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# Senegal Grain and Feed West Africa Regional Rice Update 2008

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### **Report Highlights:**

This report is an update of SG2009 and highlights the limited availability of rice in 2007/2008 throughout the West Africa as the result of the international food crisis and declined local production. The report also forecasts a recovery in 2008/09 due the overall good rainfall and the short term responses provided by governments and donors. Although it is difficult to give full credit to the various domestic policies, the extensive mobilization and support to farmers combined with good rainfall in most rice-dependent countries have certainly contributed in increasing production across the region. Meanwhile, consumption is due to decline across the region due to the increased availability of other local cereals.

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#### **Executive Summary**

The 2008/2009 crop season is generally characterized by abundant and well distributed rainfall in the Sahel and West Africa coastal counties despite certain regions of Chad, Mali, and Burkina Faso experiencing pockets of rainfall shortage. Growing conditions have been very favorable for good yields. In addition, several governmental measures were taken throughout the region in support of the production of grains in response to soaring food prices. These decisions, which primarily consisted in subsidizing seeds and fertilizers, contributed in increasing the production of rice and other cereals in most CILSS<sup>1</sup> and ECOWAS<sup>2</sup> countries. Record levels of rice production are expected in major producing countries.

As new crop arrives in markets, the prices of rice might decrease in the next months. However, due to an expansion in the production in all cereals, most countries will face the challenges of storing, marketing and processing the crop as they lack the necessary processing, storage and transportation infrastructures.

This report does not cover Ghana, Liberia, Sierra or Nigeria which are covered by FAS Lagos (See GH8001 and NI8009)

Exchange Rate: 1 US Dollar = 519 CFA

Summary Table Production, Imports, Consumption												
Countries	Area Harvested (x1000 ha)			on, Milled 00 MT)		ports 000 MT	Consumption (x 1000 MT)					
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008				
Benin	27	35	46	63	766	520	472	370				
Burkina Faso	50	80	38	130	264	168	302	280				
Cape Verde	0	0	0	0	19	24	19	24				
Chad	80	80	76	72	12	7	55	55				
Cote d'Ivoire	633	640	394	445	1,412	1,200	1,550	1,500 est.				
Gambia	17	20	7	12	90	94	70	78				
Guinea	800	820	855	837	230	250 est.	1,010	1,015				
Guinea-Bissau	65	66	53	79	87	84	176	176				
Mali	377	390	714	813	140	70 est.	816	820 est.				
Mauritania	18	20	44	50	100	48	77	76				
Niger	22	25	46	70	286	200 est.	240	240				
Senegal	99	100	113	182	1,001	800 est.	850	800				
Togo	32	32	48	42	83	85	67	69				
Total	2,220	2,308	2,434	2,795	4,490	3,550	5,704	5,503				

 $\underline{Source}$ : CILSS Country Grain Reports and Forecasts "Bilans Cerealiers" – 2007/08 and 2008/09 Forecasts; Post estimates where noted.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Inter-State Committee for the Control of Drought and Desertification in the Sahel. It includes Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Chad, The Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and Senegal

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> ECOWAS stands for the Economic Organization of West African States. Not that all CILSS countries are also members of ECOWAS.

#### Production

Based on assessments conducted in CILSS member countries and other ECOWAS countries (Cote d'Ivoire, Togo and Benin) the production of milled rice will reach the record quantity of 2,734 thousand tons in 2008/2009 up from 2,234 thousand tons in 2007/2008. This represents a 23% increase in rice production. Similarly, areas harvested increased by 4%.

This significant increase is primarily due to good and well distributed rainfall throughout the region and the various support policies initiated in most producing countries. With the exception of Chad, Mauritania, Benin, and Togo, all the other countries forecast significant increase in local production in 2008/2009. Guinea<sup>3</sup>, whose production was steady over the last two years, is forecast to increase production by 16 percent. It seems that the disturbances in the provision of subsidized seeds and fertilizers will not have a significant effect on the overall production of grains, including rice.

