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Trump's halt to WHO funding prompts condemnation as coronavirus cases pass 2 million



FILE PHOTO: U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell speaks to reporters after the Federal Reserve cut interest rates in an emergency move designed to shield the world's largest economy from the impact of the coronavirus, in Washington, U.S., March 3, 2020.

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The head of the Federal Reserve warned on Wednesday of an "extended period" of weak economic growth, vowed to use the U.S. central bank's power as needed, and called for additional fiscal spending to stem the fallout from the coronavirus pandemic.

Fed Chair Jerome Powell issued his sober review of an economy slammed by a record pace of job losses and bracing for worse ahead as most U.S. states moved toward reopening after weeks of shutdowns aimed at slowing the spread of the novel coronavirus.

The pandemic has killed more than 82,000 people in the United States so far, and many epidemiological models now point to a death toll that will surpass 100,000 in a matter of weeks.

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Powell pointed to uncertainty over how well future outbreaks of the virus can be controlled and how quickly a vaccine or therapy can be developed, and said policy-makers needed to be ready address "a range" of possible outcomes.

"It will take some time to get back to where we were,"

Powell said in a webcast interview with Adam Posen, the director of the Peterson Institute for International Economics. "There is a sense, growing sense I think, that the recovery may come more slowly than we would like. But it will come, and that may mean that it's necessary for us to do more."

For a central banker who spent part of his career as a deficit hawk and has tried to avoid giving advice to elected officials, the remarks marked an extraordinary nod to the risks the U.S. economy is facing from the combined health and economic crisis brought on by the pandemic.

The U.S. central bank has slashed interest rates to near zero and set up a broad network of programs to ensure financial markets continue to function during the pandemic. It has also established precedent-setting lending facilities for companies and the first-ever corporate bond purchases.

Congress, for its part, has allocated nearly \$3 trillion for economic relief during the crisis.

The U.S. response to date "has been particularly swift and forceful," Powell said. But the longer those health risks persist, he said, the more likely businesses will fail and households will be strapped for income in a downturn that he noted has fallen most heavily on those least able to cope. A recent Fed survey, Powell said, estimated that 40% of households with less than \$40,000 in income included someone who has lost a job since February.

The worst-case outcome leaves the economy mired in "an extended period of low productivity growth and stagnant incomes ... Additional fiscal support could be costly but worth it if it helps avoid long-term economic damage and leaves us with a stronger recovery," Powell said in what amounted to a direct call for Congress to ramp up its aid during the crisis.

"This trade-off is one for our elected representatives, who wield powers of taxation and spending," he said.

NEGATIVE RATES

The Fed, for its part, will continue to "use our tools to their fullest until the crisis has passed and the economic recovery is well under way," Powell said. But those tools, he made clear, don't include pushing interest rates below zero, as some other central banks did fighting the global financial crisis more than a decade ago. Negative interest rates, he said, are "not something that we are considering."

Major U.S. stock indexes were sharply lower in midday trading, with the benchmark S&P 500 index .SPX down about 1.6%. Yields on Treasury securities fell, and some contracts in interest rate futures markets continued to price in a small chance the Fed might resort to a negative-rates policy within the year.

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Tesla, county reach deal to allow automaker to reopen U.S. plant next week

(Reuters) - Tesla Inc (TSLA.O) and officials in California have resolved their acrimonious clash over safety procedures at the automaker's sole U.S. assembly plant with a deal that allows production to resume as early as Monday, county officials said.

FILE PHOTO: A Tesla logo on a Model S is photographed inside of a Tesla dealership in New York, U.S., April 29, 2016. REUTERS/Lucas Jackson

The county said the automaker could take additional steps ahead of next week after Chief Executive Elon Musk had vowed to defy authorities, saying Monday he was resuming production despite the prohibition. On Tuesday, he also won the backing of President Donald Trump.

In a tweet, Alameda County said that following talks with Tesla it agreed that the electric carmaker can take steps "in preparation for possible reopening as soon as next week."

Tesla did not immediately comment Wednesday but around the same time the county issued its statement, Musk tweeted: "Life should be lived."

Tesla's sole U.S. electric vehicle assembly plant is in Fremont, California, which is in Alameda County.

The county said it would work with police in Fremont "to verify Tesla is adhering to physical distancing and that agreed upon health and safety measures are in place for the safety of their workers as they prepare for full production."

On Monday, Musk said production was resuming in Fremont, defying an order to stay closed and saying if anyone had to be arrested, it should be him.

On Tuesday, Musk won Trump's backing.



