

Burkina Faso producers reluctant to sell crops, market prices rising

Despite the fact that the prices for their products are increasing, producers in this West African country are not willing to sell their produce.

Even in a "good" year, around one million of the 12.8 million people who live in Burkina Faso do not get enough to eat every year, mostly due to poverty.

This year, grain prices are rising sharply, putting more at risk.

Producers are accused of hoarding and merchants of price gouging. Despite government predictions of a national surplus overall, shortfalls are reported in key production areas – and internal markets and exports mean there may be shortages.

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