# Web Appendix for

# U.S. FOOD AID AND CIVIL CONFLICT

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#### 1. Introduction

This appendix accompanies "U.S. Food Aid and Civil Conflict" by Nathan Nunn and Nancy Qian. Section 2 provides a detailed explanation of the data and their sources. Section 3 reports additional tables and figures mentioned in the paper, but not reported explicitly.

#### 2. Data and Their Sources

Conflict. Our baseline measure of the existence of conflict is constructed using data from the UCDP/PRIO Armed Conflict Dataset, where a conflict is defined as the use of armed force between two parties that results in at least 25 battle deaths in a year. Although we focus on intra-state conflicts (i.e. civil conflicts), we also consider inter-state conflicts and conflicts of all types. An intra-state conflict is defined as a conflict between a government and one or more internal opposition groups, without intervention from other states. An inter-state conflict is defined as a conflict occurring between two or more states. The measure of all conflicts includes intra- and inter-state conflicts, as well as a small number of conflicts labelled by UCDP/PRIO as "extra-systemic" or "internationalized" conflicts. Extra-systemic conflicts are conflicts between a state and non-state group that occur outside of the government's territory. Internationalized conflicts are conflicts between a state and a non-state group with intervention from another state. In auxiliary regressions, we also use conflict incidence data from the Correlates of War Database. This uses a 1000 death threshold.

*U.S. wheat production*. Annual U.S. wheat production is taken from the United States Department of Agriculture. It is originally reported in metric tons. In the analysis, we measure production in thousands of metric tons.

*U.S. wheat aid.* Wheat aid data are from the FAO's FAOSTAT Database, accessed in August 2008. The database is located at http://faostat.fao.org. The figures are measured in metric tons, and include wheat and wheat flour. The FAO item code is 1945. In the analysis, we measure U.S. wheat aid in thousands of tonnes.

Monthly country-average temperature and precipitation. The measures are constructed using country boundaries and monthly weather data measured across grid-cells from the Terrestrial Air Temperature and Precipitation: 1900-2006 Gridded Monthly Time Series, Version 1.10. The

data report daily mean temperature (measured in degrees Celsius) and daily mean precipitation (measured in millimeters) with 0.5 degree by 0.5 degree (approximately 56 km by 56 km) grid-cells globally for each month from 1900 to 2006. For documentation see Kenji Matsuura and Cort Willmott (2007). We construct area-weighted country averages of the monthly temperature and precipitation variables.

Region fixed effects. Our region-fixed effects are constructed using the World Bank region classification. Within our sample, which excludes high-income OECD countries, the regions are: East Asia and Pacific, Europe and Central Asia, Latin America and Caribbean, Middle East and North Africa, South Asia, and sub-Saharan Africa.

3. Additional Tables

Table A1: Part 1: Countries and their propensity to receive U.S. food aid.

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ZWE Zimbabwe 0.139			
TZA Tanzania 0.167			
CIV Cote d'Ivoire 0.167			
CYP Cyprus 0.194			
TGO Togo 0.194			
SYR Syrian Arab Republic 0.222			
GMB Gambia 0.222		,	
AGO Angola 0.222			
KHM Cambodia 0.222		<u> </u>	
SUR Suriname 0.222			
GNB Guinea-Bissau 0.222			
CPV Cape Verde 0.250			
DZA Algeria 0.250		•	
MNG Mongolia 0.250		· ·	
IRQ Iraq 0.250		•	
UKR Ukraine 0.267		•	
BLR Belarus 0.267			
PAN Panama 0.278			
CAF Central African Republic 0.306			
DJI Djibouti 0.306		•	
BEN Benin 0.306		•	
PRY Paraguay 0.306			

Table A1: Part 2: Countries and their propensity to receive U.S. food aid.

