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## **Report Highlights:**

Ukraine's wheat, barley, and rye harvest for marketing year (MY) 2024/25 has concluded. MY2024/25 corn production is smaller due to lower yields. Post estimates MY2024/25 beginning stocks for grains at minimal levels, as Ukraine was able to maintain an independent export corridor out of its Odesa region ports for most of MY2023/24. Domestic grain prices are on the rise, prompting farmers to delay their selling decisions. Regarding export market structure, Ukraine cut its exports to transit destinations and started selling directly to immediate consumers, which was the modus operandi before the full-scale Russian invasion.

#### **Abbreviations:**

MAPFU – Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine

CY – Calendar Year

FSI – Food, Seed, and Industrial

ha – Hectare

MY – Marketing Year

MT – Metric Ton

MMT – Million Metric Tons

PSD – Production, Supply, and Distribution

SSSU – State Statistics Service of Ukraine

This Ukraine Grain and Feed Update Report concentrates on production and export forecasts for marketing year (MY) 2024/25. For wheat, barley, and rye, MY2024/25 runs from July 2024 to June 2025. For corn, the MY is from October 2024 to September 2025. Post revised export and consumption estimates for MY2023/24 based on currently available data. For detailed information about all estimates and a general profile of Ukraine's agricultural sector, see the USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service Ukraine Grain and Feed Annual Report for 2024.

## **Production**

Post updated MY2024/25 production area estimates on recent SSSU numbers for Ukraine-controlled territories:

- Wheat 4.9 million ha
- Corn 4 million ha
- Barley 1.4 million ha
- Rye 72 thousand ha

According to MAPFU data at the time of report writing, harvesting of wheat and barley has concluded. The wheat harvest was 22.3 MMT, similar to MY2023/24, while barley was 5.5 MMT, a 5 percent decrease in gross weight compared to MY2023/24. Post accepts these as the initial MY2024/25 production volume estimates for Ukraine-controlled territories.

For corn, the normalized difference vegetation index (NDVI) dynamics suggest that MY2024/25 growing conditions in 13 regions, which incorporate over 88 percent of Ukraine's corn areas, were less favorable than in the previous MY (Figure 1). Post estimates corn production at 23.3 MMT, a 25 percent decrease compared to the previous MY. Note that MY2023/24 was a bumper crop featuring the second-highest yield for corn over the last decade.

Terra MODIS NDVI 8-day Chernigov, Ukraine; Khmel'nitskiy, Ukraine; Cherkassy, Ukraine; Kirovograd, Ukraine; Kiev, Ukraine; Odessa... Min/Max (2001-2021) Mean (2001-2021) 0.75 0.7 0.65 0.6 0.55 NDVI 0.5 0.45 0.35 0.3 Aua Month Terra EOS AM MODIS NDVI 8-day MOD44W\_2009\_land NASA/GSFC/GIMMS USDA/FAS/IPAD

Figure 1: NDVI Dynamics for Major Corn Producing Regions

Official rye production volumes are currently unavailable. Post estimates these at over 200 thousand MT based on State Statistics Service of Ukraine (SSSU) area data and our own yield estimates.

## **Exports**

The final export numbers for MY2023/24 are:

• Barley – 2.5 MMT, an 8 percent decrease compared to Post's MY2022/23 estimate

nigov, Ukraine; Khmel'nitskiy, Ukraine; Cherkassy, Ukraine; Kirovograd, Ukraine; Kiev, Ukraine; Odessa.

- Wheat 18.4 MMT, a 9 percent increase
- Rye 1,600 MT, a 91 percent decrease

Weak barley exports for MY2023/24 were mostly the result of a combined 1 MMT drop in exports to two likely transit destinations, Türkiye and Romania. The drop was not offset by an increase in exports, amounting 0.8 MMT against the previous MY, to several end-use consumers, including China, Cyprus, Tunisia, Saudi Arabia, Israel, and Jordan. The resulting barley stocks remaining on the domestic market as the result of slow exports had a downward pull on domestic prices; therefore, Post rebalanced domestic feed consumption for MY2023/24 (see Consumption section).