FILE PHOTO: A Tesla logo on a Model S is photographed inside of a Tesla dealership in New York, U.S., April 29, 2016. REUTERS/Lucas Jackson

"California should let Tesla & @elonmusk open the plant, NOW. It can be done Fast & Safely!" Trump wrote on Twitter. The White House did not immediately comment on the announcement.

Tesla shares were up 0.7% to \$814.98. On Tuesday, employee parking lots at Tesla's factory in Fremont, California, were packed with cars. Trucks could be seen driving in and out of the factory grounds.

At the Fremont factory's outbound logistics parking lot, where only a dozen Tesla cars

were parked last week, hundreds of Tesla vehicles were seen on Tuesday.

The company had sued Alameda County challenging its decision that the plant should stay closed.

A county health official on Friday said the county had asked all manufacturers, including Tesla, to delay operations by at least another week to monitor infection and hospitalization rates.

Tesla on Saturday released a plan to keep workers returning to the factory safe.

The measures, which include temperature screenings, the installation of barriers to separate work areas and protective equipment for workers, are similar to those set up by Detroit-based automakers General Motors (GM.N), Ford (F.N) and Fiat Chrysler (FCHA.MI) (FCAUN). Those automakers are set to resume at most U.S. auto plants starting Monday.

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Elon Musk Emerges As Loudest U.S. Reopen Proponent With Tesla Threats

Tesla's Musk Reopens CA Plant Against Local Order



Vehicles are seen parked at the Tesla car plant Monday, May 11, 2020, in Fremont, Calif. The parking lot was nearly full at Tesla's California electric car factory Monday, an indication that the company could be resuming production in defiance of an order from county health authorities.

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

Tesla's California electric car factory resumed operations Monday in violation of Alameda County's shelter-in-place order as CEO Elon Musk tweeted: "If anyone is arrested, I ask that it only be me." The parking lot at the massive plant in Fremont, which employs 10,000 workers, was nearly full Monday. It appeared to have a similar number of vehicles as it does when the factory is fully operating. A normal complement of workers would violate orders from the Alameda County Health Department, which has deemed Tesla's Fremont factory a nonessential business. This means it can't open due to restrictions aimed at stopping the spread of the novel coronavirus.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom said at his regular Monday press briefing he didn't know the plant was open. Reporters asked him repeatedly about the matter.

"As it was just mentioned, I need the details of that," Newsom said. "My understanding is when I walked up to the podium today that wasn't the case. I'm trying to monitor hundreds of thousands of businesses all throughout the state of

California." Newsom said he believes Alameda County and Musk will come to agreement over the dispute and that the plant may be able to reopen as early as next week.

An hour after Newsom's comments, Musk shared his tweet inviting arrest, saying, "Tesla is restarting production today against Alameda County rules. I will be on the line with everyone else."



California Governor Gavin Newsom (L) and Tesla CEO Elon Musk (R) are seen in a combination photo. (Mike Blake/Joe Skipper/Reuters)

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against Alameda County rules. I will be on the line with everyone else. If anyone is arrested, I ask that it only be me.

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A statement posted by Tesla on its website Saturday night said the company "has started the process of resuming operations" but didn't say when manufacturing would actually begin. The company wasn't immediately available for comment.

The full parking lot on Monday came two days after Tesla sued Alameda County's health department seeking to overturn the order, and CEO Elon Musk threatened to move Tesla's manufacturing and headquarters operations out of the state. "Our employees are excited to get back to work, and we're doing so with their health and safety in mind," Tesla's Saturday statement said.

Tesla contends in the lawsuit that Alameda County can't be more restrictive than orders from California Gov. Gavin Newsom. The lawsuit says the governor's coronavirus restrictions refer to federal guidelines classifying "vehicles and commercial ships manufacturing" as essential businesses that are allowed to continue operating.

"Frankly, this is the final straw," Musk wrote in a now-deleted tweet. "Tesla will now move its HQ and future programs to Texas/Nevada immediately."

He wrote that whether the company keeps any manufacturing in Fremont depends on how Tesla is treated in the future.



Tesla Motors CEO Elon Musk unveils the company's newest products, in Hawthorne, Calif. on April 30, 2015.

(AP Photo/Ringo H.W. Chiu)

The weekend flare-up was without precedent in the three months since the first confirmed Covid-19 death in the U.S. -- a resident of Santa Clara County, home to Tesla's headquarters and neighbor to its factory in Fremont, California. As the nation's death toll approaches 80,000, Musk has emerged as arguably the loudest voice in corporate America advocating for the economy to reopen.

