Assessment 1: Group 6

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```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns

import pycountry
import pycountry_convert as pc
import plotly.express as px

In [179... # This can help us see all the columns when checking the dataframe
pd.set_option('display.max_columns', None)
```

Part 1: Data Wrangling

Data Cleaning

Loading Datasets

```
In [180... # Load FAO dataset
    df_fao = pd.read_csv('FAO.csv', encoding='iso-8859-1')
    # Load FAOSTAT dataset
    df_faostat = pd.read_csv('FAOSTAT.csv')
In [181... df_fao.sample(3)
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	Area Abbreviation	Area Code	Area	Item Code	Item	Element Code	Element	Unit	latitu
2169	BOL	19	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	2515	Rye and products	5142	Food	1000 tonnes	-16
11454	LBR	123	Liberia	2744	Eggs	5142	Food	1000 tonnes	6
6066	ECU	58	Ecuador	2619	Dates	5142	Food	1000 tonnes	-1
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In [182...

df_faostat.sample(3)

Out[182...

	Domain Code	Domain	Area Code	Area	Element Code	Element	Item Code	ltem	Year Code	Ye
2	OA	Annual population	4	Algeria	511	Total Population - Both sexes	3010	Population - Est. & Proj.	2017	20
199	OA	Annual population	212	Syrian Arab Republic	511	Total Population - Both sexes	3010	Population - Est. & Proj.	2017	20
205	OA	Annual population	218	Tokelau	511	Total Population - Both sexes	3010	Population - Est. & Proj.	2017	20

Data Dictionary

```
In [183...

def generate_data_dictionary(df, desc_list):
    data_dict = {
        'Column Name': [],
        'Data Type': [],
        'Description': []
    }

for i, column in enumerate(df.columns):
        data_dict['Column Name'].append(column)
        data_dict['Data Type'].append(df[column].dtype)

# Provide a description based on the description list or a default value
        description = desc_list[i] if i < len(desc_list) else 'N/A'</pre>
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# If the column name starts with 'Y' and is a year, format accordingly
if column.startswith('Y') and column[1:].isdigit():
    description = f'Data for the year {column[1:]}'
    data_dict['Description'].append(description)

return pd.DataFrame(data_dict)
```

FAO Dataset

```
In [184...
fao_description_list = [
    "Abbreviation of Area",
    "Full name of the country or region",
    "ISO country code or region abbreviation",
    "Numeric code for the country or region",
    "Numeric code for the item",
    "Name of the item",
    "Numeric code for the element",
    "Type of data recorded",
    "Measurement unit for the recorded data",
    "Latitude coordinate of the location",
    "Longitude coordinate of the location",
]
```

In [185... # Generate data dictionary for FAO
fao_data_dict = generate_data_dictionary(df_fao, fao_description_list)
fao_data_dict

Out[185...

	Column Name	Data Type	Description
0	Area Abbreviation	object	Abbreviation of Area
1	Area Code	int64	Full name of the country or region
2	Area	object	ISO country code or region abbreviation
3	Item Code	int64	Numeric code for the country or region
4	Item	object	Numeric code for the item
•••			
58	Y2009	float64	Data for the year 2009
59	Y2010	float64	Data for the year 2010
60	Y2011	float64	Data for the year 2011
61	Y2012	int64	Data for the year 2012
62	Y2013	int64	Data for the year 2013

63 rows × 3 columns

FAOSTAT Dataset

```
In [186...
          faostat_description_list=[
              "Numeric Code for Domain",
              "Population Type",
              "Numeric code for the country or region",
              "Full name of the country or region",
              "Numeric code for the element",
              "Element Type",
              "Numeric code for the item",
              "Object of focus",
              "Code for the Year",
              "Time of the Year",
              "Quantity of item",
              "Value of the item",
              "Flag",
              "Sources of item",
              "Note for item",
```

In [187... # Generate data dictionary for FAOSTAT

faostat_data_dict = generate_data_dictionary(df_faostat, faostat_description_list)
faostat_data_dict

Out[187...

	Column Name	Data Type	Description
0	Domain Code	object	Numeric Code for Domain
1	Domain	object	Population Type
2	Area Code	int64	Numeric code for the country or region
3	Area	object	Full name of the country or region
4	Element Code	int64	Numeric code for the element
5	Element	object	Element Type
6	Item Code	int64	Numeric code for the item
7	ltem	object	Object of focus
8	Year Code	int64	Code for the Year
9	Year	int64	Time of the Year
10	Unit	object	Quantity of item
11	Value	float64	Value of the item
12	Flag	object	Flag
13	Flag Description	object	Sources of item
14	Note	object	Note for item

Handling Missing Values

```
In [188... # Check rows with null value per column
fao_null_values = {col: df_fao[col].isnull().sum() for col in df_fao.columns if df_
fao_null_values
```

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Out[188...
           {'Y1961': 3539,
            'Y1962': 3539,
            'Y1963': 3539,
            'Y1964': 3539,
            'Y1965': 3539,
            'Y1966': 3539,
            'Y1967': 3539,
            'Y1968': 3539,
            'Y1969': 3539,
            'Y1970': 3539,
            'Y1971': 3539,
            'Y1972': 3539,
            'Y1973': 3539,
            'Y1974': 3539,
            'Y1975': 3539,
            'Y1976': 3539,
            'Y1977': 3539,
            'Y1978': 3539,
            'Y1979': 3539,
            'Y1980': 3539,
            'Y1981': 3539,
            'Y1982': 3539,
            'Y1983': 3539,
            'Y1984': 3539,
            'Y1985': 3539,
            'Y1986': 3539,
            'Y1987': 3539,
            'Y1988': 3539,
            'Y1989': 3539,
            'Y1990': 3415,
            'Y1991': 3415,
            'Y1992': 987,
            'Y1993': 612,
            'Y1994': 612,
            'Y1995': 612,
            'Y1996': 612,
            'Y1997': 612,
            'Y1998': 612,
            'Y1999': 612,
            'Y2000': 349,
            'Y2001': 349,
            'Y2002': 349,
            'Y2003': 349,
            'Y2004': 349,
            'Y2005': 349,
            'Y2006': 104,
            'Y2007': 104,
            'Y2008': 104,
            'Y2009': 104,
            'Y2010': 104,
            'Y2011': 104}
          null_cols = df_fao.isnull().sum()
In [189...
           null_cols[null_cols > 0].index
```

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Index(['Y1961', 'Y1962', 'Y1963', 'Y1964', 'Y1965', 'Y1966', 'Y1967', 'Y1968',
Out[189...
                  'Y1969', 'Y1970', 'Y1971', 'Y1972', 'Y1973', 'Y1974', 'Y1975', 'Y1976',
                  'Y1977', 'Y1978', 'Y1979', 'Y1980', 'Y1981', 'Y1982', 'Y1983', 'Y1984',
                  'Y1985', 'Y1986', 'Y1987', 'Y1988', 'Y1989', 'Y1990', 'Y1991', 'Y1992',
                  'Y1993', 'Y1994', 'Y1995', 'Y1996', 'Y1997', 'Y1998', 'Y1999', 'Y2000',
                  'Y2001', 'Y2002', 'Y2003', 'Y2004', 'Y2005', 'Y2006', 'Y2007', 'Y2008',
                  'Y2009', 'Y2010', 'Y2011'],
                 dtype='object')
In [190...
          print(f'Number of rows with null values: {len(df_fao[df_fao isnull().any(axis=1)])}
         Number of rows with null values: 3539
In [191...
          faostat_null_values = {col: df_faostat[col].isnull().sum() for col in df_faostat.co
          faostat null values
Out[191...
          {}
```

Explanation & Justification:

We handled missing data in the FAO and FAOSTAT dataset specifically for the years 1961 - 1991 by retaining the null values rather than replacing them with -1. Since the "y{YEAR_NUM}" columns are the only ones with null values, it is acceptable to leave these nulls as they are. Replacing these nulls with -1 could affect the summarization of statistics and affect the accuracy of visualizations.

Retaining null values preserves the integrity of our statistical summaries, such as mean and standard deviation calculations, which could be skewed by arbitrary replacement values like -1. By keeping nulls, we avoid misrepresenting missing data as zeroes, thus ensuring that our plots and analyses accurately reflect the data's true nature and maintain clarity in our visualizations.

Removing & Checking Duplicates

Total number of duplicated rows in FAOSTAT: 0

Explanation & Justification:

To remove and check duplicates in both the FAO and FAOSTAT datasets, the duplicated Pandas method is utilized.

By default, the *duplicated* Pandas method returns a boolean series that denotes duplicate rows. To have a numerical representation of the number of duplicates, we added the *sum* Pandas method, that denotes its total instead.

Standardize Column Names

Explanation & Justification:

To standardize the column names of the FAO and FAOSTAT datasets, we first converted the column names to lowercase and replaced any spaces with underscores. This ensures consistency in case and format, helping to avoid potential issues related to case sensitivity.

Additionally, we removed any special characters from the column names, leaving only lowercase letters, numbers, and underscores.

These standardization steps enhance data consistency, making the datasets easier to work with and reducing the likelihood of errors during data processing.

```
In [196... # Rename similar columns in the dataframe

df_faostat.rename(columns={
    'item' : 'population_item',
    'item_code' : 'population_item_code',
    'element' : 'population_element',
    'element_code': 'population_element_code',
    'unit' : 'population_unit'
}, inplace=True)

df_faostat.columns
```

Explanation & Justification:

The FAO and FAOSTAT datasets share similar column names and merging them could lead to confusion or errors. Thus, we renamed such columns to ensure clarity and avoid potential conflicts during analysis.

We renamed specific columns in the FAOSTAT dataset to make them more descriptive and aligned with the dataset's focus on population data. The columns renamed include:

- 'item' to 'population_item': This clarifies that the column refers specifically to the population data item (e.g., "Population Estimated and Projected").
- 'item_code' to 'population_item_code': By adding "population," it specifies that the code is related to population items.
- 'element' to 'population_element': This indicates that the column pertains to a specific element within the population data (e.g., "Total Population -Both sexes").
- 'element_code' to 'population_element_code': This specifies that the code relates to population elements (e.g., "511").
- 'unit' to 'population_unit': This clearly shows that the column represents the unit of measurement for the population data (e.g., "1000 persons").

