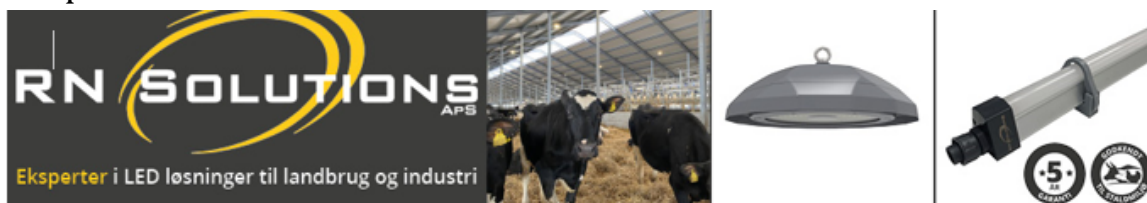


**Price as of April 20th, 2022**

	Domestic price (own currency)	US dollars (liveweight lb.)
USA (CME constructed price)	101.18 USD/100 lb. carcass DW	74.87 ¢
Canada (Ontario base price)	230.04 CAD/100 kg carcass DW	66.78 ¢
Mexico (national average)	36.37 MXN/kg liveweight	82.44 ¢
Brazil (South Region)	5.66 BRL/kg liveweight	55.59 ¢
United Kingdom	157.73 GBP/100 kg carcass	74.76 ¢
Spain	1.530 EUR/kg liveweight	75.28 ¢
France	1.686 EUR/kg carcass	69.56 ¢
Russia	120.57 RUB/kg liveweight	66.49 ¢
Vietnam (national average)	54,000 VND/kg liveweight	\$ 1.07
South Korea (national average except Jeju)	5,274 KRW/kg carcass	\$ 1.49
Philippines (national average)	188 PHP/kg liveweight	\$ 1.63
China	12.80 CNY/kg liveweight	90.47 ¢

We see the highest listing in the Philippines with a price corresponding to DKK 25.21 per. kg live weight (32.11 DKK/kg carcass weight), while Brazil is the lowest with a listing of DKK 8.60 per. kg live weight (10.11 DKK/kg carcass weight).

## Firma profiler



### HOLDBARE OG EFFEKTIVE LED BELYSNINGSLØSNINGER TIL LANDBRUG

#### Historie

RN Solutions blev etableret i 2013 af Rune Qvist Nielsen, som har en baggrund inden for landbrug. Med inspiration fra andre europæiske svineproduktioner, kombineret med indsigt fra sin egen svineproduktion, udviklede han et holdbart LED belysningskoncept, der gav både markante energibesparelser, øget produktivitet blandt søer og et godt arbejdsmiljø.

Produktsortimentet tæller i dag en bred vifte af holdbare og effektive LED belysningsløsninger til såvel landbrug som industri. Produkterne sælges i mere end 20 lande over hele verden.

#### Kvalitetssikring via egen produktudvikling og design

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### **Sustell™ - A DSM environmental service for livestock farmers**

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Sustell™ is built on validated protocols, calculation methodologies and proven processes that meet international standards and has received ISO 14040/44 certification assurance by DNV.

By providing deep insights into farm-level emissions Sustell™ opens new possibilities for the entire value chain, from farm to fork, including the ability to certify, incentivize sustainable farm practice and make sustainability claims in animal protein product labels.

More information: [https://www.sustell.com/en\\_US/home.html](https://www.sustell.com/en_US/home.html) or contact your local DSM Sales representative.



## Short news from Abroad

### European Commission will support agriculture and rural development in the pre-accession countries with over €900 million (IPARD)

Source: EU Commission, 23 March 2022

The European Commission adopted rural development programmes (IPARD) under the instrument for pre-accession assistance for Albania, North Macedonia, Serbia and Turkey, with a budget of €112, €97, €288 and €430 million respectively. The programmes provide the basis for EU support in the field of agriculture, rural development and food security for the period 2021-27, particularly important in the current geo-political context. This EU support, together with national public and private contributions, are expected to generate in total over €2 billion investment in rural areas of Western Balkans and Turkey.

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### Carbon-offsetting has 'transformed' the Scottish land market

Source: farmlandgrab.com, 12 April 2022

Scotland's land market has been transformed as corporate buyers swoop in for farmland in an effort to offset carbon emissions. Findings from the Scottish Land Commission show the changes to rural land markets and values, amid strong timber prices and rising demand in non-farming leisure estates.

Corporate entities are increasingly interested in plantable land and forestry holdings, according to the Rural Land Market Insights report. Farmland values rose in Scotland by 31.2% in 2021, against 6.2% across the UK.

