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Global meat consumption will increase in the next 10 years



Meat annual consumption will continue to grow over in next ten years, thanks to emerging countries, researchers estimated during the International Science Congress and meat Technologies, realized in Clermont-Ferrand, France.

“The expectative is an increase in global meat consumption of

1.6% per year in the next ten years,” he said during a conference, the Belgian agronomist Erik Mathijs, saying recent numbers from the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

In 50 years, consumption of meat product’s derivative (fresh meat, sausages, frozen foods and canned) doubled worldwide, from 23.1 kilograms per person per year in 1961 to 42.2 kilograms in 2011.

“In the course of the last 20 years, emerging countries have experienced a revolution in livestock, particularly pigs and chickens,” said Pierre Sans, researcher at the French Institute of Agronomic Research.

In the coming years, emerging countries will continue increasing world consumption, which stagnated in most developed countries (Western Europe, North America, and Japan) due to the economic crisis and consumer’s conscience about animal welfare and nutrition.

Another element to consider is climate change, of which livestock is one of the major contributor, recalled Erik Mathijs, professor at Dutch Catholic University of Louvain.

“Negotiations (with a view to an agreement to fight against to climate change) necessarily they will approach the reduction of production and meat consumption,” he predicted.

Five hundred scientists and meat industry professionals participated of the 61 st International Congress, which annually is celebrated in a different country. The next edition will be celebrated in 2016 in Bangkok (Thailand).

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