Data Merging

```
In [197...

df_fao.merge(
    df_faostat,
    how='inner',
    on=['area_code', 'area']
).sample(3)
```

	arca_abbreviation	arca_coac	urcu	itciii_coac	itteiii	cicilicit_codc	Cicinc
18977	TGO	217	Togo	2642	Cloves	5142	Foc
9880	ITA	106	Italy	2633	Cocoa Beans and products	5142	Foc
14070	NZL	156	New Zealand	2918	Vegetables	5521	Fe€

In [198...

```
len_merged_df = len(
    df_fao.merge(
        df_faostat,
        how='inner',
        on=['area_code', 'area']
)

print(f'Number of rows of FAO dataframe: {len(df_fao)}')
print(f'Number of rows of FAOSTAT dataframe: {len(df_faostat)}')
print(f'Number of rows of merged dataframe: {len_merged_df}')
```

Number of rows of FAO dataframe: 21477 Number of rows of FAOSTAT dataframe: 231 Number of rows of merged dataframe: 21230

Explanation & Justification:

We merged the two dataframes on both 'area_code' and 'area' not only because these columns are present in both datasets, but also provide a more unique identifier for each row in the merged result.

We chose an *inner join* for this merge to avoid introducing null values, since there are combinations of 'area_code' and 'area' that do not exist in the FAO and FAOSTAT dataframes.

An inner join allows us to retain only the rows where there is a match in both datasets based on the specified columns. This is crucial for ensuring data consistency and accuracy, as it filters out any records that do not have corresponding matches in both dataframes.

Unlike other types of joins, such as left or right joins, which would include unmatched records from one side or the other, resulting in null values, the inner join provides a focused dataset with only the relevant records that exist in both sources. This approach not only enhances the accuracy of the match but also improves the uniqueness and reliability of each row in the final merged dataset.

Create New Dataframe

In [199	df hor on:	_df = df_fao.mergo _faostat, w='inner', =['area_code', 'an _df.sample(3)						
Out[199		area_abbreviation	area_code	area	item_code	item	element_code	element
	8017	GRD	86	Grenada	2737	Fats, Animals, Raw	5142	Fooc
	6615	ETH	238	Ethiopia	2744	Eggs	5142	Food
	13162	MAR	143	Morocco	2733	Pigmeat	5142	Food
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Explanation & Justification:

We merged the FAO and FAOSTAT datasets into a single dataframe, merged_df, using an inner join based on the common columns area_code and area.

This operation ensures that only the rows with matching 'area_code' and 'area' values from both datasets are included in the final merged dataframe.

Feature Engineering

Column: Years Existing

```
In [200... # Create a list for year columns that will be useful throughout the analysis
   year_cols = [col for col in merged_df.columns if col.startswith('y') and col[1:].is

In [201... # Create a new column by adding the number of year columns that do not have a null
   merged_df['years_existing'] = merged_df[year_cols].notnull().sum(axis=1)
   merged_df[['area_code', 'area', 'years_existing']].sample(3)
```

Out[201...

years_existing	area	area_code	
53	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	19	2240
53	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	19	2231
53	United Kingdom	229	20014

Explanation & Justification:

We created a new column for *years existing* to count the number of years for which valid (non-negative) data exists per record in the dataset.

Column: Average Production

```
# Create a new column by getting the mean of year columns' values
merged_df['average_production'] = merged_df[year_cols].mean(axis=1)
merged_df[['area', 'years_existing', 'average_production']].sample(3)
```

Out[202...

	area	years_existing	average_production
8665	Honduras	53	0.018868
280	Algeria	53	101.660377
14216	Niger	53	40.622642

Explanation & Justification:

We created a new column for *average production* to calculate the mean production over a specified range of years within the dataset. It summarizes production levels over time per record.

Column: Value per Capita

```
In [203... # Convert the value of the population unit to digits only (e.g 1000 persons to 1000
merged_df['population_unit'] = merged_df['population_unit'].str.extract('(\d+)').as
merged_df['population_unit'].unique()
```

Out[203... array([1000])

In [204... merged_df[['population_unit', 'value']].sample(3)

Out[204...

	population_unit	value		
20139	1000	57310.019		
1135	1000	9827.589		
4985	1000	4189.353		

```
# Create a new column by dividing the value by the population unit
merged_df['value_per_capita'] = merged_df['value'] / merged_df['population_unit']
merged_df[['value', 'population_unit', 'value_per_capita']].sample(3)
```

Out[205...

	value	population_unit	value_per_capita
16279	12208.407	1000	12.208407
10142	127484.450	1000	127.484450
10127	127484.450	1000	127.484450

Explanation & Justification:

We created a new column for *value per capita* by dividing the 'value' by the 'population_unit.'

Column: ISO Alpha-3 Country Code

```
# Create a function to get the iso_alpha_3 of a country using the PyCountry library

def get_iso_alpha3(country_name):
    try:
        return pycountry.countries.lookup(country_name).alpha_3
    except:
        return 'INVALID'

merged_df['iso_alpha3'] = merged_df['area'].apply(get_iso_alpha3)
merged_df[['area', 'iso_alpha3']].drop_duplicates().sample(3)
```

Out[206...

```
5780DominicaDMA20631Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)INVALID18700ThailandTHA
```

```
In [207... # Check if there are areas that has 'INVALID' iso_alpha3
merged_df[merged_df['iso_alpha3'] == 'INVALID'][['area', 'iso_alpha3']].drop_duplic
```

2162	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	INVALID
3866	China, Hong Kong SAR	INVALID
3999	China, Macao SAR	INVALID
4120	China, mainland	INVALID
4266	China, Taiwan Province of	INVALID
9293	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	INVALID
15658	Republic of Korea	INVALID
19275	Turkey	INVALID
20631	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	INVALID

merged_df[merged_df['iso_alpha3'] == 'INVALID'][['area', 'iso_alpha3']].drop_duplic

Out[208... area

area iso_alpha3

In [209...

merged_df[['area', 'iso_alpha3']].drop_duplicates().sample(3)

Out[209...

	area	iso_alpha3
8766	Hungary	HUN
1830	Belize	BLZ
9293	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	IRN

Explanation & Justification:

We created a new column for *iso_alpha3* using pycountry_convert library to assign continent for each country.

In the case of some areas (like Timor-Leste), we manually assigned its continent. This column will be useful for future analysis based on continents.

Column: Continent

```
In [210...
           def country_to_continent(country_alpha3):
                   country_alpha2 = pc.country_alpha3_to_country_alpha2(country_alpha3)
                   country_continent_code = pc.country_alpha2_to_continent_code(country_alpha2
                   country_continent_name = pc.convert_continent_code_to_continent_name(country_continent_name)
               except:
                   return 'Invalid'
               return country_continent_name
           merged_df['continent'] = merged_df['iso_alpha3'].apply(country_to_continent)
           merged_df[['area', 'iso_alpha3', 'continent']].drop_duplicates().sample(3)
Out[210...
                          area iso alpha3
                                               continent
           15114
                          Peru
                                      PER South America
           10825
                     Kyrgyzstan
                                      KGZ
                                                    Asia
           19403 Turkmenistan
                                     TKM
                                                    Asia
In [211...
           # Check if there are continents that has 'INVALID' value
          merged_df[merged_df['continent'] == 'Invalid'][['area', 'iso_alpha3', 'continent']]
Out[211...
                        area iso_alpha3 continent
           18831 Timor-Leste
                                     TLS
                                             Invalid
In [212...
           # Manually assign continent for Timor-Leste
           merged_df.loc[merged_df['iso_alpha3'] == 'TLS', 'continent'] = 'Asia'
          merged_df[merged_df['continent'] == 'Invalid'][['area', 'iso_alpha3', 'continent']]
Out[212...
             area iso_alpha3 continent
```

Explanation & Justification:

We created a new column for *continent* using pycountry library to assign ISO alpha-3 for each country.

In the case of some areas that were not recognized by the library, we manually assigned their respective ISO alpha-3 based on our research for those countries.

This column will be essential when creating a choropleth maps.

Final Merged Dataframe

In [213	merged_df.sa	mple(3)									
Out[213	area_	abbreviation ar	ea_code	area	item_code	item	element_code	elemen			
	3524	CAN	33	Canada	2961	Aquatic Products, Other	5142	Foo			
	13095	MAR	143	Morocco	2516	Oats	5142	Foo			
	16836	SAU	194	Saudi Arabia	2515	Rye and products	5521	Fee			
	4)						•			
In [214	non_year_col	here are rows umns = merged_ rged_df[non_ye	df.colum	ns.differ	rence(year_	cols)					
Out[214	area_abbrev	viation area_co	de area	item_cod	e item ele	ement_code	e element uni	it latitu			
	4							•			
	Explanation 8	ጿ Justification:									
	We created a new column for <i>value per capita</i> by dividing the value by the population_unit .										