The dynamics of MY2023/24 wheat exports are opposite to that of barley. The 5.3 MMT increase in exports to three major markets, Spain, Egypt, and Indonesia, compensated for a 4.2 MMT drop against the previous MY to two likely transit destinations, Türkiye and Romania. Spain became the single largest destination for Ukrainian wheat, importing 5.9 MMT, comprising 32 percent of total wheat exports.

Rye remains a niche crop. Only three major markets, Poland, Germany, and Romania, imported substantial volumes.

MY2023/24 corn exports concluded at 28.6 MMT, a 6 percent increase compared to the previous MY, according to MAPFU. Major markets included Spain, China, Egypt, the Netherlands, Italy, and Türkiye.

Ukraine's ability to independently operate its Odesa region ports, which are handling the vast majority of agricultural exports, is the major driving force behind improved export dynamics. The volume of total agricultural exports grew by 10 percent under the Ukrainian Grain Corridor (October 2023 - September 2024), as compared to the same period in the previous year when shipments were predominantly happening under the auspices of the Black Sea Grain Initiative (Figure 2).

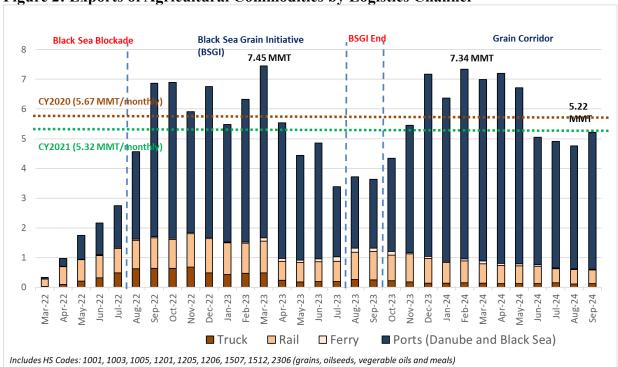


Figure 2: Exports of Agricultural Commodities by Logistics Channel

Source: MAPFU

Grains comprise the bulk of Ukraine's agricultural exports. Black Sea port shipments offer the most cost-effective option, compared to inland transport (railroad and truck). With Odesa region ports back in business, Ukraine has already drawn down its accumulated grain stocks that had been looming since MY2021/22 (see Stocks section). The lack of stocks is a main factor behind the prolonged slide of grain export volumes from July to September 2024 (Figure 3). High domestic prices (see Consumption Section) are another factor contributing to the slower-than-expected pace of exports since July 2024.

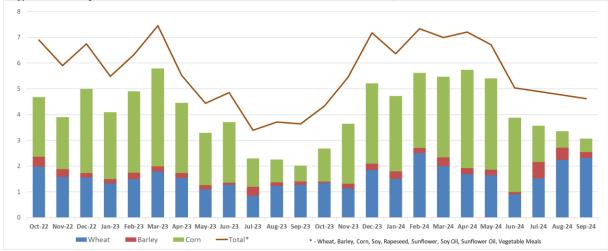


Figure 3: Exports of Selected Commodities from Ukraine, MMT

Source: MAPFU

Due to the full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine that began in February 2022, power outages and air strikes have been affecting the rhythm, speed, and volume of agricultural exports through seaports. At the time of report writing, Ukraine experienced a series of missile strikes on its Odesa region port facilities.

Under the assumption of no large changes to the national energy grid and commercial port infrastructure, Post's MY2024/25 export estimates for individual commodities are:

• Corn: 17.8 MMT, a 38 percent decrease compared to Post's MY2023/24 estimate

Wheat: 15.2 MMT, an 18 percent decrease
Barley: 2.0 MMT, a 19 percent decrease
Rye: 10,000 MT, a 400 percent increase

## Consumption

<u>GAIN Report UP2024-0008</u> outlines the general logic behind consumption numbers in this report. Post's revised total feed consumption estimates for MY2023/24 and MY2024/25 are based on animal number dynamics derived from GAIN Reports <u>UP2024-0005</u> (poultry) and <u>UP2024-0015</u> (beef and swine).