#### Consumption

As the production of the major staples will increase, the overall consumption of rice will decrease over the next nine months, at least in major rice producing countries. In fact, record productions of millet, corn and sorghum are expected in most countries, and these cereals will be mostly used as alternatives to rice especially in rural areas. Therefore the consumption of rice will decrease except in low producing countries such as Cape Verde, The Gambia, Mauritania and Togo.

However, in urban areas imported rice will continue to gain a good share of the market because rice growers will face the challenge of maintaining good quality and low prices as they lack the necessary processing, storage and transportation infrastructures to compete against lower price imported rice.

#### Trade

Domestic production in the region barely will satisfy local needs for six to nine months.

Senegal and Cote d'Ivoire will continue to lead the import market in 2008/2009 although both countries have realized fairly significant increase in production and will slightly decrease the volumes of their imports. Post estimates that Cote d'Ivoire will import at least 10% less than previous year's imports as its domestic market will be satisfied with local grains and other food crops. In addition, shipments transiting through Cote d'Ivoire to Mali and Burkina Faso will decrease slightly as these two countries will have record rice production levels this year. For the same reasons, the volumes shipped to Senegal are expected to decrease by nearly 20%. If world market prices continue to decline, imports will tend to be higher.

Imports to Benin will continue to be relatively high as most of it will be smuggled to Nigeria or re-exported to Niger.

# Trade Policy

See GAIN Report Number: <u>SG7003</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Guinea is among the major rice producers in the region

#### **Stocks**

Rice stocks have been very unstable in 2007/2008 in most West African countries, especially in the second and third quarters of 2008. They were as low as 3,500 tons (Guinea Bissau) and as high as 125,000 tons (Senegal) by the end of October 2008. Most stocks are commercial although they are difficult to track in most countries. A few countries (Mauritania, Mali) do have government managed food security stocks but with very limited quantities. These food security stocks are usually made up of millet, sorghum and corn. Post forecasts the same trends in 2008/2009 with high stocks in the three to six months following harvests and a drastic decrease in stocks as the rainy season approaches (second quarter of 2009). Only larger import countries (Senegal, Cote d'Ivoire) and larger producers (Guinea, Mali) will continue to maintain stocks high enough to meet their needs over the second half of the calendar year following the harvests (end of November). Guinea may cover its needs over the next nine months with its domestic production. However, this will be possible only if no major exports occur.

#### **Policy**

See GAIN Report Number: **SG8009** 

## Marketing

Although the rice market is free in West Africa, Burkina Faso and Mali imposed bans on their exports during the second and third quarter of 2008 in response to the soaring food prices and in order to maintain stable domestic prices. Senegal also reported smuggling to Mauritania and other neighboring countries after the GOS decided during the third quarter of 2008 to suspend custom duties and subsidize the prices of various rice grades. These decisions helped maintain relatively low prices for a short period, but quickly proved to be very expensive and unsustainable for the GOS. Consequently, they were suspended in September 2008.

Rice, Milled		2006		2007		2008		
Benin	2	006/2007	2	007/2008	2	2008/2009		
	Market Ye	arket Year Begin: Jan 2007		Year Begin: Jan 2008	Market	Year Begin: Jan 2009		
	Annual Data Display ed	New Post Data	Annual Data Display ed	New Post Data	Annual Data Display ed	Jan Data		
Area Harvested	27	27	29	2	7 30	35		
Beginning Stocks	0	0	0		0 0	0		
Milled Production	49	49	43	4	6 57	63		
Rough Production	77	77	67	7	2 89	98		
Milling Rate (.9999)	6,400	6,400	6,400	6,40	0 6,400	6,400		
MY Imports	175	691	150	76	6 150	520		
TY Imports	139	691	100	76	6 100	520		
TY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0		0 0	0		
Total Supply	224	740	193	81	2 207	583		
MY Exports	0	282	0	34	0 0	213		
TY Exports	0	0	0		0 0	0		
Total Consumption	224	458	193	47	2 207	370		
Ending Stocks	0	0	0		0 0	0		
Total Distribution	224	740	193	81	2 207	583		
Yield (Rough)	3.	2.8519	2.	2.666	7 3.	2.8		
TS=TD		0			0	0		

