

Factors affecting the consumer

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The socio-economic spectrum in South African



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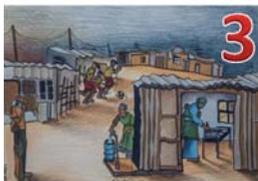
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LSM 1, 2 & 3: Low-income consumers

- 10% of the population
- ± 3.7 million adults
- Mostly Rural
- Up to 44% unemployment
- ±R1968–R3082/hh/month
- Earn less than 5% of total income



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LSM 4, 5 & 6: Lower middle-class

- 52% of the population
- ± 20 million adults (15+)
- LSM 4&5: Mostly rural
- LSM 5&6: Increasingly urban
- Up to 44% unemployment
- ±R3 798–R7 550/hh/month
- About 27% of total income



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LSM 7 & 8: Upper middle-class

- 22% of the population
- ± 8.5 million adults
- Urban
- Up to 26% unemployment
- ± R12 789-R18 728/hh/month
- ± 28% of total income



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LSM 9 & 10: High-income consumers

- 16% of the population
- ± 6.1 million adults
- Urban
- 5% to 13% unemployment
- R26 037-R40 337 /hh/month
- **About 43% of total income**

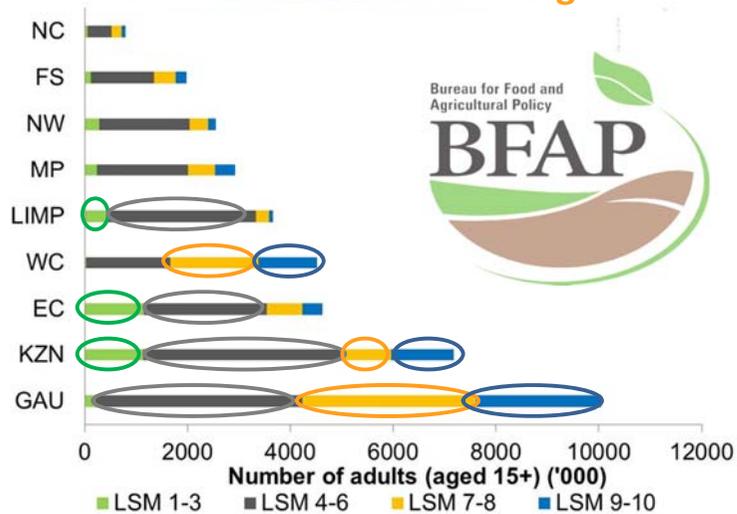


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LSM segments: Per province

(AMPS 2015)