Post estimates MY2023/24 distribution of feed consumption numbers for individual crops on domestic price ratios (Figure 4).

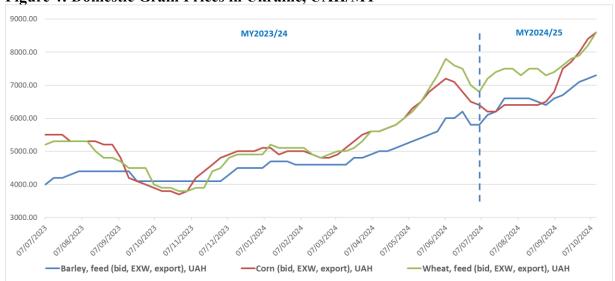


Figure 4: Domestic Grain Prices in Ukraine, UAH/MT

Source: Information Agency APK-Inform

Barley was the cheapest available feed ingredient on the market due to slow exports (see Export section). Therefore, Post increased the share of barley consumption for MY2023/24 against the previous MY (Table 1). The trend of relatively low barley prices is continuing into MY2024/25, and Post held its barley consumption estimate for MY2024/25 steady.

Table 1: Estimated Feed Consumption, thousand MT

|        |           | 1 /       |           |           |
|--------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|        | MY2021/22 | MY2022/23 | MY2023/24 | MY2024/25 |
| Barley | 2,693     | 2,600     | 2,800     | 2,800     |
| Corn   | 3,808     | 3,200     | 4,200     | 4,100     |
| Rye    | 2         | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| Wheat  | 3,065     | 3,400     | 2,300     | 2,300     |
| Total  | 9,568     | 9,200     | 9,300     | 9,200     |

Source: FAS/Kyiv Estimates

Post bases food consumption for individual grains, predominantly wheat, on the current population, which is derived from the number of refugees who have left Ukraine, as per <u>UNHCR</u>. The recorded number of refugees who have left Ukraine at the time of the report writing increased to 6.7 million, up from 6.5 million, which Post used as the estimate for MY2023/24.

#### **Stocks**

Post estimates MY2023/24 ending stocks for all grains at 1.2 MMT, an 82 percent decrease compared to 6.6 MMT in MY2022/23 (Figure 5). Post estimates MY2024/25 ending stocks at 2.1 MMT, on improved export dynamics through the Black Sea.

Production, **Ending Stocks** Exports (1000 MT) (1000 MT) 90,000 20,000 18,000 80,000 16,000 70,000 14,000 60,000 12,000 50,000 10,000 40,000 8,000 30,000 6,000 20,000 4,000 10,000 2,000 MY2020/21 MY2021/22 MY2022/23 MY2023/24 MY2024/25 Ending Stocks —Production Exports

Figure 5: Stocks on Ukraine-Controlled Territory vs Production and Exports for Wheat, Corn, Barley, and Rye

Source: FAS/Kyiv Estimates

# **Policy**

In May 2024, Ukraine introduced procedures for the approval of minimum export prices for selected bulk commodities, including grains, oilseeds, vegetable oils and meals, walnuts, and honey. See GAIN Report <u>UP2024-0019</u> for more details.

MAPFU signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Ukrainian trade and industry organizations on July 15, 2024. The MOU intended to establish a wheat export cap for local marketing year MY2024/25 (July 2024-June 2025). On September 3, 2024, MAPFU announced (<u>in Ukrainian</u>) that an addendum to MOU was signed establishing a 16.2 MMT export cap for wheat (HS Code 1001).