Rice, Milled		2006		2007			2008	
Burkina	20	006/2007	2	007/2008	2008/2009			
	Market Yea	ar Begin: Jan 2006	Market Ye	ear Begin: Jan	2007	Market	Year Beg 2008	in: Jan
	Annual Da Displayed	nta New Post	Annual D Displaye	d F	lew Post Data	Annual D Displaye		Jan Data
Area Harvested	50	50	50		50	57		80
Beginning Stocks	0	0	0		2	0		2
Milled Production	74	62	46		38	85		130
Rough Production	114	95	71		69	131		236
Milling Rate (.9999)	6,500	6,500	6,500		5,500	6,500		5,500
MY Imports	100	178	125		264	125		168
TY Imports	100	178	125		264	125		168
TY Imp. from U.S.	0	9	0		0	0		0
Total Supply	174	240	171		304	210		300
MY Exports	0	0	0		0	0		10
TY Exports	0	0	0		0	0		10
Total Consumption	174	238	171		302	210		280
Ending Stocks	0	2	0		2	0		10
Total Distribution	174	240	171		304	210		300
Yield (Rough)	2.	1.9	1.		1.38	2.		2.95
TS=TD		0			0			0

Rice, Milled		2006			200	07		2008	
Cote d'Ivoire	2006/2007				2007/	2008	2008/2009		
		2006	egin: Aug			gin: Aug 2007	Market Year Begin: Aug 2008		
	Annual Data New Displayed Post Data			Annual Data New Post Displayed Data		Annual Data Displayed		Jan Data	
Area Harvested	600		600	633		633	640		640
Beginning Stocks	158		158	158		37	110		93
Milled Production	575		455	606		394	625		445
Rough Production	1,045		700	1,102		606	1,136		684
Milling Rate (.9999)	5,500		6,500	5,500		6,500	5,500		6,500
MY Imports	1,024		1,024	961		1,412	755		1,200
TY Imports	1,100		1,100	980		1,200	800		1,100
TY Imp. from U.S.	0		0	0		0	0		0
Total Supply	1,757		1,637	1,725		1,843	1,490		1,738
MY Exports	0		150	0		200	0		170
TY Exports	0		150	0		200	0		170
Total Consumption	1,599		1,450	1,615		1,550	1,430		1,500
Ending Stocks	158		37	110		93	60		68
Total Distribution	1,757		1,637	1,725		1,843	1,490		1,738
Yield (Rough)	2.		1.1667	2.		0.9573	2.		1.0688
TS=TD			0			0			0

Rice, Milled	2	2006		2007		2008	
Guinea	200	6/2007	2	007/2008	2008/2009		
	Market Year	Begin: Jan 2006	Market Ye	ear Begin: Jan 2007	Market	Year Begin: Jan 2008	
	Annual Data Displayed	New Post Data	Annual D Displaye		Annual D Displaye		
Area Harvested	525	525	525	800	525	820	
Beginning Stocks	0	0	0	70	0	65	
Milled Production	550	870	524	855	585	837	
Rough Production	846	1,340	806	1,315	900	1,289	
Milling Rate (.9999)	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	
MY Imports	300	300	250	230	250	250	
TY Imports	300	300	250	230	250	250	
TY Imp. from U.S.	0	3	0	6	0	6	
Total Supply	850	1,170	774	1,155	835	1,152	
MY Exports	0	100	0	80	0	80	
TY Exports	0	100	0	80	0	80	
Total Consumption	850	1,000	774	1,010	835	1,015	
Ending Stocks	0	70	0	65	0	57	
Total Distribution	850	1,170	774	1,155	835	1,152	
Yield (Rough)	2.	2.	2.	1.6438	2.	1.572	
TS=TD				0		0	

