

Events of 2013 (as noted spikes)

The Indian Act of Parliament signed the National Food Security Act 2013 (Right to Food Act) on 12 September 2013, retroactive to 5 July 2013. It provides subsidized food grains to approximately two thirds of the country's 1.2 billion people.

Events of 2019

05/08 marked Seeds and Chips (#SAC19), the Global Food Innovation Summit

05/22 was the International Day for Biological Diversity and the World Health Assembly 72 (#WHA72).

08/09 tweets were related to the International Day of the World's Indigenous People, and the IPCC's Climate Change and Land Report.

10/15 and 10/16 tweets were related to World Food Day, including the Rockefeller Food System Vision Prize (one of many events around this day), and CFS 46 (the Committee on World Food Security).

Events in 2020

Tweets from 10/14, 10/15, and 10/16 were related to World Food Day,

04/23 sparked tweets about Earth Day

04/10 marked the release of a Global Policy Report which announced COVID's effects on the global food supply chain and the connected economic shock.

In May, actor-singer James Reid was designated by the Philippines as the first Ambassador on Food Security.

In September, the Philippines Department of Agriculture named a young farmer and entrepreneur Cherrie Atilano as its new Food Security Ambassador.

Early spikes around the subject likely due to rising levels of food insecurity across the world as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. These were combined with growing concerns about climate change. Potentially also, minimally, the connection of food markets and COVID-19's cause.

Events of 2021

06/21- 06/22 tweets were related to raising awareness about the UN Food Systems Summit and preparation, as well as tweets from 07/23.

08/12 is International Youth Day and the theme was Transforming Food Systems

09/23 was the UN Food Systems Summit as well as the People's Food Summit

2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference Oct 31, 2021 – Nov 12, 2021

- Several news articles about advancements made in food systems at COP26
- However, it seems there are conflicting opinions: "the lack of progress at COP26 can be traced to the UNFCCC's lack of attention to the substantial impact of food systems on climate change" (Chantal Wei-Ying Clément, 2022)
 - Conflicting opinion of UNFCCC: "COP26 Sees Significant Progress on Issues Related to Agriculture"

Events of 2022

02/24 Russo-Ukrainian War spurred tweets about food security

05/18 Global Food Security Ministerial in NYC

- 30-35 countries, same topics as the summit below, led by Secretary of State Anthony Blinken

July 2022 The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI) 2022 Report UNICEF

- highlights the intensification of the major drivers of food insecurity and malnutrition: conflict, climate extremes and economic shocks, combined with growing inequalities.

09/22 Global Food Security Summit in NYC

- Involved United States, the European Union, the African Union, Spain, Germany, Colombia, Nigeria, the European Commission, and Indonesia.
- Major topics: climate change, COVID-19, and conflicts, including Russia's unprovoked and ongoing war against Ukraine

December 2022 India spends \$24 Billion on Free Grain for 800

December 2022 Famine narrowly averted in Somalia

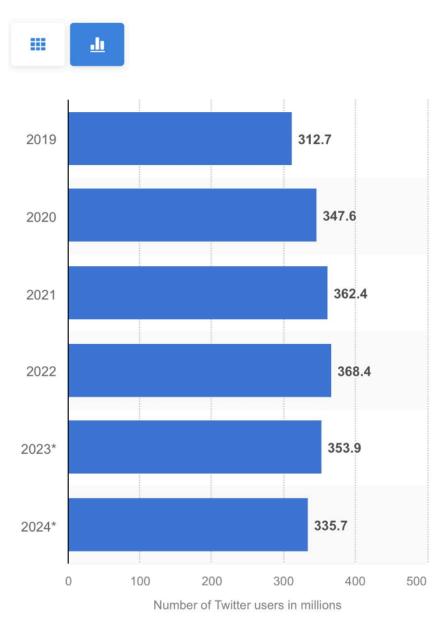
Increase in spikes in 2020, particularly in 2021/2022

These spikes don't occur before 2020, and increase dramatically in 2021. Could this be a rise in Twitter usership, a rise in food security, or perhaps a rise in other conversations which food insecurity is being included in, like climate change?

Twitter did see a dramatic spike in users, over 30 million new users joined the platform in 2020, in addition to the rise in political discussion around the COVID-19 pandemic could have contributed to these spikes. (Click on photo for link to graph source)

Number of Twitter users worldwide from 2019 to 2024

(in millions)



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