

# Wreaking havoc

## AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK



El Nino can cause droughts as well as floods, both of which have an adverse impact on agriculture. It can also affect livestock production, owing to shortages of feed. This threatens food security in many developing nations.

## COMMODITIES



Heavy rains have hurt production of minerals such as iron ore, copper and nickel in countries like Brazil and Chile. Production of commodities like sugar in Brazil has also been affected by heavy rainfall. But a shortage of rainfall has hurt the production of coffee in Vietnam and palm oil in Malaysia.

## HAZE/SMOG



Dry conditions in an El Nino year have exacerbated fires in Indonesia, resulting in smog and haze that choked neighbouring countries like Singapore and Malaysia.

## DISEASES



Singapore and the Philippines have warned of an increase in the incidence of mosquito-borne diseases like dengue owing to more conducive climatic conditions brought about by El Nino. In addition, flooding has raised the risk of waterborne diseases in countries like Kenya and India.