Rice, Milled		200	06		2007			2008			
Mali	2006/2007			2	2007/2008			2008/2009			
	Marke	t Year Be	gin: Jan 2007	Market	Year Beg 2008	jin: Jan	Market Year Begin: Jan 2009				
	Annual Data Displayed				New Post Data	Annual Display		New Post Data	Annual Display		Jan Data
Area Harvested	414		414	392		377	425		390		
Beginning Stocks	0		0	0		0	0		38		
Milled Production	695		660	714		714	759		813		
Rough Production	1,053		1,000	1,082		1,082	1,150		1,232		
Milling Rate (.9999)	6,600		6,600	6,600		6,600	6,600		6,600		
MY Imports	90		125	100		140	100		70		
TY Imports	90		125	100		140	100		70		
TY Imp. from U.S.	0		0	0		0	0		0		
Total Supply	785		785	814		854	859		921		
MY Exports	0		0	0		0	0		15		
TY Exports	0		0	0		0	0		15		
Total Consumption	785		785	814		816	859		820		
Ending Stocks	0		0	0		38	0		86		
Total Distribution	785		785	814		854	859		921		
Yield (Rough)	3.		2.4155	3.		2.87	3.		3.159		
TS=TD			0			0			0		

Rice, Milled		2006			2007			2008	
Niger	2	2006/2007	7	2	2007/2008	}	2008/2009		
	Market Yo	ear Begin:	Jan 2006	Market Y	ear Begin: .	Jan 2007	Market Year Begin: Jan 2008		
	Annual D Displaye		New Post Data	Annual D Displaye			Annual D Displaye		Jan Data
Area Harvested	21		21	22		22	23		25
Beginning Stocks	0		0	0		17	0		29
Milled Production	51		39	46		46	48		70
Rough Production	77		59	70		70	73		106
Milling Rate (.9999)	6,600		6,600	6,600		6,600	6,600		6,600
MY Imports	176		176	125		286	170		200
TY Imports	176		176	125		286	170		200
TY Imp. from U.S.	0		0	5		5	0		0
Total Supply	227		215	171		349	218		299
MY Exports	45		45	0		80	10		59
TY Exports	0		0	0		80	0		59
Total Consumption	182		153	171		240	208		240
Ending Stocks	0		17	0		29	0		0
Total Distribution	227		215	171		349	218		299
Yield (Rough)	4.		2.8095	3.		3.1818	3.		4.24
TS=TD			0			0			0

Rice, Milled		2006		2007	7		2008			
Senegal	2	006/2007		2007/2008			2008/2009			
	Market	Year Begin: Aug 2006	Mark	et Year B 2007	Begin: Aug 7	Market Year Begin: Aug 2008				
	Annual D Displayed		Annua Displa		New Post Data	Annua Displa	I Data yed	Jan Data		
Area Harvested	97	97	80		99	105	22	100		
Beginning Stocks	160	160	88		110	80	0	63		
Milled Production	138	160	125		113	195	48	182		
Rough Production	212	246	192		174	300	73	280		
Milling Rate (.9999)	6,500	6,500	6,500		6,500	6,500	6,600	6,500		
MY Imports	822	822	700		988	700	170	800		
TY Imports	850	850	700		1,001	700	170	800		
TY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0		0	0	0	0		
Total Supply	1,120	1,142	913		1,211	975	218	1,045		
MY Exports	200	200	100		298	100	10	125		
TY Exports	200	200	100		298	100	0	125		
Total Consumption	832	832	733		850	785	208	850		
Ending Stocks	88	110	80		63	90	0	70		
Total Distribution	1,120	1,142	913		1,211	975	218	1,045		
Yield (Rough)	2.	2.5361	2.		1.7576	3.	3.	2.8		
TS=TD		0			0			0		