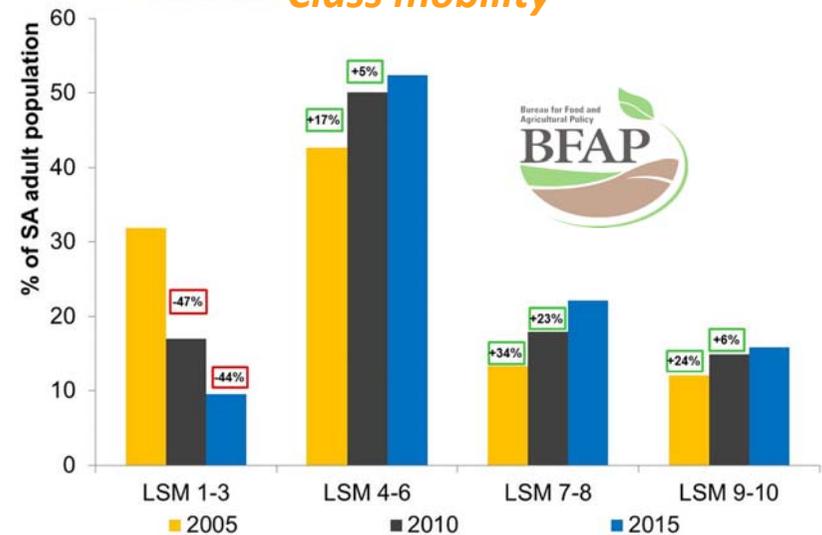


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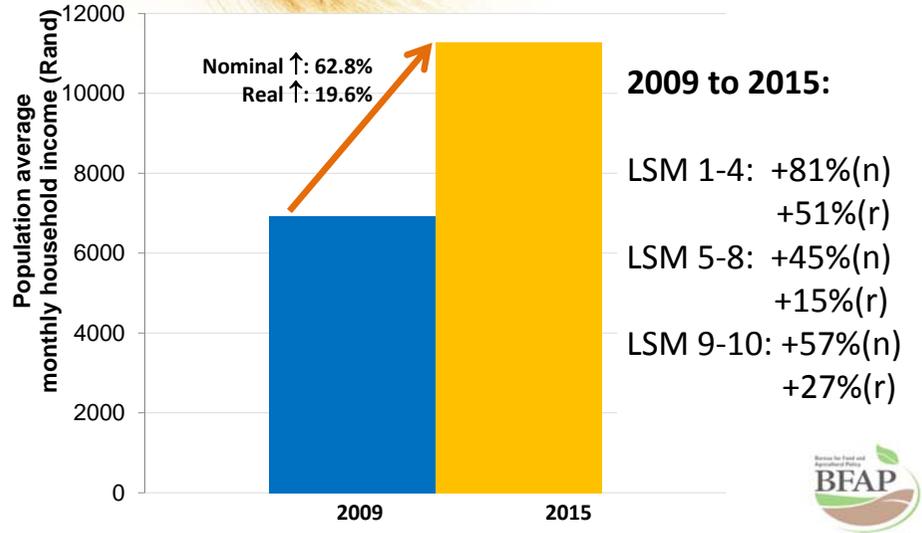
Class mobility



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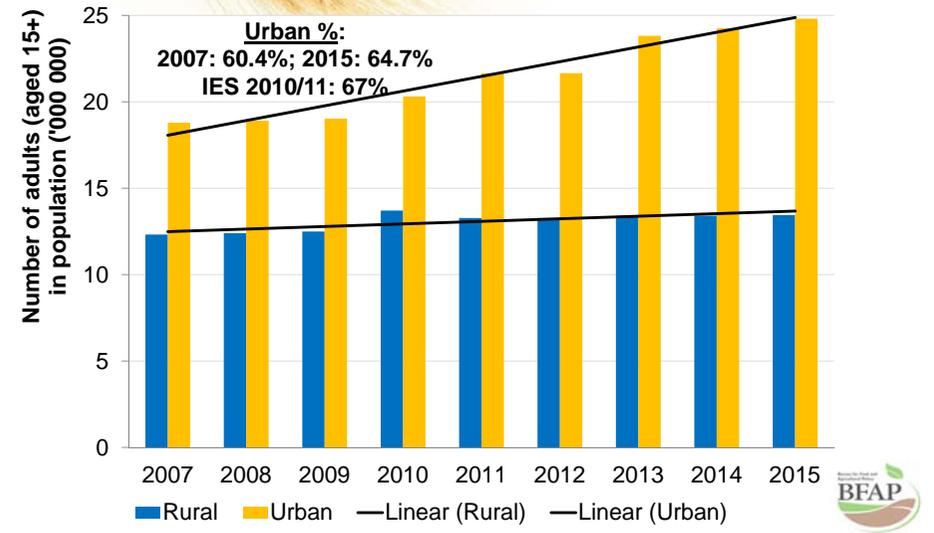
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Household income



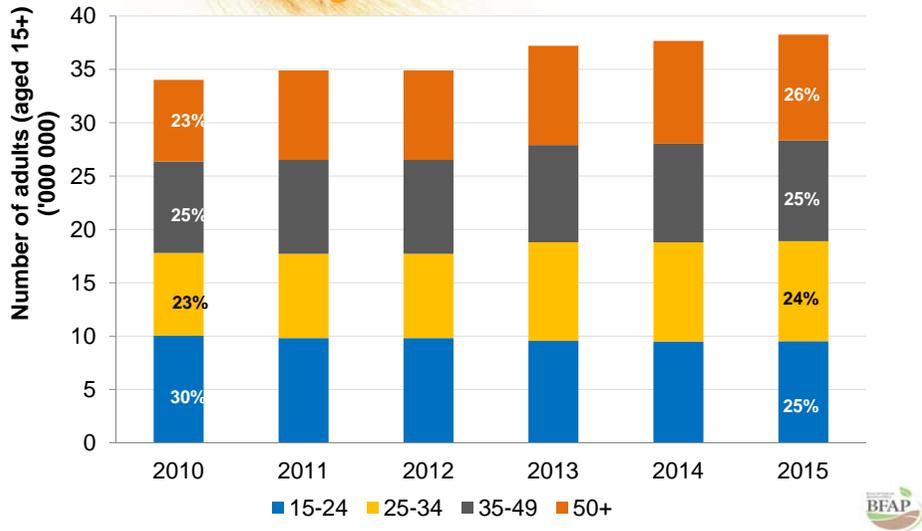
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Urbanisation