Part 2: Data Exploration

Descriptive Statistics

Summarize Statistics

```
In [215... # Generate summary statistics
    merged_df.describe()
```

y190	longitude	latitude	element_code	item_code	area_code	
17821.00000	21230.000000	21230.000000	21230.000000	21230.000000	21230.000000	count
196.5233 [°]	15.671588	20.579903	5211.712435	2694.205417	124.814131	mean
1870.16860	66.383070	24.468235	146.840747	148.967495	72.990946	std
0.0000	-172.100000	-40.900000	5142.000000	2511.000000	1.000000	min
0.0000	-14.450000	6.430000	5142.000000	2561.000000	63.000000	25%
1.0000	18.730000	20.590000	5142.000000	2640.000000	119.000000	50%
21.00000	47.480000	41.150000	5142.000000	2782.000000	185.000000	75%
112227.0000	179.410000	64.960000	5521.000000	2961.000000	276.000000	max

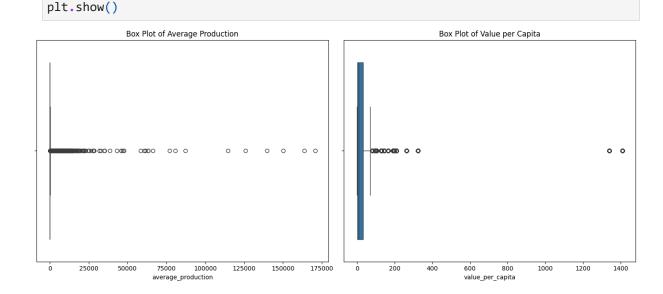
In [216... # Plot to check the outliers in the average production and value per capita

fig, axes = plt.subplots(nrows=1, ncols=2, figsize=(14, 6))

sns.boxplot(x=merged_df['average_production'], ax=axes[0])
axes[0].set_title('Box Plot of Average Production')

sns.boxplot(x=merged_df['value_per_capita'], ax=axes[1])
axes[1].set_title('Box Plot of Value per Capita')

plt.tight_layout()



Group-Based Statistics

Group by area

```
In [217...
merged_df.groupby('area').agg({
          'average_production': ['mean', 'min', 'max', 'median', 'std'],
})
```

	mean		max	median	std	
area						
Afghanistan	156.663333	0.0	3266.811321	14.433962	475.311572	
Albania	36.386256	0.0	547.698113	2.622642	100.213216	
Algeria	232.899117	0.0	4771.132075	10.603774	681.038196	
Angola	122.211528	0.0	2350.792453	8.150943	348.506708	
Antigua and Barbuda	0.716981	0.0	10.396226	0.000000	1.866105	
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Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	194.598403	0.0	2293.566038	21.556604	428.648377	
Viet Nam	531.120305	0.0	10144.452830	75.528302	1441.316038	
Yemen	72.900745	0.0	1976.301887	5.452830	228.312172	
Zambia	49.636321	0.0	1183.792453	1.679245	163.471642	
Zimbabwe	54.747076	0.0	1469.811321	4.886792	174.326752	

172 rows × 5 columns

Out[218... value_per_capita

	mean	min	max	median	std
area					
Afghanistan	35.530081	35.530081	35.530081	35.530081	0.0
Albania	2.930187	2.930187	2.930187	2.930187	0.0
Algeria	41.318142	41.318142	41.318142	41.318142	0.0
Angola	29.784193	29.784193	29.784193	29.784193	0.0
Antigua and Barbuda	0.102012	0.102012	0.102012	0.102012	0.0
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	31.977065	31.977065	31.977065	31.977065	0.0
Viet Nam	95.540800	95.540800	95.540800	95.540800	0.0
Yemen	28.250420	28.250420	28.250420	28.250420	0.0
Zambia	17.094130	17.094130	17.094130	17.094130	0.0
Zimbabwe	16.529904	16.529904	16.529904	16.529904	0.0

172 rows × 5 columns

Group by continent

```
In [219...
merged_df.groupby('continent').agg({
        'average_production': ['mean', 'min', 'max', 'median', 'std']
})
```

average_production

Out[219...

```
median
                    mean min
                                                                  std
                                         max
    continent
        Africa 137.094308
                            0.0
                                 18081.981132
                                                3.641509
                                                           666.732046
         Asia 622.694665
                            0.0
                                170690.452830
                                                9.009434 5328.369857
       Europe 381.951031
                                 35149.590909 13.846913 1582.509259
                            0.0
                               139783.094340
                                                1.471698 4049.862584
North America 367.167041
                            0.0
      Oceania
                52.403154
                            0.0
                                  4642.830189
                                                0.566038
                                                           282.879666
South America 314.121381
                            0.0
                                 20385.754717 12.188679 1363.204292
```

Out[220... value_per_capita

	mean	min	max	median	std	
continent						
Africa	27.083160	0.204327	190.886311	17.094130	35.602057	
Asia	109.277925	0.428697	1409.517397	20.876917	298.448881	
Europe	20.159273	0.335025	143.989754	8.735453	29.686296	
North America	27.061767	0.055345	324.459463	4.098587	72.187064	
Oceania	3.925730	0.116398	24.450561	0.283007	7.849592	
South America	37.065123	0.563402	209.288278	18.054726	56.484878	

Insights:

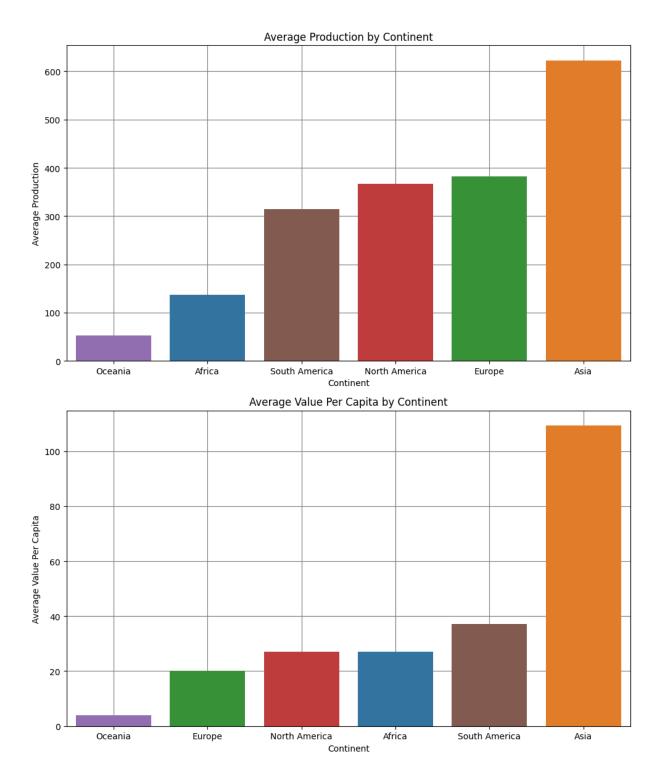
In relation to 'value_per_capita,' Asia stands out with the highest mean and maximum values, indicating significant economic output - which is likely due to its larger agricultural base and focus.

The standard deviation is notably high in Asia and North America, suggesting a wide range of values that could be attributed to the 'values' in the dataset.

Oceania shows the lowest mean and maximum values, which reflects lesser agricultural activities in contrast to Asia.

```
In [221...
           # Calculate the average production
           ave_production_continent = merged_df.groupby('continent')['average_production'].mea
           # Calculate the average value per capita
           vpc_continent = merged_df.groupby('continent')['value_per_capita'].mean().sort_valu
           # Palette
           col continent = {
                                                # blue
                'Africa': '#1f77b4',
                'Asia': '#ff7f0e', # orange
'Europe': '#2ca02c', # green
'North America': '#d62728', # red
'Oceania': '#9467bd', # purple
                'South America': '#8c564b' # brown
           }
           fig, axes = plt.subplots(nrows=2, ncols=1, figsize=(10, 12))
           sns.barplot(
                x=ave_production_continent.index,
                y=ave_production_continent.values,
                hue=ave_production_continent.index,
                palette=col_continent,
                ax=axes[0]
```

```
axes[0].set_title('Average Production by Continent')
axes[0].set_xlabel('Continent')
axes[0].set_ylabel('Average Production')
axes[0].grid(True, color='gray', zorder=2)
axes[0].set_axisbelow(True)
sns.barplot(
   x=vpc_continent.index,
   y=vpc_continent.values,
   hue=vpc_continent.index,
   palette=col_continent,
   ax=axes[1]
axes[1].set_title('Average Value Per Capita by Continent')
axes[1].set_xlabel('Continent')
axes[1].set_ylabel('Average Value Per Capita')
axes[1].grid(True, color='gray', zorder=2)
axes[1].set_axisbelow(True)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



Insights:

Asia leads significantly in average production, more than five times higher than Africa and nearly twice that of Europe.

Oceania has the lowest production figures, which may reflect smaller agricultural sectors or less intensive farming practices compared to other regions.

North America and Europe have comparable production levels, suggesting similar capabilities or resources dedicated to agricultural output.

Asia stands out with a notably higher value per capita compared to other continents, indicating a stronger economic return per person from agriculture.

In contrast, Oceania exhibits the lowest value, suggesting limited agricultural productivity.

Europe, North America, and South America show moderate values, with South America slightly higher.

Correlation Analysis

Correlation Matrix

```
# Only include columns that are relevant to correlation matrix
numeric_cols = year_cols + ['value', 'value_per_capita','average_production']

