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Report Highlights:

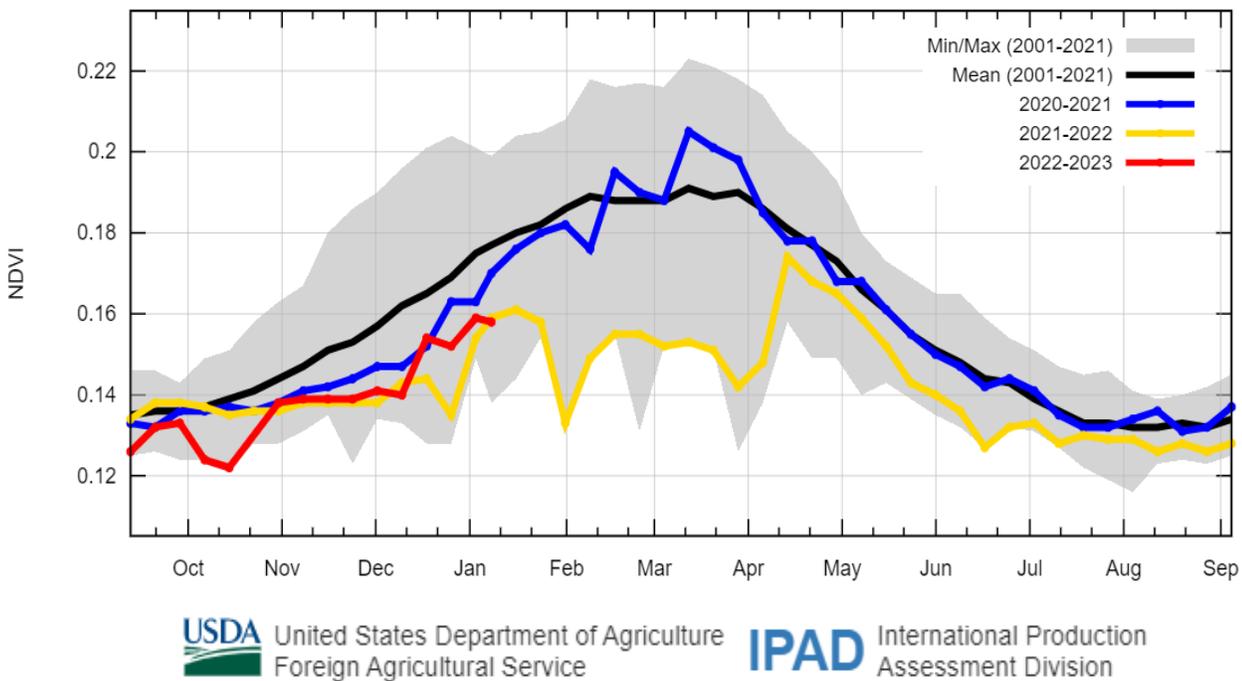
The Government of Morocco continues to subsidize bread wheat imports based on a fixed flat-rate premium. This measure is valid until April 30, 2023, and is intended to maintain low bread prices and encourage stock building. Post has no changes for production, supply, and demand estimates for MY 2022/2023.

General Information:

Production Update

The late arrival of rains in 2022 delayed wheat and barley planting. Sowing in some areas was not completed until the end of December 2022. As of January 17, 2023, total area planted to cereals for common wheat, durum and barley is estimated by industry at 3.8 million hectares (HA), about 5 percent below the five-year average. Post notes that although production has started with a below-average vegetation index, the upcoming rainfall during March and April are critical for crop development and will determine the success of the 2023 production campaign. Post's production, supply, and demand estimate (PSD) for MY 2023/24 will be published in its Grain & Feed Annual Report on April 1, 2023.

Figure 1: Morocco Crop Conditions-MODIS Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI)



Policy Update

On October 6, 2022, the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Finance published a joint Ministerial decision to provide a subsidy for certified seed for the 2022-2023 crop year. The subsidy will discount the price of planting seeds as follows: common wheat at -\$210 USD /MT, durum wheat -\$290 USD/MT, and barley -\$210 USD/MT. ([link](#), page 4)

The Government of Morocco continues to subsidize bread wheat imports based on a fixed flat-rate premium in response to strong global wheat prices. The current subsidy measures are valid until April 30, 2023. ([link](#))

Trade Update

Table 1: Wheat Imports by Marketing Year (MT Wheat Equivalent)