"I'm not messing around," the 48-year-old billionaire tweeted after Tesla filed its lawsuit against Alameda County. "Absurd & medically irrational behavior in violation of constitutional civil liberties, moreover by *unelected* county officials with no accountability, needs to stop."

Tesla shares fell 2.7% as of 7:20 a.m. Monday in New York, before the start of regular trading. The stock has soared 96% this year.

Auto Restart

Tesla does have a case to make for being unexceptional within the auto industry. Ford Motor Co., Fiat Chrysler Automobiles NV, Toyota Motor Corp. and others also have set dates for restarting their operations, only to then call off those plans due to shutdown orders.

Daimler AG has reopened a Mercedes-Benz plant in Alabama, as has its German peer BMW AG in South Carolina. Toyota and Honda Motor Co. will resume work at U.S. factories this week, followed by General Motors Co., Ford and Fiat Chrysler on May 18.



Production line at the Tesla electric car factory.

But no carmaker other than Tesla has publicly attacked local health officials or threatened states over shelter-in-place measures that virtually wiped out North American vehicle production for more

than a month. During GM's first-quarter earnings call on May 6, CEO Mary Barra said the automaker was having "very constructive" conversations with government officials. "We're in a good position as we talk to country leaders and state leaders," she said. "We'll continue to have dialogue with our unions, as well as with the government leaders, to do the right thing."

Bay Area Exception

Tesla's handling of the health crisis also has been unique among companies in the San Francisco Bay area. Ajay Shah, the CEO of Smart Global Holdings Inc., last month credited Alameda for allowing the manufacturer of memory modules to continue operating.

"We've had discussions with the Alameda County health authorities and show them exactly what we're doing and they've been satisfied with it," Shah said on an April 7 earnings call. (Courtesy <https://www.sfgate.com/> and <https://finance.yahoo.com/>)



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Olympic and World Champion long distance runner Mo Farah exercises near deer in London's Richmond Park. REUTERS/Dylan Martinez



A child is seen in classroom at a nursery school, as part of a pilot test to see how social distancing can work in schools throughout the region of Piedmont, proposed by the mayor of Borgosesia Paolo Tiramani, near Vercelli, Italy. REUTERS/Massimo



A Kenyan ministry of health medical worker takes a swab from a truck driver during a testing for the coronavirus, at the Namanga one stop border crossing point between Kenya and Tanzania, in Namanga, Kenya.



Formula 3 racer Sophia Floersch rides in a simulator during her home training near Munich, Germany. REUTERS/Andreas Gebert



Jude Hajjaj, holds her cat next to a picture of her cat painted by her father Osama Hajjaj, who teams up with neighbors to create works of art on their roof during the curfew imposed by the Jordanian government in Amman. REUTERS/Muhammad Hamed



Nursing home workers and residents release balloons as a tribute to the residents who passed away and to celebrate that they have been coronavirus-free for over two weeks at the nursing home Centro Casaverde in Navalcarnero, outside Madrid, Spain.



U.S. Senators Richard Burr (R) and Sen. Tim Kaine greet each other with an elbow bump before the Senate Committee for Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions hearing on the coronavirus in Washington. Win McNamee/Pool via REUTER



A handful of pedestrians walk through Times Square in Manhattan. REUTERS/Lucas Jackson

Pandemic Reaches Remote Reservation Coronavirus Attacks Navajo Nation With Over 3,000 Cases



A sign reads, "Navajo Monument Valley Tribal Park Closed Until Further Notice," posted at the entrance of Monument Valley in Oljato-Monument Valley, Utah, on the Navajo reservation April 19, 2020. The reservation has some of the highest rates of coronavirus in the country. (AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

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TUBA CITY, Arizona (AP) — The virus arrived on the reservation in early March, when late winter winds were still blowing off the mesas and temperatures at dawn were often barely above freezing. It was carried in from Tucson, doctors say, by a man who had been to a basketball tournament and then made the long drive back to a small town in the Navajo highlands. There, believers were preparing to gather in a small, metal-walled church with a battered white bell and crucifixes on the window. On a dirt road at the edge of the town, a hand-painted sign with red letters points the way: "Chilchinbeto Church of the Nazarene."

From that church, COVID-19 took hold on the Navajo Nation, hopping across families and clans and churches and towns, and leaving the reservation with some of the highest infection rates in the U.S. Crowding, tradition, and medical disparities have tangled together on the tribe's land — an area nearly three times the size of Massachusetts — creating a virological catastrophe. And the most basic measures to fight the virus' spread — handwashing and isolation — can be difficult.