		Fraction of years a country received any
Recipient iso code	Recipient country name	U.S. wheat aid, 1971- 2006
NER	Niger	0.306
MDG	Madagascar	0.333
ALB	Albania	0.333
ERI	Eritrea	0.333
SWZ	Swaziland	0.333
UGA	Uganda	0.333
NPL MLI	Nepal Mali	0.333 0.361
GIN	Guinea	0.361
MWI	Malawi	0.389
ZMB	Zambia	0.389
BDI	Burundi	0.389
CHL	Chile	0.389
COG	Congo, Rep.	0.389
LBR	Liberia	0.389
BRA COL	Brazil Colombia	0.417 0.417
MUS	Mauritius	0.444
LBN	Lebanon	0.444
TKM	Turkmenistan	0.467
IND	India	0.472
TCD	Chad	0.500
COD	Congo, Dem. Rep.	0.500
ETH	Ethiopia	0.528
SLE SOM	Sierra Leone Somalia	0.556
LSO	Lesotho	0.556 0.556
DOM	Dominican Republic	0.583
CRI	Costa Rica	0.611
BFA	Burkina Faso	0.639
PHL	Philippines	0.639
ECU	Ecuador	0.639
TUN	Tunisia	0.639
RWA MDA	Rwanda Moldova	0.667 0.667
JAM	Jamaica	0.694
AFG	Afghanistan	0.694
GHA	Ghana	0.722
MAR	Morocco	0.750
KEN	Kenya	0.750
MOZ	Mozambique	0.750
EGY	Egypt, Arab Rep.	0.778
NIC MRT	Nicaragua Mauritania	0.778 0.806
SLV	El Salvador	0.806
GUY	Guyana	0.833
SDN	Sudan	0.861
KGZ	Kyrgyz Republic	0.867
JOR	Jordan	0.889
GTM	Guatemala	0.889
PAK	Pakistan	0.917
ARM AZE	Armenia	0.933
LKA	Azerbaijan Sri Lanka	0.933 0.944
IDN	Indonesia	0.944
PER	Peru	0.944
BOL	Bolivia	1.000
TJK	Tajikistan	1.000
HND	Honduras	1.000
HTI	Haiti	1.000
GEO	Georgia	1.000
BGD	Bangladesh	1.000

Table A2: Pairwise correlations between country characteristics and the average propensity of a country to receive food aid from 1971-2006.

					Corr	elate of inter	rest:				
	Military aid	Economic aid	Cereal imports	Cereal production	Per capita income	Polity2	Ethnic diversity	Ethnic polarization	Resource share of GDP	Alignment with U.S.	Roads per capita
Avg propensity to receive U.S. wheat	0.137	0.256	-0.182	-0.155	-0.317	0.010	-0.061	-0.166	-0.243	0.082	-0.304
aid, 1971-2006	(0.128)	(0.004)	(0.042)	(0.084)	(0.000)	(0.913)	(0.503)	(0.082)	(0.006)	(0.364)	(0.001)
Obs	125	125	125	125	125	120	123	111	125	124	124

Notes: The table reports pairwise correlation coefficients between the reported variable and the average propensity of a country to receive food aid from the United States. P-values are reported in parenthesis.

Table A3: Pairwise correlations between time-varying characteristics and lagged U.S. wheat production.

	Correlate of interest:						
	U.S. real per capita GDP	Oil price (2011 USD)	Indicator: US Democratic President	Indicator: Cold War			
	0.298	0.198	0.198	-0.246			
Lagged U.S. wheat production	(0.078)	(0.247)	(0.247)	(0.149)			
Obs	36	36	36	36			

*Notes*: The table reports pairwise correlation coefficients between the reported variable and one-year lagged U.S. wheat production. P-values are reported in parenthesis.

Table A4: First-stage placebo regressions.

		Dependent Variable:	
	U.S. Wheat Aid (1000 MT)	U.S. Wheat Aid (1000 MT), Period <i>t</i> -2	U.S. Wheat Aid (1000 MT), Period <i>t</i> -3
	(1)	(2)	(3)
Lag U.S. Wheat Production (1000 MT) x	0.00358	0.00052	0.00008
Avg Prob of Any U.S. Food Aid	(0.00103)	(0.00109)	(0.00120)
Observations	4,089	3,870	3,759
R-squared	0.545	0.558	0.569

Notes: OLS estimates are reported. The unit of observation is a country in a year. The sample includes 125 non-OECD countries for the years 1971-2006. All regressions include the full set of baseline controls (see Table 2 columns (5)-(7) for a full list). Coefficients are reported, with standard errors clustered at the country level.

Table A5: First-stage estimates for other donor countries.

	Dependent Variable: Donor Wheat Aid (1000 MT)							
	USA	Canada	European Union	Australia	Japan	Sweden		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)		
Lagged Donor Wheat Production (1000 MT) x Avg Prob of Donor Food Aid	0.00358	0.00199	0.00000	0.00021	0.06242	-0.00180		
WIT) X AVG T TOD OF DOTION T GOD AID	(0.00103)	(0.00092)	(0.00000)	(0.00034)	(0.02707)	(0.00231)		
Observations	4,089	4,089	4,089	4,089	4,089	4,089		
R-squared	0.545	0.619	0.529	0.745	0.486	0.340		

Notes: OLS estimates are reported. The unit of observation is a country in a year. The sample includes 125 non-OECD countries for the years 1971-2006. All regressions include the full set of baseline controls (see Table 2 columns (5)-(7) for a full list) except that for non-US countries: (i) average probability of donor food aid interacted with a US Democratic president indicator is omitted, and (ii) the control for U.S. real per capita GDP interacted with average food aid probability is replaced with donor country real per capita GDP interacted with average food aid probability. Coefficients are reported, with standard errors clustered at the country level.

