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## Algeria

### Grain and Feed Update

#### Wheat update

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**Report Highlights:**

Algeria wheat imports decreased in the first six months of 2012. Algeria will not import durum and barley for the rest of CY2012 because of good harvest forecasts for this same year, according to the Grains buying agency (OAIC) statements.

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**General Information**  
**Trade**

News reports that the Customs National Center for Information and statistics latest figures for the first six months of 2012 show Algeria wheat imports falling by 33 percent comparing to the same period in 2011. Wheat imports represented \$1.01 billion in the first six months of 2012 while for the same period in 2011, they reached \$1.51 billion. It is expected that this downward trend will continue as the National Office of Grains (OAIC) stated in June 2012 that Algeria currently has the necessary supplies (of durum and barley) to cover the country's needs until the end of 2012 and as a result, Algeria or at least the OAIC, the government's cereals buying agency, would not need to go to the world market for these two commodities before the end 2012. However, it will continue to import bread wheat.

To recall, Algeria is one of the world's largest importers of wheat. Cereal products accounted for about 37 percent of total food imports bill in CY2011.

U.S. origin wheat imports have declined dramatically long with the other commodities on tight supplies and price. U.S. origin product faces stiff competition from European suppliers on price and shipping flexibility.

**Algeria's Imports of Wheat - Seven -Years comparison**  
**(In CY and 1000 MT)**

	ALL ORIGINS			US ORIGIN		
	Durum	Bread Wheat	Total	Durum	Bread Wheat	Total
<b>CY2011</b>	1852	5550	7402	47	27	74
<b>CY 2010</b>	1246	3986	5232	207	-	207
<b>CY 2009</b>	1849	3847	5696	154	-	154
<b>CY2008</b>	1982	4369	6351	-	288	288
<b>CY2007</b>	1335	3297	4632	71	414	485
<b>CY2006</b>	2077	2745	4822	331	11	342
<b>CY2005</b>	3003	2679	5682	172	11	183

Source: Algerian Customs Trade Data

**Crop Situation**

Pending final results of the cereals harvests, forecasts are still estimated between 5.6 and 5.8

million MT of total grains and average yields already recorded during the beginning of the campaign reached 1.8 T/Ha with peaks exceeding sometime 8.5 T/Ha.

**Algeria cereals production comparison (in Million MT)**

Average Production (2000-2008)	Production 2009	Production 2010	Production 2011	Production Forecast 2012
2.97	6.12	4.56	4.25	5.6~5.8

Source: Ministry of Agriculture reports

Wheat Algeria	2010/2011		2011/2012		2012/2013		
	Market Year Begin: Jul 2010		Market Year Begin: Jul 2011		Market Year Begin: Jul 2012		
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Area Harvested	2,012	2,012	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	(1 000 HA)
Beginning Stocks	2,332	2,332	2,748	2,748	2,818	3,073	(1 000 MT)
Production	2,900	2,900	2,800	2,800	3,500	3,500	(1 000 MT)
MY Imports	6,436	6,291	6,100	6,500	5,200	5,000	(1 000 MT)
TY Imports	6,436	6,291	6,100	6,500	5,200	5,000	(1 000 MT)

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TY Imp. from U.S.	1 1 5	80	0	80	0	80	(1 00 0 M T)
Total Supply	1 1 , 6 6 8	11,523	1 1 , 7 9 3	12,048	1 1 , 5 1 8	11,573	(1 00 0 M T)
MY Exports	2 5	25	2 5	25	2 5	25	(1 00 0 M T)
TY Exports	2 5	25	2 5	25	2 5	25	(1 00 0 M T)
Feed and Residual	5 0	50	5 0	50	5 0	50	(1 00 0 M T)
FSI Consumption	8 , 7 0 0	8,700	8 , 9 0 0	8,900	9 , 0 0 0	9,000	(1 00 0 M T)
Total Consumption	8 , 7 5 0	8,750	8 , 9 5 0	8,950	9 , 0 5 0	9,050	(1 00 0 M T)
Ending Stocks	2 , 8 9 3	2,748	2 , 8 1 8	3,073	2 , 4 4 3	2,498	(1 00 0 M T)
Total Distribution	1 1 , 6 6 8	11,523	1 1 , 7 9 3	12,048	1 1 , 5 1 8	11,573	(1 00 0 M T)

Yield	1	1.4414	1	1.4	2	1.75	(M T/ HA )
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Barley Algeria	2010/2011		2011/2012		2012/2013		
	Market Year Begin: Jul 2010		Market Year Begin: Jul 2011		Market Year Begin: Jul 2012		
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Area Harvested	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	(1 00 0 HA )
Beginning Stocks	1,247	1,258	1,336	1,317	1,686	1,567	(1 00 0 M T)
Production	1,500	1,500	1,350	1,350	1,600	1,800	(1 00 0 M T)
MY Imports	89	69	700	600	300	60	(1 00 0 M)



Total Distribution	2,836	2,827	3,386	3,267	3,586	3,427	(1000 MT)
Yield	2.	1.5	1.	1.35	2.	1.8	(MT/HA)
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