# Create correlation matrix using existing method from Pandas
correlation_matrix = merged_df[numeric_cols].corr()
correlation_matrix
```

Out[222...

	y1961	y1962	y1963	y1964	y1965	y1966	y1967	
y1961	1.000000	0.996953	0.991819	0.982617	0.986427	0.982623	0.981941	(
y1962	0.996953	1.000000	0.996036	0.988794	0.991423	0.989008	0.987950	(
y1963	0.991819	0.996036	1.000000	0.997223	0.995657	0.993844	0.993042	(
y1964	0.982617	0.988794	0.997223	1.000000	0.994727	0.992247	0.992647	(
y1965	0.986427	0.991423	0.995657	0.994727	1.000000	0.997595	0.996960	(
y1966	0.982623	0.989008	0.993844	0.992247	0.997595	1.000000	0.998595	(
y1967	0.981941	0.987950	0.993042	0.992647	0.996960	0.998595	1.000000	(
y1968	0.983367	0.989043	0.994558	0.993602	0.996640	0.997968	0.998135	
y1969	0.984125	0.989106	0.991925	0.989727	0.996408	0.997283	0.997749	(
y1970	0.971267	0.978507	0.984254	0.984811	0.992271	0.995408	0.996461	(
y1971	0.971904	0.978209	0.983963	0.984729	0.993649	0.994224	0.995178	(
y1972	0.969788	0.975131	0.981964	0.984012	0.992194	0.991738	0.993798	(
y1973	0.965995	0.972906	0.978619	0.979481	0.988771	0.992135	0.993942	(
y1974	0.948810	0.959183	0.967759	0.970780	0.976828	0.984107	0.985504	(
y1975	0.951767	0.962277	0.971316	0.975003	0.979773	0.986215	0.988152	(
y1976	0.948360	0.957805	0.969184	0.974360	0.978650	0.983488	0.985692	(
y1977	0.946692	0.957064	0.965907	0.970853	0.976725	0.981503	0.984506	(
y1978	0.945641	0.955960	0.965373	0.970161	0.976856	0.981638	0.984200	(
y1979	0.938790	0.948376	0.961242	0.968651	0.973106	0.976213	0.979382	(
y1980	0.922141	0.935169	0.948206	0.957048	0.961199	0.965225	0.968589	(
y1981	0.926234	0.936979	0.951578	0.961329	0.962771	0.965110	0.968972	(
y1982	0.919876	0.930890	0.945120	0.955131	0.959222	0.960132	0.963748	(
y1983	0.901895	0.914825	0.930415	0.942673	0.943331	0.946263	0.950482	(
y1984	0.902069	0.913413	0.929373	0.941510	0.941875	0.943031	0.947392	(
y1985	0.898378	0.910413	0.927254	0.940145	0.937522	0.936416	0.940320	(
y1986	0.902297	0.911732	0.926688	0.938387	0.936254	0.933276	0.937974	(
y1987	0.901603	0.911627	0.925401	0.936302	0.933948	0.931783	0.936487	(
y1988	0.877996	0.889605	0.904598	0.917282	0.909939	0.909412	0.915035	(
y1989	0.882493	0.893715	0.907974	0.920430	0.913703	0.912129	0.918011	(
y1990	0.891423	0.900342	0.914034	0.924700	0.921660	0.920371	0.925011	(

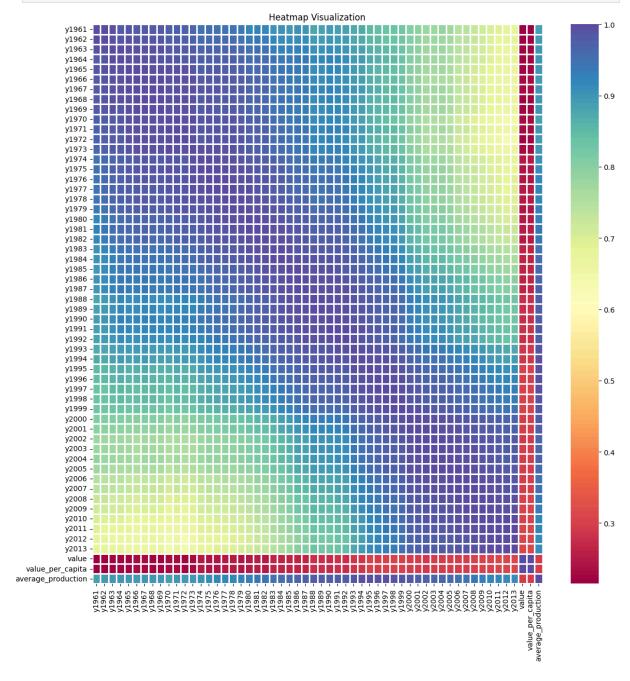
	y1961	y1962	y1963	y1964	y1965	y1966	y1967	
y1991	0.886957	0.895342	0.907892	0.918397	0.914733	0.913318	0.918854	(
y1992	0.882953	0.890341	0.901639	0.911330	0.907868	0.905594	0.911365	(
y1993	0.868424	0.875133	0.886130	0.894968	0.890784	0.889998	0.895732	(
y1994	0.868348	0.873124	0.882643	0.890499	0.887430	0.884616	0.890489	(
y1995	0.846943	0.852833	0.862569	0.870491	0.865589	0.864953	0.870733	(
y1996	0.842994	0.847451	0.856210	0.863423	0.859015	0.856213	0.862549	(
y1997	0.837243	0.840026	0.847073	0.853356	0.848928	0.845267	0.851437	(
y1998	0.835312	0.838312	0.844745	0.850750	0.846337	0.843308	0.849304	(
y1999	0.825464	0.827274	0.831834	0.836092	0.832062	0.828609	0.834504	(
y2000	0.806910	0.805770	0.806967	0.808016	0.803403	0.799298	0.805005	(
y2001	0.797262	0.795246	0.795269	0.795379	0.791050	0.786504	0.792150	(
y2002	0.778486	0.775849	0.774626	0.773762	0.768969	0.764512	0.769871	(
y2003	0.780499	0.777274	0.775611	0.774378	0.769868	0.764892	0.770206	(
y2004	0.783211	0.779450	0.777161	0.775377	0.771424	0.765978	0.771490	(
y2005	0.773558	0.769491	0.766702	0.764581	0.760267	0.754695	0.760212	(
y2006	0.748388	0.744181	0.742272	0.740976	0.733543	0.727626	0.733263	(
y2007	0.744814	0.739777	0.737603	0.736026	0.728148	0.721852	0.727655	(
y2008	0.726683	0.721495	0.719147	0.717103	0.708937	0.703701	0.709180	(
y2009	0.717692	0.712528	0.710189	0.708294	0.699476	0.694303	0.699767	(
y2010	0.701682	0.696496	0.694271	0.692414	0.682986	0.678566	0.684115	(
y2011	0.689817	0.684632	0.683303	0.681788	0.672057	0.668633	0.674108	(
y2012	0.678682	0.672916	0.671622	0.669820	0.660128	0.657036	0.662273	(
y2013	0.684139	0.677957	0.676580	0.674684	0.665559	0.662202	0.667684	(
value	0.214798	0.220389	0.223071	0.226653	0.224395	0.227185	0.227408	(
value_per_capita	0.214798	0.220389	0.223071	0.226653	0.224395	0.227185	0.227408	(
average_production	0.887841	0.890565	0.895783	0.898981	0.895961	0.893899	0.898577	(

Insights:

The data accross years, from 1961 to 2013 show a high correlation, often close to 1. It indicates that production values are fairly consistent or stable, which means that agricultural practices remain effective over time.

The 'value' and and 'value_per_capita' metrics show a lower correlation with the yearly data. It may indicate that in spite of production being stable, the economic value derive does not increase - in direct proportion.

```
In [223... # Generate the heatmap
    plt.figure(figsize=(14, 14))
    sns.heatmap(correlation_matrix, cmap='Spectral', linewidths=1)
    plt.title('Heatmap Visualization')
    plt.show()
```



Insights:

The heatmap shows that each year is highly correlated with itself (represented by the purple diagonal), there is also a noticeable shift around the mid-1990s.

Before this period, the correlations between different years (moving away from the purple diagonal) remain relatively strong.

However, around y1994, the correlation between different years starts to decrease more rapidly, this is indicated by the quicker transition from purple to green and yellow tones. This suggests that the relationship between years weakens more significantly during the mid-1990s, indicating a change in the data trends.

Part 3: Data Visualization

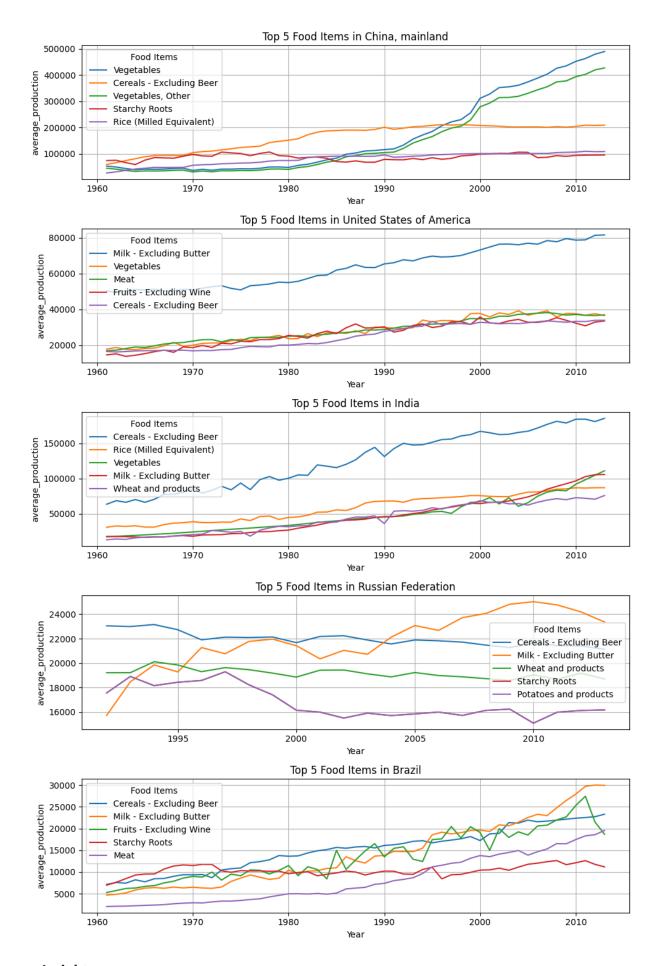
Time-Series Analysis

Line Plot

```
In [224...
          def line_plot(df, location, top_location, value, top_value, element):
              # Group by specific location (area or continent), calculate their mean and sele
              top_locations = df.groupby(location)[value].mean().nlargest(top_location).index
              _, axes = plt.subplots(nrows=len(top_locations), figsize=(10, 15))
              for i, loc in enumerate(top_locations):
                  # Filter the current location and element and get the top items by average
                  data = df[(df[location] == loc) & (df['element'] == element)]
                  top_items = data.groupby('item')[value].mean().nlargest(top_value).index
                  for item in top_items:
                      # Filter the data for current item and calculate the mean across the ye
                      item_data = data[data['item'] == item][year_cols].mean()
                      item_data.index = item_data.index.str[1:].astype(int)
                      axes[i].plot(item_data.index, item_data.values, label=item)
                  axes[i].set_title(f'Top {top_value} {element} Items in {loc}')
                  axes[i].set_xlabel('Year')
                  axes[i].set_ylabel(value)
                  axes[i].legend(title=f'{element} Items')
                  axes[i].grid(True)
              plt.tight_layout()
              plt.show()
```

```
In [225... # Line plot for Food items in the top 5 areas in average production
line_plot(
    df=merged_df,
    location='area',
    top_location=5,
    value='average_production',
    top_value=5,
```