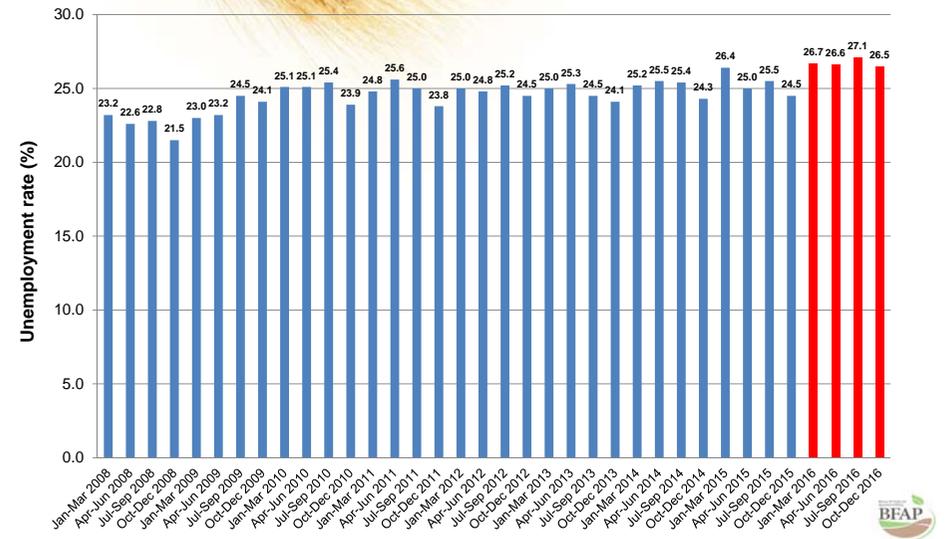
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Age distribution



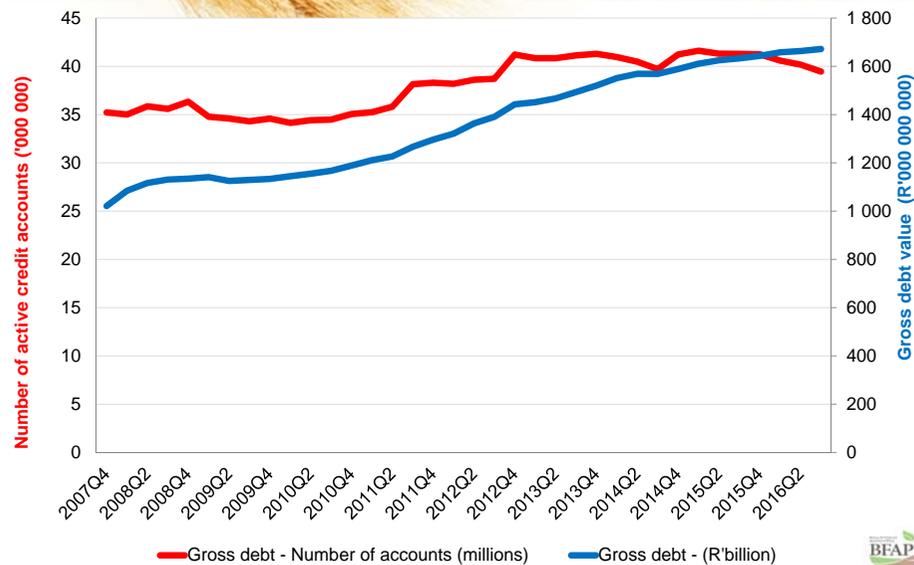
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Unemployment rate (StatsSA)



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FOOD EXPENDITURE OVERVIEW (StatsSA IES 2010/11)

