

Food Commodity Nutrition

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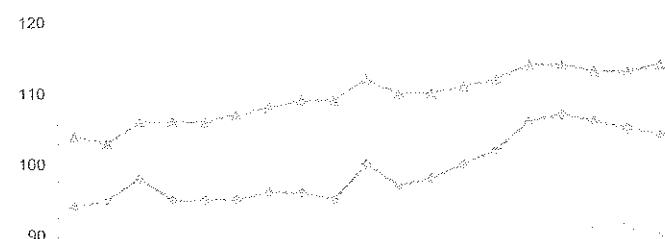
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unwieldy policy negotiations have been jolted more recently, however, by the

either case, if Mexico is not yet self-sufficient in agriculture, it is nonetheless very close to being so. Consequently, given its high level of agricultural production and its involvement in agricultural trade liberalization through the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) since 1994, Mexico is a good case from which to consider the impact of trade liberalization in the context of high food prices. We do this using per capita food consumption data, which we compare with that of its two NAFTA partners, the US and Canada.

(Unfortunately, per capita food consumption data are not available for Mexico.)



trend for its northern neighbours has been to increase fat intake since that time (see Figure 5.4).

budgets spent on food is about four times as large as in developed nations; and

The food crisis has provided some insight into the drawbacks of

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