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**Climate change increases price of Easter eggs – 28th March 2024**

## Level 0

Chocolate Easter eggs are more expensive because of climate change. Heatwaves and heavy rains have cut cocoa bean harvests. A climate analyst said cocoa farmers were, "struggling in the face of both extreme heat and rainfall". Reuters said cocoa prices have more than doubled since last year.

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## Level 1

Easter eggs will be more expensive this year because of climate change. Extreme weather is making cocoa more difficult to grow. Cocoa beans are used to make chocolate. Most of the world's cocoa beans come from West Africa. Heatwaves and heavy rains have cut cocoa bean harvests. Reuters said cocoa prices have more than doubled in the past year. A climate analyst said cocoa farmers were, "struggling in the face of both extreme heat and rainfall".

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## Level 2

Easter eggs will be much more expensive this year. The reason is climate change. Extreme weather has made growing cocoa more challenging. Cocoa beans are used to make chocolate. Around 70 per cent of the world's cocoa beans are grown in West Africa. Recent heatwaves and heavy rains have greatly cut the amount of cocoa beans grown. The Reuters news agency said cocoa prices have more than doubled in the past year. A climate analyst said farmers in West Africa were, "struggling in the face of both extreme heat and rainfall".

People give chocolate eggs for the Christian holiday of Easter. This celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. Wikipedia says chocolate eggs first appeared in France in 1725. In 1873, the English chocolate company J.S. Fry made the first hollow chocolate egg. It was similar to the ones we can buy today. Wikipedia says: "In Western cultures, the giving of chocolate eggs is now commonplace." However, climate change is making it more difficult to grow cocoa beans. Climate analysts say we need to cut fossil fuel emissions if we want to keep having cocoa and chocolate.

## Level 3

This year's Easter eggs will be much more expensive than last year's. The reason is climate change. Extreme weather patterns have made growing cocoa more challenging. Cocoa beans are used to make chocolate. Around 70 per cent of the world's cocoa beans are grown in West Africa. Recent heatwaves, droughts and heavy rain in Ghana and the Ivory Coast have greatly reduced the amount of cocoa beans grown. Temperatures have been four degrees higher than normal. The Reuters news agency said cocoa prices have more than doubled compared to this time last year. Amber Sawyer, an energy and climate analyst, said farmers in West Africa were, "struggling in the face of both extreme heat and rainfall".

Chocolate eggs are given as gifts for the Christian holiday of Easter, which celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. Traditionally, people dyed and painted chicken eggs. Wikipedia says chocolate eggs first appeared at the court of Louis XIV in France in 1725. In 1873, the English chocolate company J.S. Fry produced the first hollow chocolate egg, similar to the ones people give today. Wikipedia says: "In Western cultures, the giving of chocolate eggs is now commonplace, with 80 million Easter eggs sold in the UK alone." However, climate change is making it more difficult to grow the cocoa beans. Climate analysts say we need to do more to reduce fossil fuel emissions if we want a steady supply of cocoa and chocolate.