## **PSD Data Statistics**

All PSD tables below sum the estimated production numbers for Ukraine and Russian-occupied Crimea. The MY2022/23, MY2023/24, and MY2024/25 estimates do not include data for regions occupied by Russia after the start of the full-scale invasion in February 2022, as production figures and data are currently unavailable for those areas.

**Table 2: Barley** 

| Barley                              | 2022/2023        |          | 2023/2024        |          | 2024/2025        |          |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|----------|------------------|----------|------------------|----------|
| Market Year Begins                  | Jul 2022         |          | Jul 2023         |          | Jul 2024         |          |
| Ukraine                             | USDA<br>Official | New Post | USDA<br>Official | New Post | USDA<br>Official | New Post |
| Area Harvested (1000 HA)            | 1950             | 1922     | 1680             | 1676     | 1500             | 1537     |
| <b>Beginning Stocks</b> (1000 MT)   | 780              | 780      | 770              | 721      | 1139             | 543      |
| Production (1000 MT)                | 6100             | 6211     | 6350             | 6109     | 5400             | 5800     |
| MY Imports (1000 MT)                | 2                | 2        | 1                | 1        | 2                | 1        |
| TY Imports (1000 MT)                | 2                | 2        | 1                | 1        | 2                | 1        |
| <b>TY Imp. from U.S.</b> (1000 MT)  | 0                | 0        | 0                | 0        | 0                | 0        |
| Total Supply (1000 MT)              | 6882             | 6993     | 7121             | 6831     | 6541             | 6344     |
| MY Exports (1000 MT)                | 2712             | 2712     | 2482             | 2481     | 2400             | 2000     |
| TY Exports (1000 MT)                | 2559             | 2559     | 3200             | 2481     | 2400             | 2000     |
| Feed and Residual (1000<br>MT)      | 2400             | 2600     | 2500             | 2800     | 2500             | 2800     |
| FSI Consumption (1000 MT)           | 1000             | 960      | 1000             | 1007     | 1000             | 1007     |
| <b>Total Consumption</b> (1000 MT)  | 3400             | 3560     | 3500             | 3807     | 3500             | 3807     |
| Ending Stocks (1000 MT)             | 770              | 721      | 1139             | 543      | 641              | 537      |
| <b>Total Distribution</b> (1000 MT) | 6882             | 6993     | 7121             | 6831     | 6541             | 6344     |
| Yield (MT/HA)                       | 3.1282           | 3.2315   | 3.7798           | 3.645    | 3.6              | 3.7736   |

(1000 HA), (1000 MT), (MT/HA)

MY = Marketing Year, begins with the month listed at the top of each column

TY = Trade Year, which for Barley begins in October for all countries. TY 2024/2025 = October 2024 - September 2025

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Post's MY2024/25 barley beginning stocks estimate is 52 percent lower than USDA's official number on available export data for MY2023/24.

For MY2024/25, Post's barley production estimate is 7 percent higher than USDA's official number on MAPFU's harvest data.

Post's MY2024/25 barley export estimate is 17 percent lower than USDA's official number, based on lower beginning stocks.

For MY2024/25, Post's barley feed and residual estimate is 12 percent higher than USDA's official number on distribution of individual crops in feed rations.

Post's MY2024/25 barley ending stocks estimate is 16 percent lower than USDA's official number on production, consumption, and export estimates for MY2024/25.