If Navajos are susceptible to the virus'

spread in part because they are so closely knit, that's also how many believe they will beat it

One-third of the homes across the vast, dry reservation don't have running water, forcing families to haul it in. Many in close-knit Navajo communities live in crowded houses where self-quarantine is impossible, and many must drive hours to the nearest grocery store. To most Navajo, isolating an infected person from their family is deeply alien.

The Chilchinbeto meeting, which brought people together from across the region, included everything from discussions of church finances to a joyful meal of roast beef. They prayed for strength in the face of the new virus, which seemed like a distant worry.

Instead, it was already in their midst. "We're such a small town. We're so remote," said Evelyn Cleveland-Gray, a Chilchinbeto official who struggled to keep residents from panicking as the virus ripped through the town of about 500, eventually killing more than a dozen people. "We never thought it would hit us."

By now, the loss is felt across the Navajo Nation. With roughly 175,000 people on the

reservation, which straddles Arizona, New Mexico and a small corner of Utah, the Navajo Nation has seen 3,122 cases — a rate of nearly 18 cases per 1,000 people. At least 100 people have died.

If Navajo Nation were its own state, it would have the highest per-capita rate of confirmed positive coronavirus cases in the country, behind only New York. In the states it spans, the number of cases and deaths among people who are Native American, on and off the reservations, is disproportionately high.



Eugene Dinehdeal shields his face from the setting sun on the Dinehdeal family compound in Tuba City, Ariz., on the Navajo reservation on April 20, 2020. The Navajo reservation has some of the highest rates of coronavirus in the country. (AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

There was the beloved 42-year-old high school basketball coach who left behind five children. There was the carpenter who lived with his brother and died on Easter morning at age 34. There was the 28-year-old mother who competed in Native American pageants.

This is where generations of the Dinehdeal family children who live in a cluster of prefabricated houses and mobile homes in Tuba City have ridden their bikes and played basketball against a weathered plywood backboard. It's where the men have tinkered with those pickups and where the entire family — the tight-knit web of parents, aunts, uncles and cousins raised like siblings — have gathered for potluck meals, birthday parties and holiday celebrations. It's where relatives from out of town have always been welcomed.

Now, it's where the family mourns. The pandemic hit the community in late March with Maryann Welch, who at age 82 was still riding horses and running a small sheep ranch on Navajo Mountain, the

dome-shaped expanse that looms over this part of the reservation. When she started to feel sick, her nephew and her 71-year-old sister, Eva Dinehdeal, drove the 90 miles from Tuba City to take her to the hospital. Soon Eva was sick, too, with low oxygen levels and a fever. Then it was Maryann's son, Larry, a veteran of the Army's 82nd Airborne Division, who divided his time between the ranch and the Tuba City houses.



From left, Annabelle Dinehdeal, 8; Maria Cruz, Christina Dinehdeal, Eugene Dinehdeal, Angelina Dinehdeal, and their dog, Wally, pose for a photo on the Dinehdeal family compound in Tuba City, Ariz., on the Navajo reservation on April 20, 2020. The family has been devastated by COVID-19. (AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

Larry and Maryann died a day apart. Larry was buried on what would have been his 60th birthday.

Dinehdeal's daughter, Gloria Uriarte, had moved back to Tuba City from outside Phoenix with her 6-year-old son, curly, thinking they'd be safer there as the virus spread. But almost immediately she was caring for nearly everyone around her, often using the traditional practices that are deeply ingrained among Navajos. She kept sage boiling on the stove, for example, and encouraged everyone to drink it.

Gloria, 45, didn't escape sickness. She and her mother died April 11 within hours of each other, in different hospitals.

In a small bedroom in one of the prefabricated houses, just down the hall from a wooden table displaying the three women's urns, curly was tucked under a blanket. He is immobile and nonverbal after a brain injury and doesn't know what happened to his mother. His family keeps Gloria alive for him by playing recordings of her voice on a cell phone. Set on a pillow next to curly's

head of thick, black hair, Gloria gently calls out "Good morning, good morning." curly coos softly.

Gloria's sister and her partner are now caring for him.

The losses stripped the family of their matriarchs. They regret not learning how to make Eva's famous yeast bread, which she sold at the local flea market every Friday. They wonder what to do with her clothes, which fill every closet in the house and its storage sheds.



