AS KYRGYZSTAN OFFICIALS CONVEY MIXED MESSAGES ON FOOD SECURITY, FARMERS STRUGGLE ON

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The secretary general of the United Nations, António Guterres, has warned that war in Ukraine is pushing countless millions in the developing world further into food insecurity.

But in Kyrgyzstan, whose farmers were tormented by drought last year, officials insist their country is safe.

Speaking to Eurasianet earlier this month, Zhigitali Zhumashev, head of the Agriculture Ministrys crop production department, fired off a welter of figures to make his point.

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