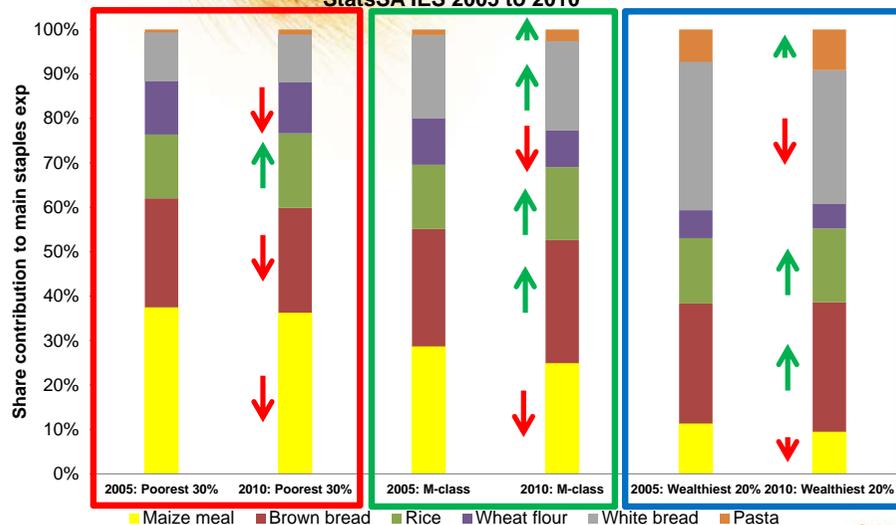
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	Poorest 30%	Lower middle- class	Upper middle- class	Wealthiest 20%
Est share of inc spent on food	37%	31%	22%	12%
Est contribution to total food exp	14%	25%	24%	37%
Est share of food exp allocated to grain foods	33%	30%	26%	17%
Est share of food exp allocated to prot foods	23%	25%	28%	31%
Est contribution to total exp on grain foods	18%	31%	25%	26%

STAPLE FOOD EXPENDITURE DYNAMICS (StatsSA IES 2010/11)

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Main staples: changes in expenditure contributions
StatsSA IES 2005 to 2010



DOMINANT STAPLE FOOD EXPENDITURE OVERVIEW (StatsSA IES 2010/11)

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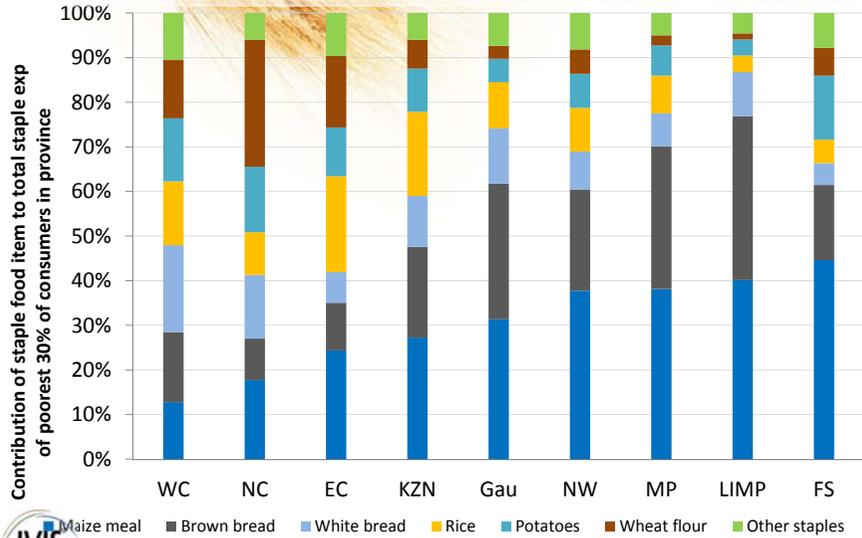
Marginalised (10% of population)	L mid-class (52% of population)	U mid-class (22% of population)	Wealthy (16% of population)
(31%)	(28%)	(22%)	(17%)
(23%)	(20%)	(21%)	(16%)
(13%)	(15%)	(13%)	(12%) (Various baked goods)
(10%)	(11%)	(15%)	(11%) (Breakfast cereals)

% in brackets: Share of grain food category expenditure

PROVINCIAL STAPLE FOOD EXPENDITURE OVERVIEW

(StatsSA IES 2010/11)