A rainbow is seen in the distance from the closed Chilchinbeto Church of the Nazarene in Chilchinbeto, Ariz., on the Navajo reservation on April 21, 2020. (AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

Angelina Dinehdeal, one of Eva's daughters-in-law, is trying to hold the family together. Grief and exhaustion weigh heavily on her.

"It just seems like every time I take someone in (to the hospital) they never come out," she said.

In Navajo tradition, communities gather for four days of mourning before a burial. Sacred stories are told. Elders talk to the young about coping with death. Donations are collected to cover funeral costs. In a culture where dying is rarely spoken about, it is a chance to openly grieve.

But with families hunkered down to avoid the spread of the virus, burials have become rushed graveside services. With funeral homes overwhelmed by the dead, some families have sidestepped tradition and had their relatives cremated.

Mourning is done over text messages, video conferences and three-way phone calls. (Courtesy apnews.com)



干旱虫害疊加疫情影響 全球糧食安全引發關注

目前，全球糧食供應充足，全球性糧食供應危機發生概率相對不大。但是，若新冠肺炎疫情在全球繼續蔓延，發生全球糧食危機的風險仍然不容忽視。當前，各國需要加強合作，提高全球糧食治理能力和糧食安全危機發生概率。專家建議，我國在確保國家糧食安全的同時，應積極維護世界糧食安全，與世界各國攜手應對全球糧食問題——

近期，新冠肺炎疫情持續擴散衝擊全球經濟，一些國家為了確保國內糧食自給採取了限制糧食出口措施，同時疊加乾旱和蟲害等因素影響，糧食安全問題受到了各方普遍關注。世界糧食計劃署日前發布的《全球糧食危機報告》預警，2020年面臨嚴重糧食危機的人口可能增至2.65億人。

國家糧油信息中心高級經濟師李喜貴在接受記者採訪時表示，目前全球糧食供應充足，全球性糧食供應危機發生概率相對不大。但是，若新冠肺炎疫情在全球繼續蔓延，發生全球糧食危機的風險不容忽視。當前，各國需要加強合作，提高全球糧食治理能力和糧食安全危機發生概率。

國際糧食供應總體充足

從供求關係來看，目前國際市場糧食供應總體充足。

當前，主產國小麥即將上市，原油價格下跌導致生物能源需求大幅下降，全球糧食儲備是2007年全球糧食危機時的兩倍，全球糧食庫存消費比值高於2007年80%。美國農業部預計，2019至2020年度全球谷物原糧產量28.8億噸，同比增幅1.3%；全球谷物原糧庫存為8.85億噸，同比增幅1%，均接近歷史最高。

從稻米供應看，美國農業部預計，2019至2020年度全球稻谷產量7.12億噸，換算大米產量4.96億噸，與上年度基

本持平。美國農業部數據顯示，2019至2020年度印度出口大米1050萬噸，泰國出口大米750萬噸，越南出口大米630萬噸，三國合計占全球大米出口量的57%。當前，國際大米市場供應充足，4月份後東南亞部分國家冬春稻米將上市。但是，大米價格受疫情影響仍然較大，越南暫停大米出口和印度大米出口因封鎖停滯，造成東南亞大米市場波動，4月中旬國際大米價格較年初上漲了30%。

從小麥供應看，全球小麥每年出口量1.84億噸，其中俄羅斯、歐盟、美國、加拿大、烏克蘭、阿根廷和澳大利亞占到了出口份額的87%。據美國農業部預計，2019至2020年度全球小麥產量7.64億噸，創歷史新高，比上年度增加3303萬噸，增幅4.5%。由於全球小麥庫存充足，預計2019至2020年度全球小麥期末庫存創歷史最高紀錄，達到2.93億噸，同比增加1468萬噸，增幅5.3%。今年以來，國際小麥價格波動幅度不大。

從玉米供應看，全球玉米每年出口量1.74億噸，美國、巴西、阿根廷和烏克蘭4個出口國占到了88%的份額。目前，主要出口國均未採取限制出口措施。據美國農業部預計，2019至2020年度全球玉米產量11.13億噸，同比減少1070萬噸，減產主要來自美國。全球玉米期末庫存3.03億噸，同比下降1777萬噸，降幅5.5%，已連續3年下降。近期，原油價格大幅下跌，美國汽油需求短期內減少逾半以上，燃料乙醇需求明顯下降。目前，全球玉米價格已下跌至近11年來的低點。