Table 3: Corn

| Corn                               | 2022/2023        |          | 2023/2024        |          | 2024/2025        |          |
|------------------------------------|------------------|----------|------------------|----------|------------------|----------|
| Market Year Begins                 | Oct 2022         |          | Oct 2023         |          | Oct 2024         |          |
| Ukraine                            | USDA<br>Official | New Post | USDA<br>Official | New Post | USDA<br>Official | New Post |
| Area Harvested (1000 HA)           | 4050             | 4128     | 4200             | 3978     | 4100             | 4050     |
| <b>Beginning Stocks</b> (1000 MT)  | 7796             | 7796     | 2795             | 2815     | 1460             | 200      |
| Production (1000 MT)               | 27000            | 26200    | 32500            | 31043    | 26200            | 23300    |
| MY Imports (1000 MT)               | 21               | 21       | 15               | 15       | 20               | 20       |
| TY Imports (1000 MT)               | 21               | 21       | 15               | 15       | 20               | 20       |
| <b>TY Imp. from U.S.</b> (1000 MT) | 0                | 0        | 0                | 1        | 0                | 1        |
| Total Supply (1000 MT)             | 34817            | 34017    | 35310            | 33873    | 27680            | 23520    |
| MY Exports (1000 MT)               | 27122            | 27122    | 29600            | 28550    | 23000            | 17800    |
| TY Exports (1000 MT)               | 27122            | 27122    | 29600            | 28550    | 23000            | 17800    |
| Feed and Residual (1000<br>MT)     | 4000             | 3200     | 3300             | 4200     | 3100             | 4100     |
| FSI Consumption (1000 MT)          | 900              | 880      | 950              | 923      | 950              | 916      |
| Total Consumption (1000<br>MT)     | 4900             | 4080     | 4250             | 5123     | 4050             | 5016     |
| Ending Stocks (1000 MT)            | 2795             | 2815     | 1460             | 200      | 630              | 704      |
| Total Distribution (1000<br>MT)    | 34817            | 34017    | 35310            | 33873    | 27680            | 23520    |
| Yield (MT/HA)                      | 6.6667           | 6.3469   | 7.7381           | 7.8037   | 6.3902           | 5.7531   |

(1000 HA), (1000 MT), (MT/HA)

MY = Marketing Year, begins with the month listed at the top of each column

TY = Trade Year, which for Corn begins in October for all countries. TY 2024/2025 = October 2024 - September 2025

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For MY2024/25, Post's corn beginning stocks estimate is 73 percent lower than USDA's official number on available export data for MY2023/24.

In MY2024/25, Post's corn production estimate is 11 percent lower than USDA's official number on lower yield estimates.

Post's MY2024/25 corn export estimate is 18 percent lower than USDA's official number due to lower beginning stocks and production estimates.

Post's MY2024/25 corn feed and residual estimate is 17 percent higher than USDA's official number on distribution of individual crops in feeding diets.

**Table 4: Wheat** 

| Wheat                              | 2022/2023        |          | 2023/2024        |          | 2024/2025        |          |
|------------------------------------|------------------|----------|------------------|----------|------------------|----------|
| Market Year Begins                 | Jul 2022         |          | Jul 2023         |          | Jul 2024         |          |
| Ukraine                            | USDA<br>Official | New Post | USDA<br>Official | New Post | USDA<br>Official | New Post |
| Area Harvested (1000 HA)           | 5600             | 5631     | 5010             | 5007     | 5200             | 5162     |
| <b>Beginning Stocks</b> (1000 MT)  | 6265             | 6265     | 2926             | 3102     | 706              | 452      |
| Production (1000 MT)               | 21500            | 22075    | 23000            | 22970    | 22900            | 22800    |
| MY Imports (1000 MT)               | 83               | 83       | 57               | 57       | 80               | 80       |
| TY Imports (1000 MT)               | 83               | 83       | 57               | 57       | 80               | 80       |
| <b>TY Imp. from U.S.</b> (1000 MT) | 0                | 0        | 0                | 0        | 0                | 0        |
| Total Supply (1000 MT)             | 27848            | 28423    | 25983            | 26129    | 23686            | 23332    |
| MY Exports (1000 MT)               | 17122            | 17122    | 18577            | 18577    | 16000            | 15200    |
| TY Exports (1000 MT)               | 17122            | 17122    | 18577            | 18577    | 16000            | 15200    |
| Feed and Residual (1000<br>MT)     | 3000             | 3400     | 2000             | 2300     | 2000             | 2300     |
| FSI Consumption (1000 MT)          | 4800             | 4799     | 4700             | 4800     | 4700             | 4996     |
| Total Consumption (1000<br>MT)     | 7800             | 8199     | 6700             | 7100     | 6700             | 7296     |
| Ending Stocks (1000 MT)            | 2926             | 3102     | 706              | 452      | 986              | 836      |
| Total Distribution (1000<br>MT)    | 27848            | 28423    | 25983            | 26129    | 23686            | 23332    |
| Yield (MT/HA)                      | 3.8393           | 3.9203   | 4.5908           | 4.5876   | 4.4038           | 4.4169   |