```
element='Food'
```



The graph illustrates the top 5 food items in China, the United States, India, the Russian Federation, and Brazil, over time.

For Food:

China, mainland: Vegetables dominate as the top food item, with a sharp increase in value starting from the late 1990s. Cereals (excluding beer) also rank highly but plateaued around the same time. Starchy roots and rice show consistent values without significant growth or decline. The possible rise in vegetable consumption from the late 1990s may be because of China's economic reforms and rapid urbanization at that time - which led to changes in dietary habits and preferences. A noticeable plataeu in Cereals- Excluding Beer could be because of a shift towards other food sources, as the Chinese diversified its diet.

United States of America: Milk (excluding butter) shows the highest values and a steady increase, indicating its significant importance. Other food items like vegetables, meat, fruits (excluding wine), and cereals (excluding beer) also show growth but at a lower pace. The prominence of milk shows the country's strength in the dairy industry, as well as its importance in their dietary culture. Additionally, the growth of other food items suggests a balanced diet that includes a variety of food groups, reflecting the country's agricultural diversity and food availability.

India: Cereals (excluding beer) is the top food product in India by a significant margin. In similarity to the United States, the rest of the food items, e.g., Rice (milled equivalent), vegetables, milk (excluding butter), and wheat and products, are closely growing together. However, it is noticeable that Rice (milled equivalent) is seemingly approaching a plataeu. Whilst the rest of the products is still yet to reach their peak.

Russian Federation: Food items in Russia show similar growth trends, with most products closely aligned in value.

Brazil: Milk (excluding butter) is the top food product in recent years in Brazil. It is followed by fruits (excluding wine) and cereals (excluding butter). The rest of the food items, e.g., meat and starchy roots, are relatively close with one another, however, it is noticeable that the value of starchy roots still remain the same over the decades.

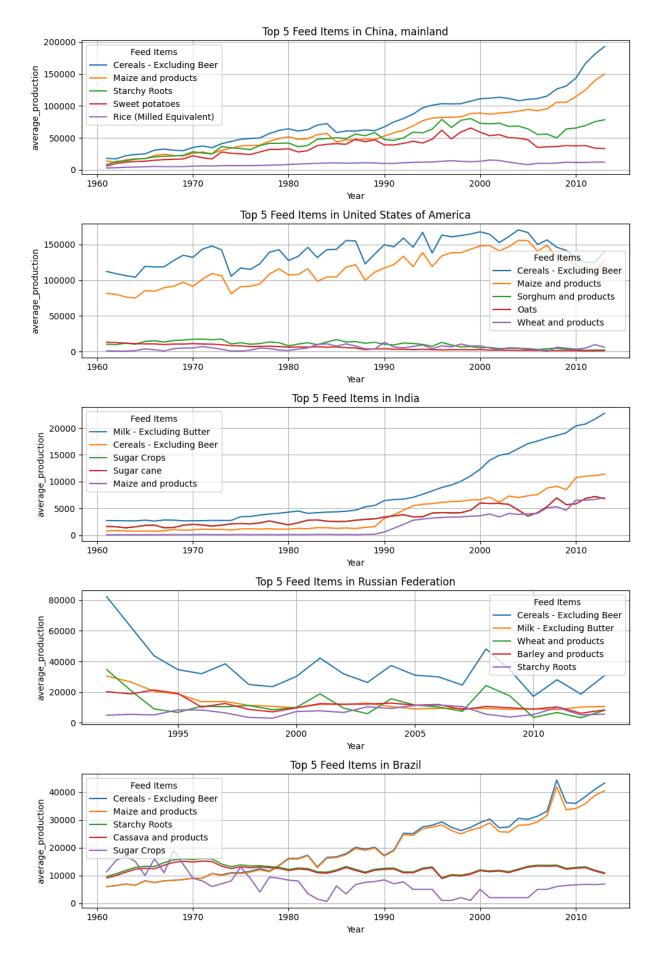
Conclusion

The analysis of top food items over time in China, the United States, India, Russia, and Brazil reveals distinct national trends influenced by economic, cultural, and environmental factors. In China, rapid urbanization and economic

reforms have led to increased vegetable consumption, while in the United States, steady growth in milk consumption underscores its cultural and dietary significance. India's focus on cereals highlights its staple food reliance, contrasting with Brazil's diverse but stable food item production.

Diversification of Crop Production: Given the plateau in certain staple crops like cereals in China and rice in India, it is advisable for these countries to continue diversifying their agricultural production. This could include enhancing support for alternative crops that might better meet changing dietary preferences and economic conditions.

```
In [226... # Line plot for Feed items in the top 5 areas in average production
line_plot(
    df=merged_df,
    location='area',
    top_location=5,
    value='average_production',
    top_value=5,
    element='Feed'
)
```



The graph illustrates the top 5 feed items in China, the United States, India, the Russian Federation, and Brazil, in a given period of time. Cereals (excluding beer) are a dominant feed item across all these countries, highlighting their importance in global livestock feeding practices. Maize is also significant, especially in countries like the United States, China, and Brazil.

For Feed:

China, mainland: In relation to trends, there is a clear upward trend in the use of Cereals - excluding beer and Maize and Products, especially after and around the year 2000. Sweet Potatoes and Starchy Roots remain relatively stable, with slight increase in the recent years. As mentioned and similar to earlier, the strong increase in cereals and maize can be attributed to the rapid industrialization and urbanization of China, leading to higher demand for livestock feed to meet the growing consumption of meat.

United States of America: The graph shows consistent high values for cereals - excluding beer and maize and products. Wheat and products, as well as other feed items, show relatively lower and more stable values. The consistent high values for cereals and maize reflect the importance of these crops in the U.S. agricultural system, especially for feeding livestock.

India: There is a steady increase in the use of milk (excluding butter) particularly after the 1990s. Maize and sugar cane show relatively stable trends with a slight upward movement. The rise in milk as a feed item is closely related to the country;s strong dairy industry, which is one of the largest in the world.

Russian Federation: The graphs for Russia show a sharp decline in cereals, and a more subtle decline in milk, and other feed items after the dissolution of the Soviet Union in the early 1990s, with some stabilization afterward. Hence, such event could affect the decline of feed value - which could shortly distabilize agricultural productivity.

Brazil: Brazil's feed items show a gradual increase, with cereals and maize leading the trends. Starchy roots and cassava also show growth, at lower levels. Sugar crops seemingly was the top feed item, but slowly went on a decline in terms of its value.

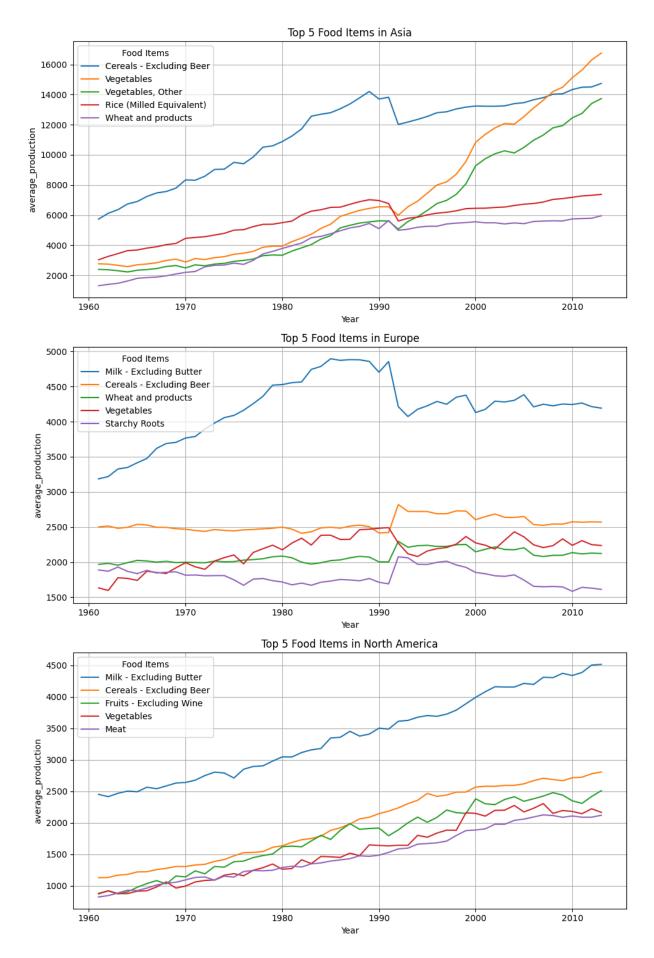
Conclusion:

The comparative analysis of feed item production across China, the United States, India, Russia, and Brazil highlights the pivotal role of cereals and maize in sustaining global livestock or feed industries. The varied trajectories in each country, from steady growth in Brazil to fluctuating trends in Russia post-

Soviet Union dissolution, illustrate the complex interplay of economic, political, and agricultural dynamics shaping global feed production.

Strengthen Agricultural Infrastructure: Invest in agricultural infrastructure improvements, such as storage facilities, transportation, and market access, particularly in countries like Russia and India where feed production has shown fluctuation or decline.