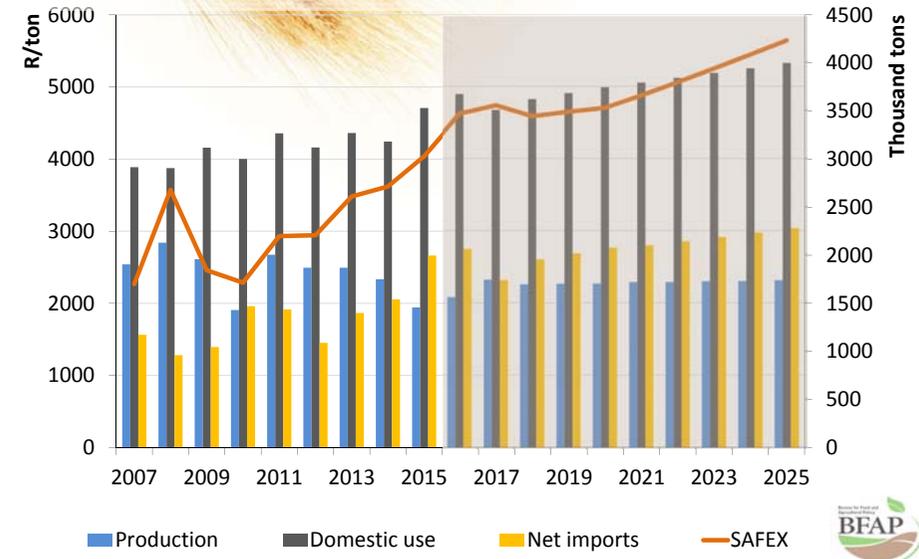
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IVIS Information System | Maize meal | Brown bread | White bread | Rice | Potatoes | Wheat flour | Other staples | BFAP

OVERVIEW OF SA WHEAT INDUSTRY

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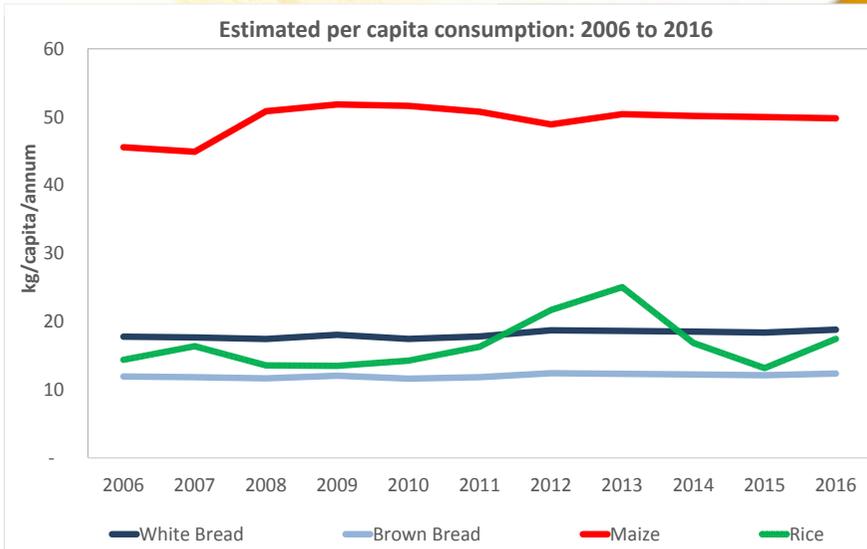


Production | Domestic use | Net imports | SAFEX | BFAP

GRAIN CONSUMPTION OVER TIME

(BFAP estimates)

