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Grain and Feed

Crop Situation Update

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Report Highlights:

According to Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) Entities' Agricultural Ministries, the planned winter wheat area is approximately 57,700 hectares (ha), 10% down from the previous season. The main reason for this decline is that grain production is less profitable than other crops. The planned wheat area is likely to further decline because of delayed corn harvest due to unfavorable market conditions and limited storage capacity. Corn was sown on 202,650 ha with an average yield of 4MT/ha and total production of around 800,000 MT. The reported winter barley area is approximately 7,750 ha.

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Wheat and Corn

The Entity Ministries of Agriculture¹ unofficially reported that 2009/2010 planned winter wheat area is 57,700 hectares (ha), which is 10% lower than the previous season, when the total wheat area was 64,644 ha. The main reason for this decline is that grain production is less profitable than other crops and because of that grain production is constantly decreasing in the last several years. In addition, the planned wheat area may further decline because approximately one-third of corn is still not harvested due to unfavorable market conditions and limited corn storage capacity.

Corn was sown on 202,650 ha and an average yield is 4 MT/ha, with the total production of approximately 800,000 MT. It is yet unknown how much of produced corn will remain on the field because due to the current low corn price on the market farmers consider harvesting as a potential loss.

According to farmers' associations, the Entities' Governments failed to intervene properly in assisting producers with corn surpluses. The quantity of corn that is intended for purchase from farmers and storage at the commodity reserves, as well as the price offered, is far below farmers' expectations. This will surely negatively affect the 2009/2010 corn production.

Barley

Total planned winter barley area is approximately 10,000 ha. Presently, only 60% to 70 % of planned barley area has been sown because of corn that is still on the field.

¹ Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) consists of two Entities, the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (F BiH) and Republika Srpska (RS). There are two levels of government - the entity-level and the state level government. The Entities are responsible for agricultural and food issues, and there is no state-level agricultural ministry.

Corn Bosnia and Herzegovina	2007		2008		2009		
	2007/2008		2008/2009		2009/2010		
	Market Year Begin: Oct 2007		Market Year Begin: Oct 2008		Market Year Begin: Oct 2009		
	Annual Data Displayed	New Post	Annual Data Displayed	New Post	Annual Data Displayed	Jan	
		Data		Data		Data	
Area Harvested	230	230	230	203		190	(1000 HA)
Beginning Stocks	70	70	70	70		70	(1000 MT)
Production	850	850	920	800		760	(1000 MT)
MY Imports	100	100	200	200		200	(1000 MT)
TY Imports	100	100	200	200		200	(1000 MT)
TY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0		0	(1000 MT)
Total Supply	1,020	1,020	1,190	1,070		1030	(1000 MT)
MY Exports	0	0	0	0		0	(1000 MT)
TY Exports	0	0	0	0		0	(1000 MT)
Feed Consumption	850	850	950	900		850	(1000 MT)
FSI Consumption	100	100	100	100		100	(1000 MT)
Total Consumption	950	950	1,050	1,000		950	(1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	70	70	140	70		80	(1000 MT)
Total Distribution	1,020	1,020	1,190	1,070		1030	(1000 MT)
Yield	4.	4.	4.	4.		4.	(MT/HA)

Wheat Bosnia and Herzegovina	2007		2008		2009		
	2007/2008		2008/2009		2009/2010		
	Market Year Begin: Jul 2007		Market Year Begin: Jul 2008		Market Year Begin: Jul 2009		
	Annual Data Displayed	New Post Data	Annual Data Displayed	New Post Data	Annual Data Displayed	Jan Data	
Area Harvested	55	55	80	65		58	(1000 HA)
Beginning Stocks	62	62	35	35		35	(1000 MT)
Production	150	150	220	180		175	(1000 MT)
MY Imports	408	408	450	450		450	(1000 MT)
TY Imports	408	408	450	450		450	(1000 MT)
TY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	3		0	(1000 MT)
Total Supply	620	620	705	665		660	(1000 MT)
MY Exports	0	0	0	0		0	(1000 MT)
TY Exports	0	0	0	0		0	(1000 MT)
Feed Consumption	60	60	100	80		70	(1000 MT)
FSI Consumption	525	525	550	550		550	(1000 MT)
Total Consumption	585	585	650	630		620	(1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	35	35	55	35		40	(1000 MT)
Total Distribution	620	620	705	665		660	(1000 MT)
Yield	3.	3.	3.	3.		3.	(MT/H A)