```
In [227... # Line plot for Food items in the top 3 continents in average production
line_plot(
    df=merged_df,
    location='continent',
    top_location=3,
    value='average_production',
    top_value=5,
    element='Food'
)
```



Insights:

These line plots illustrate the top 5 food items top 3 leading continents: Asia, Europe, and North America. Each line represents the line trend of each food item throughout the years.

For Food:

Asia: A steady increase for production of all food items are seen from 1960s - early 1990s, and a steady increase afterwards in the production of rice, wheat, and vegetables. This rise reflects the growing population's need for these staples, particularly cereals like rice, and a likely shift toward healthier diets and better farming methods.

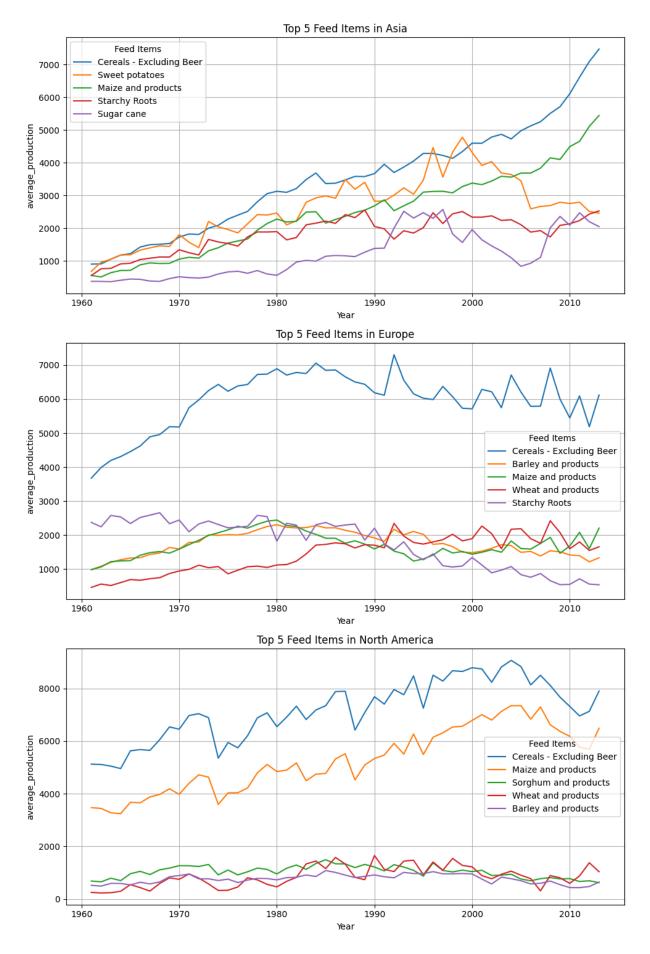
Europe: In Europe, milk and dairy productions has been growing consistently, showing the importance of livestock and dairy industries possibly also because of Europe's favorable climate conditions for raising dairy cattle. Cereal production, especially wheat, has remained steady, reflecting stable farming practices and traditional diets. While, the production of starchy roots like potatoes has slightly declined, likely due to shifts in the region's dietary preferences.

North America: All food items in the graph show consistent production increases, likely due to expanded farmland and improved farming techniques. Milk production has surged from 2,500 in 1960 to 4,500 in 2010, reflecting substantial growth driven by increased demand and advancements in dairy farming. In contrast, other food items have seen more modest increases, from under 1,500 in 1960 to under 3,000 in 2010, indicating slower growth in these sectors.

Conclusion

Asia's dramatic increase in the production of staples like vegetables and cereals aligns with its growing population and a shift towards more sustainable farming methods. In contrast, Europe shows steady growth in milk and dairy due to favorable conditions and traditional diets, while North America demonstrates overall growth in food production.

```
In [228... # Line plot for Feed items in the top 3 continents in average production
line_plot(
    df=merged_df,
    location='continent',
    top_location=3,
    value='average_production',
    top_value=5,
    element='Feed'
)
```



These line plots illustrate the top 5 feed items top 3 leading continents: Asia, Europe, and North America. Each line represents the line trend of each food item throughout the years.

For Food:

Asia: Cereals (excluding beer) have seen a consistent rise, peaking sharply around early 2010 - and still rising seemingly. Maize and products have grown steadily, particularly after 1980. Sweet potatoes and starchy roots also show steady growth, although starchy roots saw a decline post-1990. Sugar cane, while consistently low, shows a slight upward trend in recent years.

Europe: Cereals (excluding beer) dominate, showing strong growth until around 1990, followed by fluctuations. Barley and wheat products exhibit relatively stable trends with minor fluctuations. Maize products show gradual growth, while starchy roots see a decline from the mid-1980s onwards.

North America: Cereals (excluding beer) and maize products have strong upward trends, with cereals leading. Sorghum shows an early increase, followed by a decline after the mid-1980s. Wheat and barley products have relatively flat trends, with barley declining slightly after 1990.

Conclusion

Cereals (excluding beer) consistently lead as the top feed item across all three continents, with Asia and North America showing significant growth, particularly in the last two decades. In Europe, cereals peaked around 1990 but have since fluctuated, while maize and other grains have grown steadily in North America.

Comparison Plot

Plot Creation

```
def comparison_plot(df, location, top_location, value, top_value, element):
    # Get the top locations by average value
    top_locations = df.groupby(location)[value].mean().nlargest(top_location).index

# Filter by the given element and top locations
    data = df[df[location].isin(top_locations) & (df['element'] == element)]

# Get the top items for each location
    top_items = data.groupby([location, 'item'])[value].mean()
    top_items = top_items.groupby(location).nlargest(top_value).reset_index(level=0)

# Create subplots
_, axes = plt.subplots(nrows=len(top_locations), figsize=(10, 15))
```

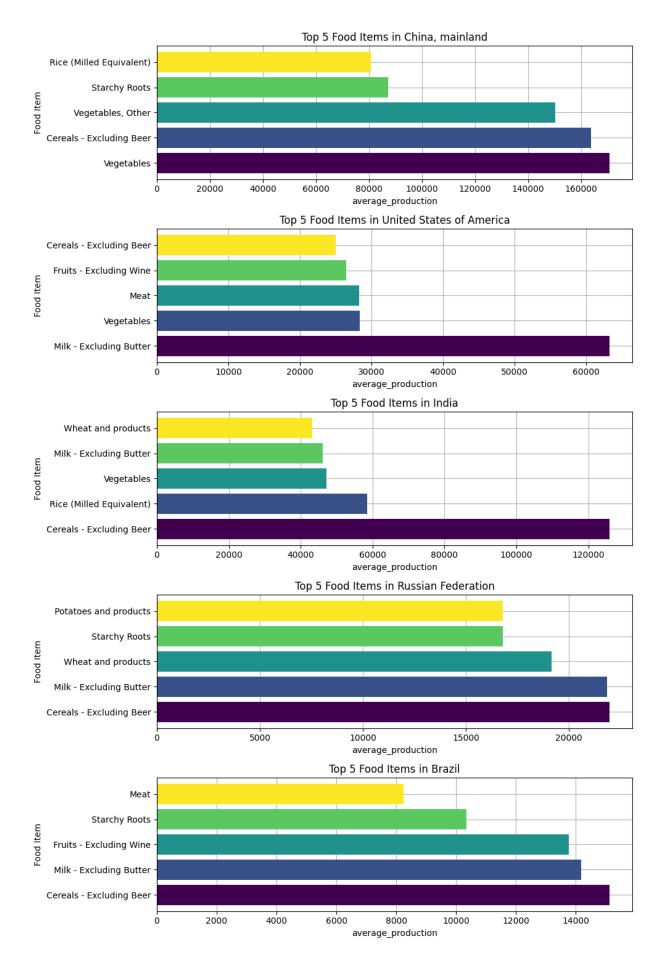
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cmap = plt.colormaps.get_cmap('viridis')

for i, loc in enumerate(top_locations):
    data = top_items[top_items[location] == loc]
    color_list = cmap(np.linspace(0, 1, top_value))

    axes[i].barh(data['item'], data[value], color=color_list)
    axes[i].set_title(f'Top {top_value} {element} Items in {loc}')
    axes[i].set_xlabel(value)
    axes[i].set_ylabel(f'{element} Item')
    axes[i].set_axisbelow(True)
    axes[i].grid(True, zorder=0)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