HS	Description	Marketing Year			Year to Date		
		2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	06/21-10/21	06/22-10/22	%Δ
1001	Wheat and meslin	4,607,874	5,426,833	4,056,643	367,669	2,623,786	613.63
190219	Pasta, Uncooked, Not Stuffed	14,784	14,383	11,404	5,432	4,238	-21.98
190230	Pasta, prepared, nesoi	2,775	2,363	2,112	908	1,085	19.49
1101	Wheat or meslin flour	517	512	381	153	186	21.57
190240	Couscous	7	26	113	9	4	-55.56
190430	Bulgur wheat, pre-cooked	60	60	78	35	59	68.57
Total	PSD-wheat	4,626,017	5,444,178	4,070,732	374,205	2,629,358	602.65

Source: Morocco office de change, applied converting factor: 1.368, MY used for wheat June-May

Table 2: Wheat Exports by Marketing Year (MT Wheat Equivalent)

HS	Description	Marketing Year			Year to Date		
		2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	06/21-10/21	06/22-10/22	%Δ
190240	Couscous	36,835	55,816	54,283	20,648	17,206	-16.67
190219	Pasta, Uncooked, Not Stuffed	17,788	13,069	20,373	7,501	10,189	35.84
190230	pasta, prepared, nesoi	4,722	5,670	7,444	2,583	4,212	63.07
1101	Wheat or meslin flour	3,427	1,956	1,263	754	620	-17.77
190430	Bulgur wheat, pre-cooked	0	0	3	0	0	0
1001	Wheat and meslin	0	58	0	0	0	0
Total	PSD-wheat	62,772	76,570	83,366	31,486	32,227	2.35

Source: Morocco office de change, *applied converting factor: 1.368, MY used for wheat June-May

Table 3: Barley Imports by Marketing Year (MT)

Partner Country	Marketing Year			Year to Date		
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	07/21-10/21	07/22-10/22	%Δ
EU 27	943,971	440,994	786,171	115,002	1,152	-99
Argentina	0	0	90,600	0	0	0
Ukraine	131,649	12,099	50,238	50,238	0	-100
Russia	0	25,041	49,369	0	0	0
Syria	0	3,337	0	0	0	0
Total	1,075,620	481,472	976,378	165,240	1,152	-99.3

Source: Morocco office de change, MY used for barley July-June

Production, Supply, and Distribution

Table 4: PSD for Wheat

Wheat	2020/2021		2021/2022		2022/2023	
Market Year Begins	Jun 2020		Jun 2021		Jun 2022	
Morocco	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Area Harvested (1000 HA)	2758	2758	2855	2855	2500	2500
Beginning Stocks (1000 MT)	3611	3611	1147	1147	2075	2075
Production (1000 MT)	2560	2560	7540	7540	2700	2700
MY Imports (1000 MT)	5444	5444	4071	4071	7500	7500
TY Imports (1000 MT)	5191	5191	4726	4726	7500	7500
TY Imp. from U.S. (1000 MT)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply (1000 MT)	11615	11615	12758	12758	12275	12275
MY Exports (1000 MT)	68	68	83	83	75	75
TY Exports (1000 MT)	76	76	83	83	75	75
Feed and Residual (1000 MT)	300	300	400	400	300	300
FSI Consumption (1000MT)	10100	10100	10200	10200	10300	10300
Total Consumption (1000MT)	10400	10400	10600	10600	10600	10600
Ending Stocks (1000 MT)	1147	1147	2075	2075	1600	1600
Total Distribution (1000 MT)	11615	11615	12758	12758	12275	12275
Yield (MT/HA)	0.9282	0.9282	2.641	2.641	1.08	1.08

(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 2022/2023 = July 2022 - June 2023

Table 4: PSD for Barley

Barley	2020/2021		2021/2022		2022/2023	
Market Year Begins	Jul 2020		Jul 2021		Jul 2022	
Morocco	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Area Harvested (1000 HA)	1467	1467	1490	1490	1100	1100
Beginning Stocks (1000 MT)	98	98	34	34	659	659
Production (1000 MT)	640	640	2780	2780	700	700
MY Imports (1000 MT)	456	456	965	965	400	400
TY Imports (1000 MT)	456	456	810	810	400	400
TY Imp. from U.S. (1000 MT)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply (1000 MT)	1194	1194	3779	3779	1759	1759
MY Exports (1000 MT)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TY Exports (1000 MT)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feed and Residual (1000 MT)	560	560	2120	2120	820	820
FSI Consumption (1000 MT)	600	600	1000	1000	900	900
Total Consumption (1000 MT)	1160	1160	3120	3120	1720	1720
Ending Stocks (1000 MT)	34	34	659	659	39	39
Total Distribution (1000 MT)	1194	1194	3779	3779	1759	1759
Yield (MT/HA)	0.4363	0.4363	1.8658	1.8658	0.6364	0.6364

(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 2022/2023 = October 2022 - September 2023

Attachments:

No Attachments