Table A6: Total wheat aid shipments over the sample period 1971–2006.

Donor name	Donor's total wheat aid shipments, 1971-2006	Donor's share of global wheat aid shipments, 1971- 2006
New Zealand	2,210	0.0000
Libya	31,757	0.0002
China	128,333	0.0007
Greece	163,599	0.0009
Austria	223,954	0.0013
Turkey	250,077	0.0014
Argentina	402,304	0.0023
Spain	414,761	0.0024
Norway	443,504	0.0025
Switzerland	467,210	0.0027
Finland	535,626	0.0030
India	692,449	0.0039
Sweden	2,165,683	0.0123
Japan	3,238,729	0.0184
Australia	7,773,528	0.0442
EU	17,006,556	0.0968
Canada	22,521,286	0.1281
USA	119,290,064	0.6787
TOTAL	175,751,632	1.0000

Notes: The EU includes Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, and Great Britain. We report separately wheat aid shipments of countries that joined the EU after Jan 1, 1973. These countries include: Austria (joined in 1995), Finland (1995), Greece (1981), Spain (1986), and Sweden (joined in 1995). Wheat aid shipments are measured in thousands of metric tons, and are from the FAO.

Table A7: Relationship between U.S. wheat aid shipped in different periods and civil conflict in year t.

	Dependent Variable: Incidence of Civil Conflict in year t								
	U.S. Wheat Aid (t-4)	U.S. Wheat Aid (t-3)	U.S. Wheat Aid (t-2)	U.S. Wheat Aid (t-1)	U.S. Wheat Aid (t)	U.S. Wheat Aid (t+1)	U.S. Wheat Aid (t+2)	U.S. Wheat Aid (t+3)	U.S. Wheat Aid (t+4)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
U.S. Wheat Aid (1,000 MT)	0.00033 (0.00110)	0.00091 (0.00097)	0.00184 (0.00107)	0.00250 (0.00117)	0.00254 (0.00088)	0.00151 (0.00113)	0.00102 (0.00183)	0.00063 (0.00417)	-0.00024 (0.00280)
Observations	3,647	3,759	3,870	3,980	4,089	3,964	3,839	3,714	3,589

Notes: 2SLS estimates are reported. The sample includes 125 non-OECD countries for the years 1971-2006. In all columns, U.S. Wheat Aid is instrumented by U.S. wheat production in the previous year x the frequency of receiving any U.S. food aid during 1971-2006. The regressions include the full set of baseline controls. See Table 2, columns (5)-(7) for a list. Coefficients are reported with standard errors clustered at the country level in parentheses.

Table A8: Duration estimates. Heterogeneous effects I.

	Logistic Discrete Time Hazard Model. Dep var: Offset of civil conflict							
	Income	Natural resources	Polity	Ethnic polarization	Ethnic diversity			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)			
	Panel A. High value subsample							
U.S. Wheat Aid (1000 MT):								
Coefficient	-0.00026	-0.00130	-0.00029	-0.00107	-0.00059			
Standard error	(0.00033)	(0.00036)	(0.00035)	(0.00040)	(0.00035)			
Observations	277	388	370	384	342			
First-stage <i>F</i> -stat	15.46	36.66	29.88	37.03	31.97			
		Pane	B. Low value subs	ample				
U.S. Wheat Aid (1000 MT):	'							
Coefficient	-0.00070	-0.00004	-0.00062	-0.00009	-0.00016			
Standard error	(0.00032)	(0.00028)	(0.00029)	(0.00023)	(0.00025)			
Observations	432	316	338	317	333			
First-stage <i>F</i> -stat	9.22	8.79	8.20	7.90	7.23			

Notes: In all specifications, U.S. Wheat Aid in year *t* is instrumented by U.S. wheat production in year *t*-1 x the probability of receiving any U.S. food aid between 1971 and 2006. The table reports estimates of a discrete time hazard model for the incidence of civil war offset. In this setting, survival is continued conflict. The coefficients reported are marginal effects evaluated at means. The control function approach is used to generate IV estimates for the hazard models. Panel A reports estimates for observations above the median value of the characteristic reported in the column heading. Panel B reports estimates for observations below the median value of the characteristic reported in the column heading.

Table A9: Duration estimates. Heterogeneous effects II.