```
In [230... # Comparison plot for Food items in the top 5 areas in average production
    comparison_plot(
        df=merged_df,
        location='area',
        top_location=5,
        value='average_production',
        top_value=5,
        element='Food'
)
```



The graph shows the top 5 food items by average production in China, the United States, India, Russia, and Brazil. Cereals (excluding beer) are particularly prevalent across several countries, including Brazil, Russia, and India.

For Food:

China, mainland: The top food items are vegetables, cereals, starchy roots, and rice. Vegetables is the most produced food item, reflecting its central role in the Chinese diet. Other vegetables and cereals (excluding beer) also have high production levels, indicating a mix of grains and fresh produce. Starchy roots and rice have lower production, likely due to a shift in diets.

United States of America: Cereals (excluding beer) leads in production, highlighting the importance of dairy for American diet and agriculture. Vegetables and meat follow, suggesting a focus on greens and poultry products.

India: Their top 5 food items are cereals, rice, vegetables, and wheat, highlighting the central role of grains in the Indian diet. The absence of meat in the top 5 can be attributed to cultural and religious factors, such as Hinduism's promotion of vegetarianism and Islam's dietary restrictions. For further insight, milk (excluding butter) and cereals (excluding beer) lead in feed production, showing a balanced reliance on both animal-based and plant-based feed sources. Sugar crops and maize also play a significant role, though to a slightly lesser extent.

Russian Federation: Cereals and milk are the leading food items in terms of production, with their average production levels closely matching each other. This possibly indicates the country's importance to both items pertaining to the country's food production strategy. Additionally, it is noteworthy that potatoes and starchy roots, despite having the lowest average production among the top food items, exhibit a similar production mean as well.

Brazil: Cereals (excluding beer) and maize are the most produced feed items, reflecting their critical role in Brazilian agriculture. Starchy roots and cassava are also important but have lower production averages. Sugar crops have the lowest production among the top feed items. This diversity underscores Brazil's extensive agricultural resources and favorable tropical and subtropical climates, which support a wide range of crops.

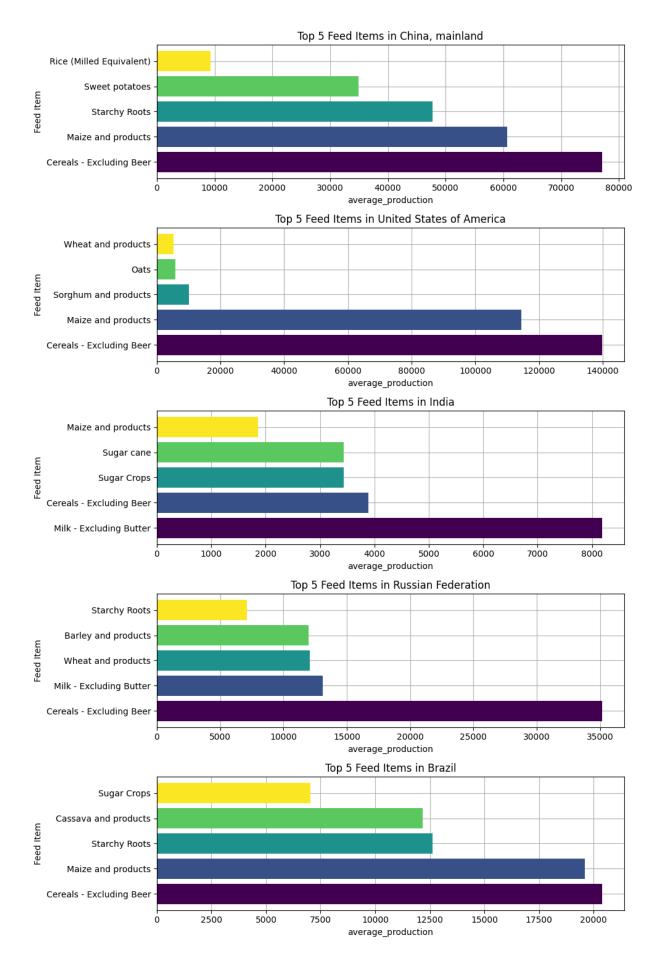
Conclusion

The analysis reveals a strong emphasis on cereals across all examined countries, highlighting their significance as food. Variations in the top food items, such as the prominence of vegetables in China and the absence of

meat in India's top production, reflect diverse cultural dietary practices and agricultural focuses.

Promote Crop Rotation and Sustainable Farming Practices: Given the heavy reliance on cereals in countries like India, Russia, and Brazil, promoting crop rotation and other sustainable agriculture practices could help maintain soil health and boost productivity.

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# Comparison plot for Feed items in the top 5 areas in average production
comparison_plot(
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    location='area',
    top_location=5,
    value='average_production',
    top_value=5,
    element='Feed'
)
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These comparison plots illustrate the top 5 feed items by average production in the top 5 leading countries: China, United States, India, the Russian Federation, and Brazil. Each bar represents the average production quantity for a specific food or feed item within each country.

For Feed:

China and United States: Both countries are top producers of maize and cereals for animal feed, highlighting how crucial these grains are for their large livestock industries, which are essential for meeting high domestic demand for meat and dairy products.

India: Maize and cereals are also prominent in feed production, supporting the large livestock sector, which plays a crucial role in the rural economy. Using grain-based feed helps maintain a big livestock population, especially in a country where milk and dairy products are highly valued

Russian Federation: The focus on wheat, barley, and cereals for feed emphasizes the use of grain-based feed for animals. This is essential in a country with long, cold winters, where livestock needs substantial feed supplies to survive the harsh conditions.

Brazil: Large production of maize, cereals, and starchy roots supports its large agricultural sector geared toward livestock. As one of the world's top meat exporters, especially beef, Brazil has a high demand for feed to support its extensive livestock industry.

Conclusion

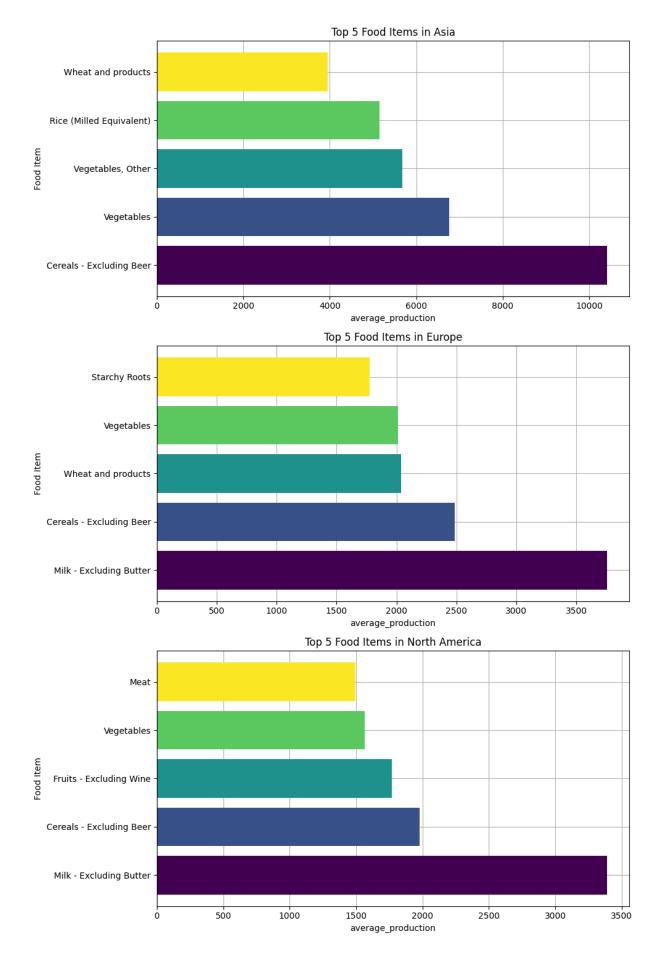
The data shows how cultural, religious, and climatic factors affect the types of food and feed produced in each country. For example, India's cultural preferences result in a diet rich in grains with less focus on meat, while Russia's climate requires the cultivation of hardy crops. In the U.S. and Brazil, strong livestock industries lead to high production of feed, especially maize and cereals. These factors influence each country's agricultural practices and food security, highlighting the link between culture, climate, and agriculture.

Development for other Possible Feed Alternatives: Given the heavy reliance on cereals and milk for animal feed in major agricultural countries, investing in research for sustainable and alternative feed sources as well.

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# Comparison plot for Food items in the top 3 continents in average production
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    location='continent',
    top_location=3,
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  top_value=5,
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)
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The graph shows the top 5 food items by average production in China, the United States, India, Russia, and Brazil. Cereals (excluding beer) are particularly prevalent across several countries, including Brazil, Russia, and India.

For Food:

Asia: Asia's leading role in cereal production, especially rice and wheat, may be likely due to its large population and reliance on staple foods essential to traditional diets. Countries like China and India use extensive agricultural land for growing cereals to meet the needs of its large population. Furthermore, rice is a central part of cultural practices and cuisines in many Asian countries. This also applies in the high production of vegetables wherein, it is incorporated into a variety of dishes.

Europe: In Europe, dairy industries helps produce a lot of milk, especially in Germany, France, and the Netherlands. The mild weather in Europe is good for growing cereals and wheat, which are important for foods like bread and pasta. Europe's different climates and fertile soil also support growing various vegetables and starchy foods like potatoes, which are key parts of many European meals.

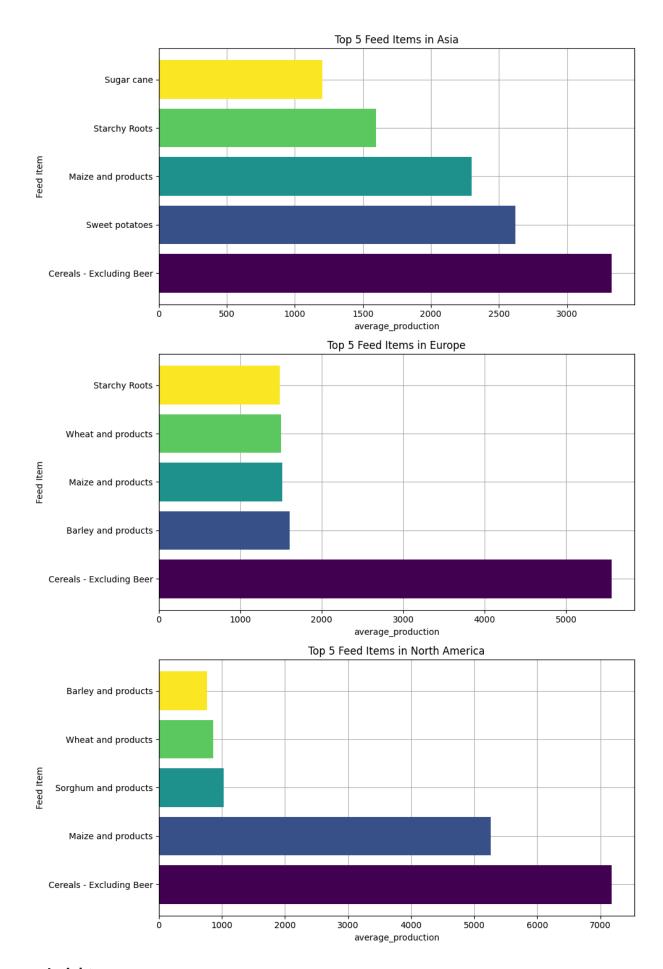
North America: North America has a strong dairy industry, with the U.S. being in the top 10 largest milk producing countries. The vast agricultural lands in the U.S. and Canada support large-scale cereal production, including maize, wheat, and barley, which are used for food and livestock feed. The diverse climates in North America also allow for growing a wide range of fruits and vegetables. Additionally, large-scale livestock farming in North America, especially for beef, pork, and poultry, makes meat an important part of the diet in the U.S. and Canada.

Conclusion:

Infrastructure Development: Based on the bar plot of average production by continent, we can see that africa and oceania have signigicantly lower average agricultural production compared to other continents. This indicate that these continents are behind in agricultural productivity compared to other continents. Policymakers should prioritize implementing targeted agricultural development programs in Africa and Oceania. Solutions like investing in infrastructures and modern farming can help increase their production and also contribute to food security and poverty reduction in these regions.

Market Diversification: Even though europe has the 2nd highest average production among continents, it has the 2nd lowest average value per capita. This shows despite high production levels, they cannot maximize the economic value of their products. It could also mean that the agricultural

market in Europe could be saturated. It is recommended to expand their market by exploring new export markets which can help increase their products' value.



These comparison plots illustrate the top 5 food and feed items by average production in the top 3 leading continents: Asia, Europe, and North America. Each bar represents the average production quantity for a specific food or feed item within each continent.

For Feed:

Asia: In Asia, cereals like rice and wheat as the leading feed items likely reflects the continent's agricultural focus and dietary habits. Starchy roots, such as cassava and sweet potatoes, also play a significant role, possibly due to their versatility and ability to thrive in tropical climates.

Europe: In Europe, wheat and barley are the main feed components, showing the continent's agricultural methods and food preferences. Although starchy roots are present, they are less significant compared to Asia, possibly due to varying climate conditions or economic factors.

North America: In North America, especially in the U.S., a lot of cereal crops are grown for animal feed, supporting the livestock industry. Maize is a key feed crop, important for both meat and dairy. Sorghum is used as a drought-resistant feed in drier areas. While, wheat is used for feed in Canada and the northern U.S., and barley is important for feeding cattle in the northern plains.

Conclusion

The data reveals how cultural, climatic, and economic factors shape food and feed production across Asia, Europe, and North America. Asia's prominence on rice and wheat reflects its population size and dietary habits, while starchy roots thrive in its tropical climates. Europe's varied climates support its strong dairy and cereal industries, with potatoes and vegetables also being significant. In North America, extensive agricultural lands and diverse climates enable large-scale cereal production for both food and feed, including key crops like maize and sorghum. These patterns illustrate how regional factors influence agricultural practices and food systems.

Geographical Visualization

Choropleth Map

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Analysis:

Some countries in North America, Europe, and parts of Asia tend to have higher value per capita, value, and average production. These are represented by lighter colored hues, while some regions in Africa, South America, and parts of Asia exhibit lower values.

