Cereal utilisation

Utilisation of world cereal production (wheat, rice as milled equivalent and coarse grains) according to purpose of use.

Food, feed or fuel?
In 2018, total cereal utilisation amounted to 2.68 billion tonnes of cereal. Only 42.6% of wheat, rice and coarse grains were directly used as food for human consumption. The remainder was used as animal feed or for other purposes, such as the production of biofuels or other industrial uses. Twenty years ago, the share of cereals used for food consumption was still higher than 50%.

Sources