	Logistic Discrete Time Hazard Model. Dep var: Offset of civil conflict							
	Average per capita cereal production, 1971-2006	Per capita cereal production relative to historical average	Road density	Cold War	Alignment with the US			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)			
		ŀ	High value subsample					
U.S. Wheat Aid (1000 MT):								
Coefficient	-0.00026	-0.00071	-0.00020	-0.00054	-0.00018			
Standard error	(0.00020)	(0.00031)	(0.00094)	(0.00018)	(0.00110)			
Observations	408	339	148	337	244			
First-stage F-stat	11.83	11.06	4.62	12.44	7.45			
		1	Low value subsample					
U.S. Wheat Aid (1000 MT):								
Coefficient	-0.00105	0.00018	-0.00036	-0.00007	-0.00043			
Standard error	(0.00069)	(0.00044)	(0.00023)	0.00060	(0.00019)			
Observations	301	322	498	372	461			
First-stage F-stat	16.62	25.71	12.62	27.85	12.95			

Notes: In all specifications, U.S. Wheat Aid in year *t* is instrumented by U.S. wheat production in year *t*-1 x the probability of receiving any U.S. food aid between 1971 and 2006. The table reports estimates of a discrete time hazard model for the incidence of civil war offset. In this setting, survival is continued conflict. The coefficients reported are marginal effects evaluated at means. The control function approach is used to generate IV estimates for the hazard models. Panel A reports estimates for observations above the median value of the characteristic reported in the column heading. Panel B reports estimates for Observations below the median value of the characteristic reported in the column (4), Panel A reports estimates for Cold War years, while Panel B reports estimates for years after the Cold War.

### 4. Additional Figures

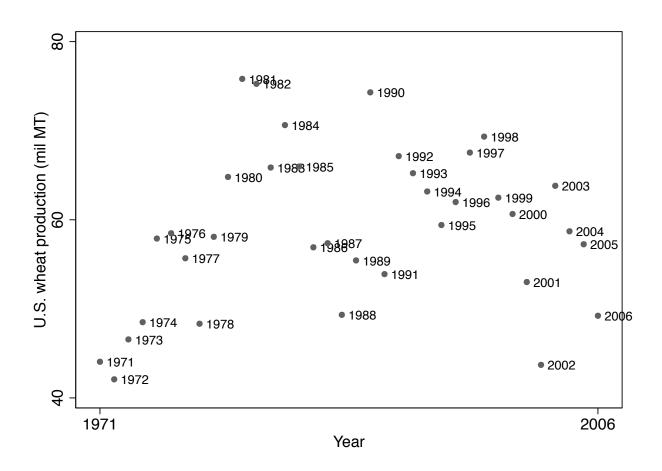


Figure A1: Aggregate U.S. wheat production over time, 1971–2006.

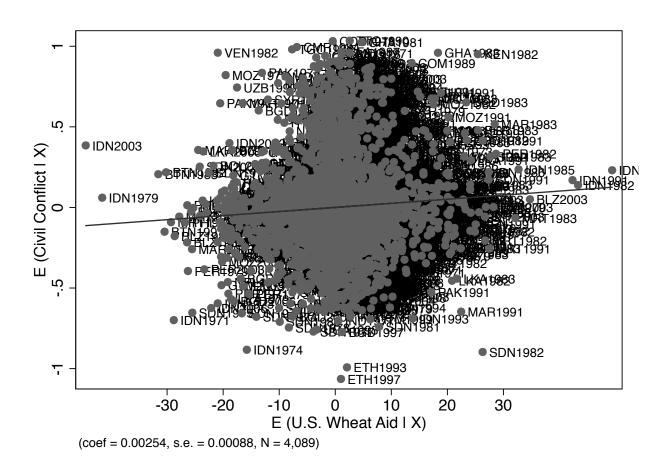


Figure A2: Partial correlate plot: Baseline estimate.

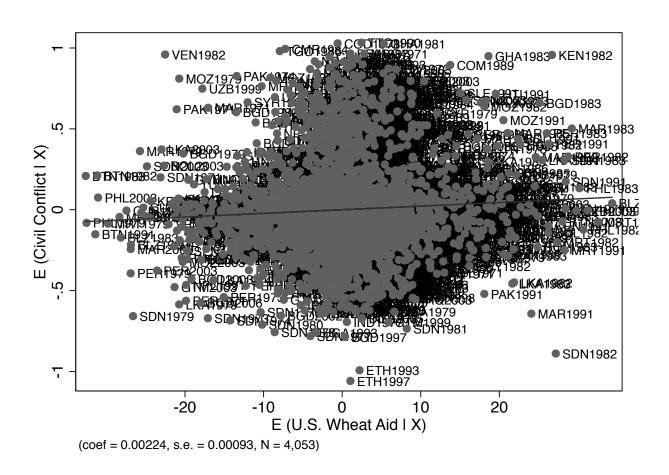


Figure A3: Partial correlate plot: Omitting Indonesia (IDN).

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