從大豆供應來看，美國大豆庫存仍處於高位，南美大豆正處於集中收穫上市階段，全球大豆庫存超1億噸，為歷史第二高水平，大豆供應充足，國際大豆價格持續下跌。

各國糧食安全合作加強

“糧食危機是經濟危機的壹部分，涉及收入、社會穩定等複雜情況。饑餓人口問題是全球長期性問題，貧困人口收入匱乏無力購買糧食是當前的主要隱患。疫情對經濟沖擊會導致旅遊萎縮、僑匯減少、大幅裁員、收入下降、購買力降低，非洲、中東等國家和地區將面臨新的饑餓威脅。”李喜貴說。

疫情當前，各國加強糧食安全合作，提高全球糧食治理能力和糧食安全危機發生概率。李喜貴說。

自從2007年至2008年全球糧食危機以來，聯合國糧農組織通過G20機制建立了糧食監測預警系統(AMIS)並發揮了積極作用。3月26日，二十國集團農業部長應對新冠肺炎疫情特別會議聲明，重申避免採取任何可能導致國際市場糧食價格過度波動的不合理限制措施，以免威脅全球很大壹部分人口特別是處於糧食安全低水平環境中最弱勢人口的糧食安全與營養狀況。

目前來看，主要糧食出口國沒有採取過激的限制出口措施，尤其是在2007年至2008年全球糧食危機中採取過直接禁止出口措施的俄羅斯、越南等國家，這次以非常謹慎的態度對待出口。越南按下大米出口暫停鍵，設置評估本國供應安全緩沖期，但4月初已經恢復出口；俄羅斯、烏克蘭小麥仍然正常出口，使用控制配額出口的辦法，實際出口數量還高於原定出口目標。

從糧食進口國來看，部分進口國增加儲備也不是盲目搶購。如沙特阿拉伯戰略儲備小麥超過100萬噸，計劃從4月份開始再進口120萬噸小麥；伊拉克貿易部準備進口100萬噸小麥和25萬噸大米提高戰略儲備；埃及戰略儲備可滿足4個月需求，目前該國小麥已經收穫，政府計劃收購360萬噸小麥，將使得戰略儲備提高到6個月需求。



“當前，國際糧食安全合作機制，以及糧食出口和進口國的管控措施均好於上次糧食危機，有利於顯著降低當前糧食安全危機發生概率。”李喜貴說。

防範國際糧油價格影響輸入

我國是糧食生產大國，也是糧食進口大國，每年進口糧食1億噸以上，主要以大豆和飼料糧為主。隨著國內外糧食市場深度融合，國際糧食形勢對我國糧食市場的影響更加直接。

“當前，國內需防範國際糧油市場價格大幅波動的輸入性傳導影響。”李喜貴說。

當前，我國糧食安全處於歷史最好水平，糧食產量連續5年穩定在6.5億噸以上，谷物自給率超過95%，口糧生產具有絕對安全保障能力，稻谷、小麥庫存充足，能夠滿足國內壹年以上的消費量，庫存消費比遠高於聯合國糧農組織認定的17%至18%國際糧食安全線。國內稻谷、小麥受國際市場影響風險很小，基本上“米面無憂”，可以不用進口。國內玉米當年產需略有缺口，但政策性庫存能夠滿足國內市場供應。

我國大豆對國際市場依賴度較高，需防範可能出現的供應鏈風險。從目前

情況看，巴西、阿根廷等部分主產國階段性封鎖措施給大豆貿易、裝運帶來了壹些幹擾，但未形成實質性影響，物流效率降低對我國進口影響有限。受供求關係和新冠肺炎疫情影響，國際大豆、棕櫚油價格下跌較多。我國大豆進口主要來源於巴西、美國和阿根廷，目前巴西所有農產品出口港均正常運營，美國國內物流尚未受到較大影響，大豆出口通暢。

從長期來看，在資源和環境等剛性約束下，我國糧食供應仍然處於緊平衡狀態，大豆對外依存度較高局面短期難以改變。

李喜貴認為，我國要立足國內，放眼全球，繼續堅定不移地走中國特色糧食安全之路，全面貫徹新發展理念，全面實施國家糧食安全戰略和鄉村振興戰略，全面落實“藏糧於地、藏糧於技”戰略，加強糧食生產能力、儲備能力、流通能力建設，推動糧食產業高質量發展，提高國家糧食安全保障能力，把飯碗牢牢端在自己手上。在確保國家糧食安全的同時，積極維護世界糧食安全，與世界各國攜手應對全球饑餓問題，繼續在南南合作框架下為其他發展中國家提供力所能及的幫助，共同推進全球糧食事業健康發展。