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[New Technical Note on Unit Root Tests: Pitfalls and Best Practices](#)

Since the seminal work of Granger & Newbold (1974), econometricians can no longer ignore the time series properties of the variables with which they are concerned. The early literature on unit roots focused on the problem of spurious regression, a situation in which more unrelated and not all stationary series can show a significant relationship through the application of linear regression. In [AGRODEP Technical Note #23](#), by Fousseini Traore and Insa Diop, the authors highlight the common pitfalls in developing unit root tests, suggest the best practices to consider when performing univariate unit root/stationary tests, and provide some practical examples using price data from Kenya, Mali, Togo, and South Africa.

[E-learning courses on Pro-WEAI from the Food Security Portal](#)

The Pro-WEAI Foundations Module, in English and in French, is now available to AGRODEP network members from the [Food Security Portal's e-learning platform](#). The French language version of the e-learning course was launched in February 2022 and the English language version was launched in March 2021. The Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Index (WEAI) is the first comprehensive and standardized instrument to directly measure women's empowerment and inclusion in the agricultural sector. The project level WEAI (pro-WEAI) has specialized project-relevant modules as well as optional modules tailored to livestock, nutrition and health, and market inclusion. The Pro-WEAI Foundations Module involves approximately 3 hours of online content followed by a final quiz.

[The Impact of Price Shocks on Poverty](#)

A new tool in IFPRI's [Food Security Portal](#) allows users to explore the impact of price changes in key food commodities on poverty in selected countries including Ethiopia, Liberia, Malawi, and Tanzania. Using household survey data, the tool estimates first-order impacts of price shocks for each household (net producers and consumers) and calculates changes in poverty. The tool is useful for looking into the impact of price shocks that are exogenous to a country's agriculture (i.e., trade-related price changes and shifts in world prices). More information about the tool and methodology can be found on the [tool page](#).

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