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Soybean Update

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Report Highlights:

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Last year's steep increase in the price of inputs, and resultant tight credit, was particularly problematic for Mato Grosso, where transportation costs significantly increase the costs and decrease the price paid to the farmer. Producers are generally too large, or too indebted, to access federal loans, and multinational companies were not willing to greatly increase their financial exposure as input costs increased more than the value of the land. Due to lack of adequate financing, a number of producers switched some land from cotton to soybeans. Fertilizer use was down again this year, contributing to slightly lower yields, as some producers continue to draw on the residual in the soil left over from cotton production. However, soybeans in Mato Grosso and Bahia generally look good, with average quality and yield.

The drought that hit the south of Brazil was the primary source of lower soybean yields in that region. However, because soybeans are planted later than corn in that region, the drought did not damage the soybeans as much as it did the corn.

PSD Table
Country: Brazil
Oilseed, Soybean (Local)
(1000 HA)(1000 MT)

	2006			2007			2008			
	2006/2007			2007/2008			2008/2009			
	Market Year Begin: Feb 2007			Market Year Begin: Feb 2008			Market Year Begin: Feb 2009			
	USDA Official	Post Estimate	New Post Data	USDA Official	Post Estimate	New Post Data	USDA Official	Post Estimate	New Post Data	
Area Planted	21100	21100	21100	21700	21700	21700	21300	22100	21500	'000ha
Area Harvested	20700	20700	20700	21300	21313	21313	21200	21800	21400	'000ha
Beginning Stocks	2252	2252	2252	3110	3171	2960	4464	2688	3346	'000mt
Production	59000	58850	58850	61000	60017	60017	57000	61000	57000	'000mt
MY Imports	108	108	108	88	150	83	50	150	50	'000mt
Total Supply	61360	61210	61210	64198	63338	63060	61514	63838	60396	'000mt
MY Exports	23805	23805	23805	24514	25000	24514	24750	26000	24000	'000mt
MY EX to EU	11000	9772	9772	10500	8500	8921	10000	9000	9000	'000mt
Crush	31511	31300	31511	32245	32500	32100	31000	33500	32200	'000mt
Food Use Dom. Cons.	0	100	100	0	150	100	0	200	100	'000mt
Feed Waste Dom Cons.	2934	2834	2834	2975	3000	3000	3025	3100	3100	'000mt
Total Dom. Cons.	34445	34234	34445	35220	35650	35200	34025	36800	35400	'000mt
Ending Stocks	3110	3171	2960	4464	2688	3346	2739	1038	996	'000mt
Total Distribution	61360	61210	61210	64198	63338	63060	61514	63838	60396	'000mt
CY Imports	98	98	98	100	150	96	50	150	50	'000mt
CY Exports	23734	23734	23734	24500	25200	24499	24750	26500	24000	'000mt