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### Support package for Irish pig producers and Swedish farmers

Source: Agriculture& Food, week 17, 2022

According to international news media, Irish pig producers have the prospect of aid of 13 million £ as part of a larger aid package for Irish agriculture to alleviate the economic consequences of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. However, the size of the aid package is well below the wishes expressed by Irish agricultural organizations.

In Sweden, the government is expected to put forward proposals for support for farmers in the order of 2 billion skr. In addition to 400 million skr. for the reduction of diesel taxes, the animal sector will be supported with 1.6 billion skr. The support package requires EU approval.

### EC approves EUR 91 mlo. Romanian state aid scheme for bovine, pigs and poultry producers

Source: Romania-Insider.com, 27 April 2022

The European Commission (EC) approved on April 26 a Romanian scheme worth EUR 91 million (RON 453 million) to support bovine, pigs and poultry producers in the context of the coronavirus pandemic.

Under the scheme, which was approved under the State Aid Temporary Framework, the public support will take the form of direct grants. It will be open to companies of all sizes active in the bovine, pig and poultry sectors.

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## Holde Agri Invest acquires 2,100-hectare farm in southern Romania

Source: farmlandgrab.com, 11 April 2022

Holde Agri Invest, a Romanian company operating farmland, announced on April 11 that it completed the acquisition of a new farm in Dambovită county, southern Romania. The farm in Contesti commune has an area of 2,100 ha of land and is the fourth core farm of Holde, after Rosiori, Videle, and Frumusanii. Following this new deal, the group reached a total cultivated area of almost 12,000 hectares.

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## Ecuador: pig sector looks for public support to become exporter

Source: Pig Progress, 8 April 2022

In the months leading up to the event United Pork Americas, Pig Progress takes a deep dive into pig-producing countries in the Americas. What is pork production like in the various countries in both continents, and what are the perspectives for development?

Ecuador has doubled its pig production between 2010 and 2020, due to a consistent industrialization process throughout the sector after 2005.

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## How is Brazil getting on with eradicating CSF?

Source: Pig Progress, 4 April 2022

Brazil's pig industry is well underway with a large plan to eliminate Classical Swine Fever (CSF – also known as hog cholera) from the entire country. Currently, Brazil's CSF free zone in the south equals 95% of production and all pig meat exports. Increasing that area, however, is more desirable. Where is Brazil with this process?

In terms of Classical Swine Fever, Brazil can be subdivided into 2 zones. The south of Brazil consists of 15 states as well as the Federal District, which concludes the major pig producing states. CSF has not been found in any of those states since 1998. Only 11 states in the north are officially not declared free from CSF – but that is about to change, as Brazil is on track to overcome CSF once and for all.

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## Venezuela's pig sector has collapsed since 2014

Source: Pig Progress, 1 April 2022

Venezuela is going in the opposite direction in comparison to other South America's countries when the topic is the pig sector. While most of them registered remarkable increasing production in recent years, Venezuelans saw their pork supply falling.

The available data show 81% less production between 2013 and 2020, from 210,000 tonnes to around 40,000 tonnes. The main reason is no disease or climate event, but politics and its consequences for the national economy.

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## Argentina set to produce 40 million tons of soybeans in 2021/22

Source: Pig333.com, 8 April 2022

Greater Rosario is expected to receive 31.2 million tons of domestic soybeans in the 2021/22 marketing year.

Argentina expects to produce close to 40 million tons in the 2021/22 season. It is expected that 36.5 million tons will be processed, also considering soybean imports from neighboring countries. Thus, the processing industry represents the main focus of demand for domestic production.

The crushing plants are heavily concentrated in the Greater Rosario area, which accounts for nearly 80% of the country's total, making this region the most important oilseed industrial complex world-wide.

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## Foreign investment in U.S. cropland nearly tripled in past decade

Source: farmlandgrab.com, 19 April 2022

This USDA graphic shows the proportion of foreign-held agriculture land to all privately held agriculture land. Graphic is on page 10 of the PDF of USDA's 2020 AFIDA report.

Foreign investment in U.S. cropland has nearly tripled in the past decade. The total croplands controlled by foreign interests in 2020 was 10.9 million acres, up from 4.1 million acres in 2010. This increase has been largely driven by foreign-owned wind companies signing long-term leases on a large number of acres.

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## Investors seeking inflation hedge snap up US farmland

Source: Financial Times, 6 April 2022

Prices for prime Midwest ground climbed by up to a third in past year as world food prices hit records

Investors are buying more US farmland in search of a hedge against inflation as commodity shortfalls caused by Russia's invasion of Ukraine drive world food prices to record highs.

Land values in the Midwest grain belt have gained 25-30 per cent in the past year while auctions draw intense bidding for available ground.

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