

# News Archives – December 2007

## GENERAL NEWS

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### **Food and Fuel Compete for Land**

*New York Times, December 18, 2007*

For years, cheap food and feed were taken for granted in the United States. But now the price of some food is rising sharply.....

<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/12/18/business/18food.html?em&ex=1198126800&en=33a3b7f157d77e81&ei=5087%0A>

### **World Food Supply Is Shrinking, U.N. Agency Warns**

*New York Times, December 18, 2007*

In an “unforeseen and unprecedented” shift, the world food supply is dwindling rapidly and food prices are soaring to historic levels, the United Nations’ top food and agriculture official warned Monday, December, 17, 2007.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/12/18/business/worldbusiness/18supply.html>

### **Is It Healthy? Food Ratings Battle It Out**

*New York Times, December 12, 2007*

After years of chaotic, conflicting health claims on food, grocery stores are rushing to create systems that are supposed to make sense of it all by lining up behind one system or another. Within months, shoppers across the country may find numerical ratings, star ratings or letter grades plastered on the shelf next to virtually every product in a store.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/12/01/business/01food.html>

## UNDERNUTRITION

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### **Child Hunger a Major Challenge: UNICEF**

*The Hindu, December 13, 2007*

Malnutrition among 35 percent children aged below five and close to 9.4 million children outside the immunization network is the biggest challenge that India needs to overcome to achieve the millennium development goals.

<http://www.hindu.com/2007/12/13/stories/2007121356701300.htm>

### **UNICEF: Without Action, Children In Poor Countries Will Be Very Hard Hit By Climate Change**

*International Herald Tribune, December 12, 2007*

Children often suffer the brunt of natural disasters, disease and malnutrition in poor countries, and rising temperatures are predicted to only worsen the plight of the young, UNICEF warned in a report released Wednesday.

<http://www.iht.com/articles/ap/2007/12/12/asia/AS-MED-Bali-Child-Health.php>

## OVERNUTRITION

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**Less Sleep Increases Obesity**

*Times of India, December 17, 2007*

A recent study has revealed that short sleep times in patients with chronic medical diagnoses increases the risk of obesity.

[http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/Less\\_sleep\\_increases\\_obesity\\_risk/articleshow/2627586.cms](http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/Less_sleep_increases_obesity_risk/articleshow/2627586.cms)

**Way Cells Store Fat Is Uncovered**

*BBC News, December 17, 2007*

US scientists have discovered how fat is stored in the body's cells - promising new treatments for obesity.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/health/7144908.stm>

**Call for Rethink in Obesity Fight**

*BBC News, December 14, 2007*

The experts, led by a London-based academic, say governments should adopt more sophisticated approaches. Work conditions, food subsidies, town planning and advert restrictions are all key, the experts wrote in the British Medical Journal.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/health/7142176.stm>