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New Technical Note on Threshold Effects in Price Transmission

The analysis of price transmission helps to identify the nature of the relationship between geographically distant markets and cross-commodity price transmission, as well as the impact of liberalization policies and the identification of regions exposed to systemic shocks. [AGRODEP Technical Note #22](#) contributes to the debate between symmetric and asymmetric price transmission and presents the traditional and new approaches for detecting threshold effects in price transmission while highlighting their advantages and limitations. There is no one-size-fits-all method for detecting threshold effects in price transmission. Researchers need to select a combination of elements (context of study, the economy under consideration, data availability) to justify their choice. Aside from the presentation of the methods for detecting thresholds in price transmission, the authors perform an application in the case of the rice market in Senegal.

Insights from the 2021 Africa Agriculture Trade Monitor

The fourth annual [Africa Agriculture Trade Monitor \(AATM\)](#), edited by Antoine Bouët, Getaw Tadesse, and Chahir Zaki, and released in September 2021 examines how the African Continental Free Trade Area can maximize its potential and presents COVID-19 recovery policies to support more resilient livelihoods for agricultural producers and formal and informal traders. The report covers African trade with global markets, includes a special focus chapter highlighting COVID-19 impacts, and a chapter on competitiveness of African livestock products. The final chapter looks at regional integration experiences in Northern Africa, with a focus on the Arab Maghreb Union. AGRODEP members Leila Baghdadi, Zouhour Karray, Lulit Mitik, Abdoulaye Seck, and Chahir Zaki contributed to the volume.

Commodity Price Monitoring in Kenya and East Africa

In collaboration with IFPRI's [Food Security Portal](#), AGRODEP members are engaged in monitoring commodity price trends and variations in selected markets in East Africa. The monthly reports for [Kenya](#) by Ruth Chepchirchir and Joel Maina cover maize, beans, rice, wheat, and Irish potatoes in major Kenyan markets. The monthly series for [East Africa](#) by Annet Adong and co-authors cover the evolution of weekly maize and rice prices in Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda.

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