

The shrinking durum wheat crop could mean a [pasta](#) price hike! While this year's global wheat harvest may be the largest ever, the harvest for the durum wheat crop, which is used to make pasta, is the smallest it's ever been in 13 years, reports [The New York Times](#). According to the International Grains Council, the global durum crop is down 12 percent compared to a year ago. That means pasta makers are facing the highest cost in four years, and those higher prices will likely be passed on to consumers.

"The risk is that we can expect additional price increases (of durum wheat)," Luciano Vagli, export manager of Italian pasta maker Buitoni, told [Reuters](#). "If that were to happen, we would be forced - not only Buitoni, but all the industry - to reflect (the cost increase) on the price list."