(1000 HA), (1000 MT), (MT/HA)

MY = Marketing Year, begins with the month listed at the top of each column

TY = Trade Year, which for Wheat begins in July for all countries. TY 2024/2025 = July 2024 - June 2025

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Note: In Table 3, both export and import volumes for flour and wheat products (HS Codes 1101, 190219, 190230, 190240) are converted to wheat grain equivalent by multiplying the product weight by 1.368 and are then added to export volumes for wheat (HS Code 1001) to present a comprehensive picture of Ukrainian wheat trade.

For MY2024/25, Post's wheat beginning stocks estimate is 36 percent lower than USDA's official number on available export data for MY2023/24.

Post's MY2024/25 wheat feed and residual estimate is 15 percent higher than USDA's official number on distribution of individual crops in feeding diets.

Post estimates MY2024/25 wheat ending stocks 15 percent lower than USDA's official number on production, consumption and export estimates for MY2024/25.

Table 5: Rye

| Rye                                | 2022/2023        |          | 2023/2024        |          | 2024/2025        |          |
|------------------------------------|------------------|----------|------------------|----------|------------------|----------|
| Market Year Begins                 | Jul 2022         |          | Jul 2023         |          | Jul 2024         |          |
| Ukraine                            | USDA<br>Official | New Post | USDA<br>Official | New Post | USDA<br>Official | New Post |
| Area Harvested (1000 HA)           | 100              | 106      | 80               | 78       | 70               | 72       |
| <b>Beginning Stocks</b> (1000 MT)  | 164              | 164      | 184              | 202      | 145              | 152      |
| Production (1000 MT)               | 315              | 322      | 240              | 231      | 200              | 210      |
| MY Imports (1000 MT)               | 0                | 0        | 0                | 0        | 0                | 0        |
| TY Imports (1000 MT)               | 0                | 0        | 0                | 0        | 0                | 0        |
| <b>TY Imp. from U.S.</b> (1000 MT) | 0                | 0        | 0                | 0        | 0                | 0        |
| Total Supply (1000 MT)             | 479              | 486      | 424              | 433      | 345              | 362      |
| MY Exports (1000 MT)               | 18               | 18       | 2                | 2        | 10               | 10       |
| TY Exports (1000 MT)               | 14               | 14       | 2                | 2        | 10               | 10       |
| Feed and Residual (1000<br>MT)     | 2                | 2        | 2                | 2        | 2                | 2        |
| FSI Consumption (1000 MT)          | 275              | 264      | 275              | 277      | 275              | 275      |
| Total Consumption (1000<br>MT)     | 277              | 266      | 277              | 279      | 277              | 277      |
| Ending Stocks (1000 MT)            | 184              | 202      | 145              | 152      | 58               | 75       |
| Total Distribution (1000<br>MT)    | 479              | 486      | 424              | 433      | 345              | 362      |
| Yield (MT/HA)                      | 3.15             | 3.0377   | 3                | 2.9615   | 2.8571           | 2.9167   |

(1000 HA), (1000 MT), (MT/HA)

MY = Marketing Year, begins with the month listed at the top of each column

TY = Trade Year, which for Rye begins in October for all countries. TY 2024/2025 = October 2024 - September 2025

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Post's MY2024/25 rye ending stocks estimate is 29 percent higher than USDA's official number and is based on production, consumption, and export estimates for MY2024/25.

# **Attachments:**

No Attachments