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Report Highlights:

This year, corn was sown on almost 400,000 ha, with an expected yield of 2.5 million MT, which will likely result in approximately 500,000 MT in exports. The (2008/2009 market year) wheat crop was sown on 160,000 ha with total production at 850,000 MT. This will allow for 100,000 MT of exports during the 2008/2009 season. Barley was sown on 61,000 ha, with an estimated yield of 270,000 MT. Croatian grain production is expected to more or less meet domestic demand.

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Wheat

The (2008/2009 market year) Croatian wheat crop was sown on 160,000 ha, with total production at 850,000 MT. It is expected that from this production, Croatia will export about 100,000 MT of wheat. The primary markets for Croatian wheat exports are Bosnia and Herzegovina, Slovenia and a few other European countries. In addition to domestic production, every year Croatia imports a small quantity of durum wheat to use for blending.

Corn

In 2007/2008 corn was sown on approximately 380,000 ha, which is expected to result in a production of 2.5 million MT. Due to the high corn prices experienced last year, more acreage was committed to corn production this year. Due to this increase in plantings and good production this year, Croatia has experienced a surplus of corn, resulting in a decrease in corn prices and disappointment for farmers. This production surplus will result in exports of roughly 100,000 MT of corn for the 2008/2009 season.

Barley

Barley was sown on about 61,000 ha, with an estimated yield of 270,000 MT. This production is expected to largely meet domestic demand, with expected imports not likely to exceed 30,000MT.

Tariffs

Tariffs and quota information can be found at www.carina.hr,or from the USDA/FAS office in Zagreb by contacting Andreja Misir, USDA/FAS, Agricultural Specialist, andreja.misir@usda.gov.