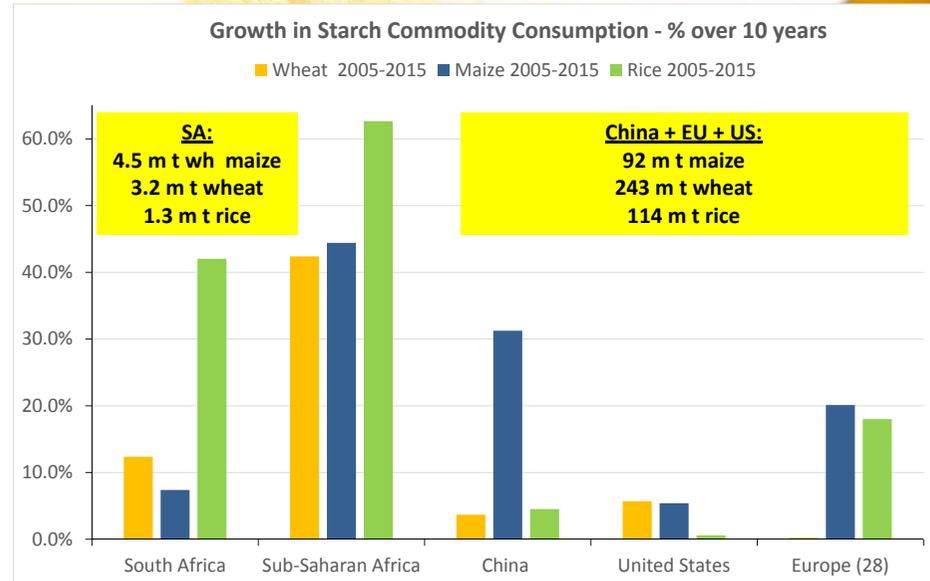
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White Bread | Brown Bread | Maize | Rice | BFAP

INTERNATIONAL COMPARISON

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South Africa | Sub-Saharan Africa | China | United States | Europe (28)

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But what about pasta?

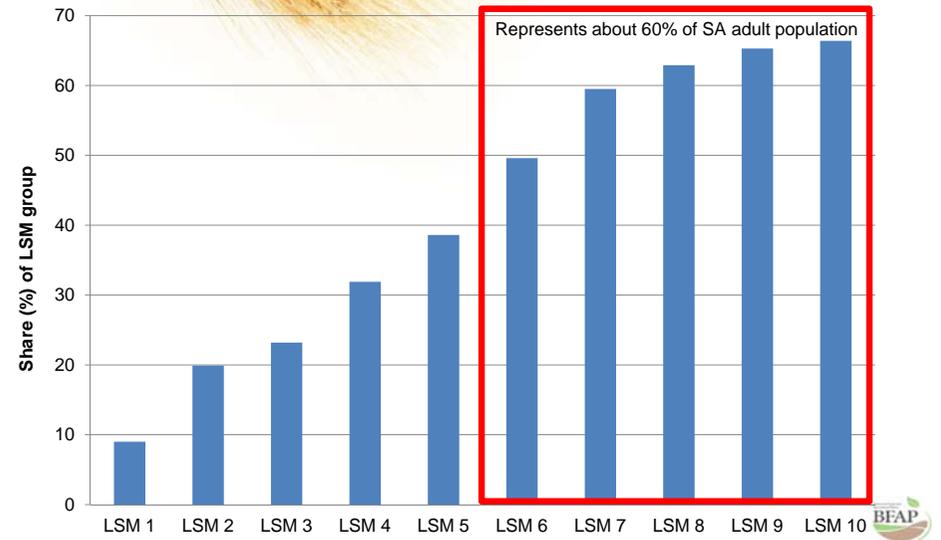


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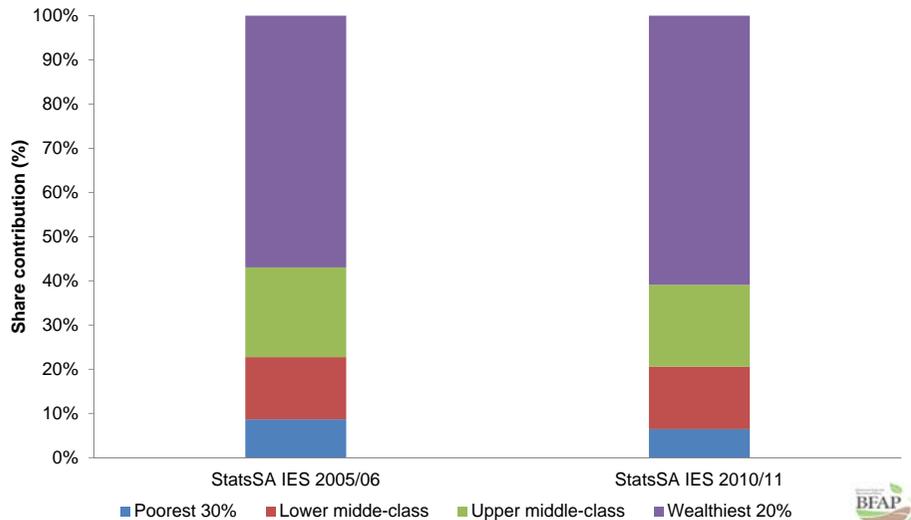
Share of LSM groups purchasing pasta for self/household (AMPS 2012)



