





### 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)