The overall distribution of colors on the map reveals regional disparities. For example, there appears to be a concentration of higher values in developed countries and regions with strong economies, while lower values are more prevalent in developing countries and regions facing economic challenges.

Part 4: Drawing Conclusions

Analysis Summary

Summary Report

Key Findings

Average Production by Continent: Asia has the highest average production, significantly outperforming other continents. It is followed by Europe and North America. Oceania has the lowest average production.

Average Value per Capita by Continent: Asia also leads in average value per capita, with a huge gap compared to other continents. This indicates that Asia is performing the best in both agriculture production and value return.

Top Food and Feed Items in China: Vegetables and cereals (excluding beer) dominate production. Feed production is similarly dominated by cereals.

USA: Milk (excluding butter) is the top food item, with cereals (excluding beer) is leading the feed item.

India: Cereals (excluding beer) and rice are the top food items, with milk gaining importance in feed production.

Russian Federation: Milk and cereals dominate both food and feed production, but there is a noticable decline in some feed items over time.

Brazil: Cereals and maize and products both lead in food and feed items.

Heatmap Visualization: The correlation heatmap shows strong correlations between years and production metrics, suggesting consistent trends over time.

Rising Production in Asia: Asia dominated in both production and value per capita which indicates their rapid agricultural growth, driven by cereals and staple crops like rice.

Diverse Food Production Trends: Countries like Brazil and India are producing a wider range of food items, instead of relying heavily on just one or two types of crops.

Insights & Trends

The key insights we gained from our plot analysis reveal how cultural, climatic, and economic factors influence global food and feed production, as well as how dietary preferences evolve over time in different countries and continents.

Culture plays a significant role, as seen in how dietary practices shape food production; for example, India's focus on cereals rather than meat is driven by cultural and religious reasons.

Climatic factors are also crucial: Russia's cold winters favor the cultivation of hardy crops like potatoes, while Brazil's tropical climate supports a diverse range of crops.

Economic factors, particularly livestock farming, significantly impact feed production, as observed in the substantial maize and cereal production in North America and Brazil.

Additionally, the plot highlights how dietary preferences change over time, reflecting possible shifts in economic conditions, cultural trends, and urbanization, as seen in the increasing and decreasing trend in the line plots.

Actionable Recommendations

Recommendations

Investment in Agriculture in Asia:

Recommendation: Asia's agricultural sector has shown remarkable growth, particularly in terms of both production levels and value per capita. To maintain and enhance this success, it is crucial to continue supporting and investing on their innovation.

Justification: Asia leads the world in agricultural production, especially in staple crops like rice and cereals. They also deliver high value per capita, which

indicate that they generate large economic value through agriculture. They also established strong growth potential as seen in the time-series analysis.

Encourage Diversification of Agricultural Products for Other Continents:

Recommendation: North America and Europe have traditionally focused on staple crops and well-established agricultural products like wheat, corn, and soybeans. However, these regions face challenges in matching Asia's high production levels and economic returns. To enhance their competitiveness and market reach, it is recommended that these regions to expand their range of crops and agricultural products.

Justification: While North America and Europe benefit from stable agricultural sectors, this stability can lead to market saturation and limited growth opportunities. By diversifying, these regions can tap into a broader consumer base and reduce the economic risks of depending on a limited set of crops.

Contextual Relevance

Introduction

Background Information

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) serves as a specialized agency of the United Nations, aiming to eliminate hunger and improve nutrition and food security worldwide (FAO, n.d.). One of its primary data can be found in the FAO and FAOSTAT database, which offers extensive data on food and agriculture. The data holds information also from a vast number of countries.

This dataset is quite useful for researchers, policymakers, and governments, since it provides reliable statistics that can help formulate informed decisions on food production and sustainability.

It is from the analysis of these datasets that data analysts and stakeholders can generate patterns and propose solutions to challenges facing food distribution. Thus, the significance of this data goes far beyond just being numbers; it impacts policies internationally and helps in fighting hunger and poverty (FAO, n.d.).

Global Implications

The insights derived from this analysis are vital for crafting robust agricultural policies aimed at further enhancing the production count and value of food and feed items in the world.

For instance, the bar graph that shows the average production by continent illustrates that Asia has the largest yields in production. This could be due to warmer temperatures around this region. Moreover, the relatively warmer regions, e.g., Africa and South America, may struggle to produce more feed and food because of their geographical location and climate.

Africa and Oceania have significantly lower average agricultural production compared to other continents, indicating lagging agricultural productivity. Policymakers should focus on enhancing agricultural development in these regions. Investments in infrastructure and modern farming techniques could boost production, contributing to food security and poverty reduction in Africa and Oceania.

Task Importance

Analyzing agricultural data, in relation to food production and values, are vital for enhancing global food security and productivity. This in turn, help support economic stability among countries and public health for its citizens.

Furthermore, as populations grow and environmental issues, e.g., *climate change*, continues to impact agriculture, the urgency for data-driven solutions in policy-making becomes important than ever.

Objective of the Analysis

The primary objective of this analysis is to understand trends and patterns in agricultural production and its values using the FAO and FAOSTAT datasets among countries.

Whereas, by assessing these trends, the analysis aims to understand the impact of different agricultural practices on global food security - based on recorded data.

Whereas, this focused analysis will provide insights that can help shape effective agricultural strategies.

Contextual Evidence

Dataset Description

FAO: It is data sourced by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) from its member nations, offers a comprehensive overview of global food production patterns. It contains detailed annual data spanning from 1961 to 2013, covering a wide range of metrics, e.g., production values. Each entry in the dataset is categorized by various attributes including area (with both

abbreviation and full name), item (including food items or products), and element (detailing the type of data recorded, such as production or consumption). The dataset also integrates geographical data, providing latitude and longitude coordinates for each country or region.

FAOSTAT: It is another dataset that goes along with FAO, in which it provides a record of agricultural production as well. It includes data elements such as the population type, area (with numerical codes and full names of countries or regions), and item details (including food items or products identified by numeric codes). Also, additional metadata in the dataset includes flags and descriptions indicating the sources and reliability of the data.

Data Analysis Tools Used

Pandas: A tool for data manipulation and analysis, enabling the cleaning, transforming, and organizing of complex datasets like those from FAO and FAOSTAT.

Matplotlib: A library that provides capabilities for creating static data visualizations in Python - crucial for the task of illustrating trends and patterns in the given datasets.

Seaborn: A library similar to Matplotlib that provides attractive and informative statistical graphics.

Numpy: A tool that supports large, multi-dimensional arrays and matrices, along with a vast collection of high-level mathematical functions to operate on these arrays.

PyCountry: A library that provides accessible ISO country codes or names - that is used to help standardize data in FAO and FAOSTAT.

Plotly.Express: A tool that helps in the creation of interactive plots for dynamic data visualization, like its use in the choropleth graph.

Data Analysis Steps and Context

Data Cleaning and Merging

Data Loading: Both the FAO and FAOSTAT datasets are imported and loaded using Pandas.

Data Dictionary Creation: Use of functions to generate data dictionaries for each dataset, clarifying column details and ensuring transparency.

Null Value and Duplicates Check: Null values are identified and quantified to assess data completeness.

• Duplicates are detected and counted to ensure data integrity.

Data Standardization: Column names are standardized by converting to lowercase, replacing spaces with underscores, and removing special characters to facilitate data handling.

Column Renaming: Similar columns are renamed for consistency, aiding in accurate dataset merging.

Data Merging: The datasets are merged on common columns ('area_code' and 'area'), with checks performed to validate the merge process.

 New dataframe is exported as a CSV file for convenient loading of merged data.

Feature Engineering and Data Wrangling

Active Years Calculation: A new column, years_existing, is created to indicate the number of years for which data exists for each entry.

Average Production Computation: The dataset now includes an average_production column, calculated as the mean of values across all year columns.

Population Unit Standardization: The population_unit column is parsed to retain only numeric values, standardizing the unit representation and facilitating numerical operations.

Per Capita Values: A new column, value_per_capita, is derived by dividing total values by the standardized population unit.

ISO Code Conversion: Utilizing the PyCountry library, each country's name is converted to its respective ISO alpha-3 code.

ISO Code Validation: An initial check identifies areas with invalid ISO codes, which are then manually corrected based on a predefined mapping.

Continent Assignment: Each country's ISO alpha-3 code is further mapped to its corresponding continent using a combination of PyCountry and manual adjustments.

 Continent Validation and Adjustment: Continents with 'Invalid' values are identified and corrected manually where necessary. FAO. (n.d.). About FAO. https://www.fao.org/about/about-fao/en/