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Estimated contribution to total pasta expenditure



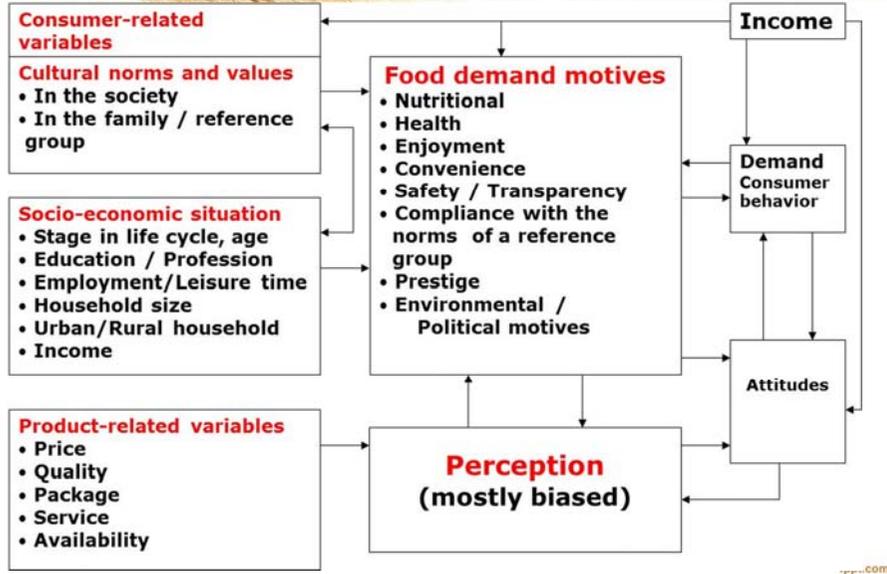
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WHICH FACTORS INFLUENCE CONSUMERS' FOOD DECISION-MAKING?

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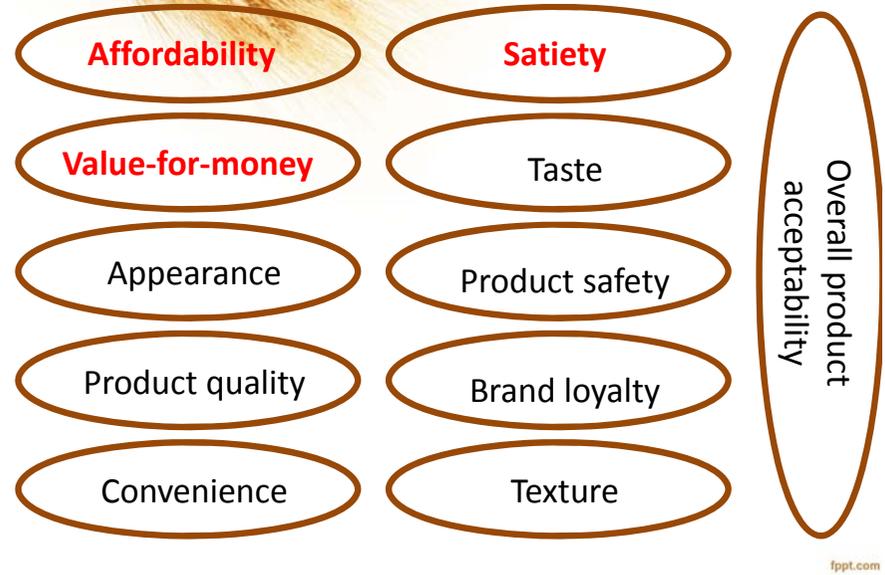
Model of factors affecting food demand (Padberg, et al., 1997)

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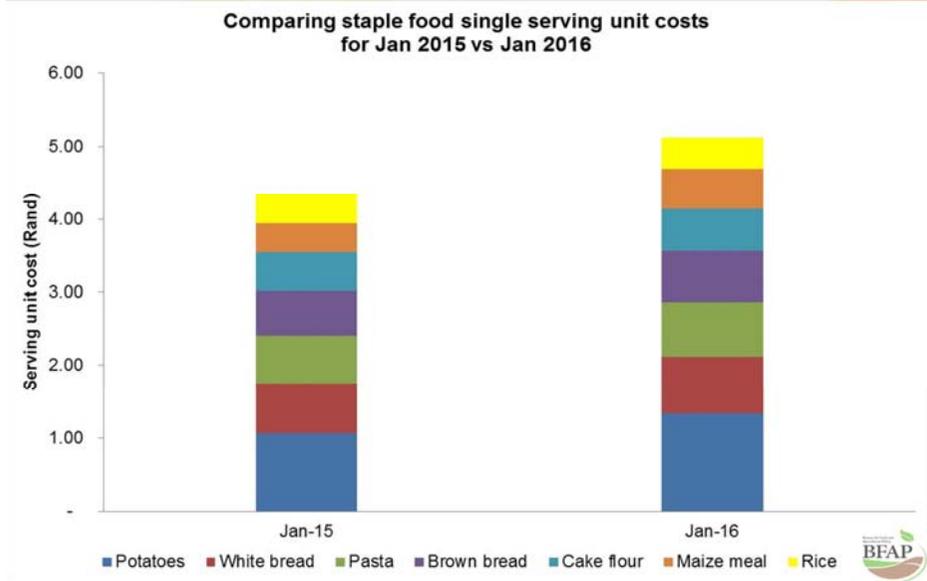
Examples of factors affecting staple demand: lower inc (Duvenhage et al. 2010)

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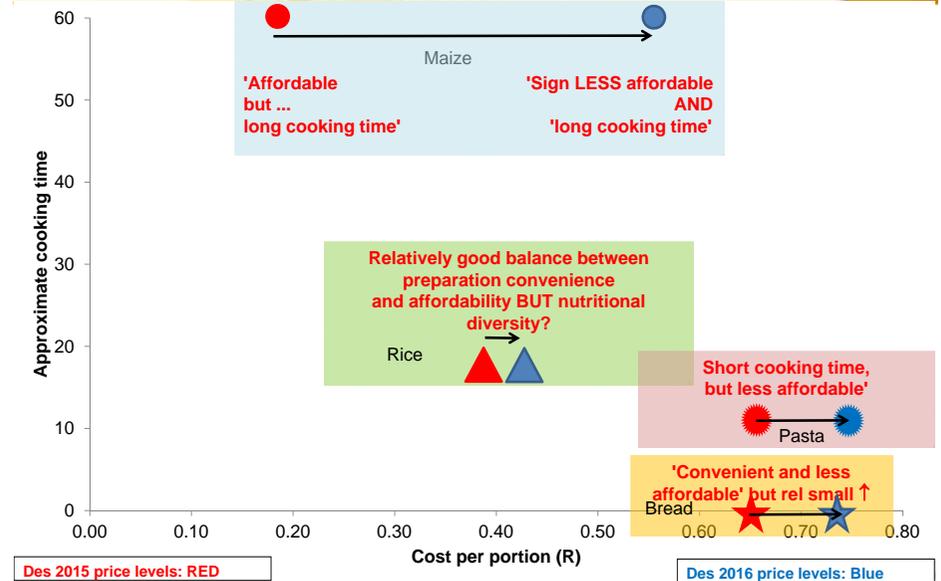
STARCHY FOOD AFFORDABILITY OVER TIME

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STARCHY FOOD ECONOMICS

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Convenience... Sliced bread the norm 

Health...



RAISIN & CINNAMON SPECIALITY BREAD



LOW GI DUMPY OATS & HONEY FLAVOURED WHITE BREAD

LOW GI ALL-IN-ONE WHITE BREAD

**Opportunity:
Greater emphasis on
the local origin of
grain foods???**



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SOME THOUGHTS ON THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED INSPECTION FEES...



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- * Possible consumer impact:
3.5c/loaf (+0.2% on 2016 price)
- * Cost to industry: White bread
R72.1 million (0.19% of est 2016 revenue)
- * Cost to industry: Brown bread
R38.1 million (0.21% of est 2016 revenue)

