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Report Highlights:

In response to wheat prices that have surged in recent months and to build stocks, the Government of Morocco introduced a support program for the import of 2.5 million MT of common wheat. The program targets Moroccan importers looking to source wheat from, Russia, Ukraine, France, Germany, United States, and Argentina. This restitution system is valid from July 1st, 2023, until September 30th, 2023. No disruption in the wheat supply has been recorded after the earthquake in Morocco.

General Information

Production:

Wheat production figures remain unchanged from [GAIN Report MO2023-0011](#).

On September 14, 2023, a devastating earthquake hit Morocco, leading to the unfortunate loss of several thousand lives and causing significant damage in parts of southern cities, including Marrakech and Taroudant. The grain industry has reported that wheat storage facilities were unaffected, ensuring no disruption in the wheat supply.

Policy:

On June 23, 2023, the Moroccan National Interprofessional Office of Cereals and Pulses (ONICL) released a [circular #451](#) to support imports of 2.5 million MT of common wheat. This initiative aims to support importers by covering the difference between the cost of wheat and the reference import price of 270 MAD \approx \$263 per MT. The program will mainly benefit Moroccan importers looking to source wheat from, Russia, Ukraine, France, Germany, United States, and Argentina. This restitution system is valid from July 1st, 2023, until September 30th, 2023.

Trade:

The EU, primarily from France, along with Canada, have supplied around 97 percent of Morocco's wheat in MY2022/23.

According to the trade source, two shipments of common wheat from Russia, totaling about 100,000 MT, are anticipated to arrive by the end of September. However, importers are facing payment difficulties as European Banks are hesitant to support these shipments due to logistical issues and related risks.

Table 1: Morocco – Wheat Imports by Country (MT Wheat Equivalent)

Partner Country	Marketing Year				Year to Date		
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	06/22-06/22	06/23-06/23	%Δ
EU 27	2,631,974	2,353,907	1,593,372	5,001,739	461,887	174,993	-62.11
Canada	927,924	1,290,992	539,608	1,068,583	108,056	2,200	-97.96
Argentina	27,050	390,629	941,770	85,870	85,870	0	-100
United States	32,200	103	1	31,902	1	0	-100
Ukraine	631,303	1,101,408	596,634	14,801	0	5,400	0
Russia	364,276	205,675	29,830	0	0	0	0
Other	11,286	101,467	369,516	37,636	156	2,504	15
Total	4,626,017	5,444,178	4,070,732	6,240,530	655,970	185,098	-71.78

Source: Office des changes, applied converting factor: 1.368, MY used for wheat June-May

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

HS	Description	Marketing Year				Year to Date		
		2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	06/22-06/22	06/23-06/23	%Δ
190240	Couscous	36,835	55,816	54,283	52,882	3,875	4,356	12.41
190219	Pasta (spaghetti, macaroni, etc.), uncooked	17,788	13,069	20,373	30,215	1,974	2,428	23
190230	Pasta, prepared, nesoi	4,722	5,670	7,444	8,042	941	499	-46.97
1101	Wheat or meslin flour	3,427	1,956	1,263	1,781	308	128	-58.44
190430	Bulgur wheat, pre-cooked	0	0	3	3	0	0	0
1001	Wheat and meslin	0	58	0	120	0	0	0
Total	PSD-wheat	62,772	76,570	83,366	93,043	7,098	7,411	4.41

Source: Office des changes, applied converting factor: 1.368, MY used for wheat June-May

In MY 2022/23, all barley imports to Morocco originated from the European Union, with Germany accounting for 83 percent of these shipments. Post has updated trade figures for MY 2021/22 and MY 2022/23 to reflect trade to date data.

Table 3: Barley Imports by Marketing Year (MT)

Partner Country	Marketing Year					Year to Date		
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	07/21-06/22	07/22-06/23	%Δ
EU 27	356,592	142,688	943,971	440,994	786,171	786,171	346,536	-55.92
Argentina	9,900	0	0	0	90,600	90,600	0	-100
Ukraine	43,458	8,249	131,649	12,099	50,238	50,238	0	-100
Russia	19,658	0	0	25,041	49,369	49,369	0	-100
Syria	0	0	0	3,337	0	0	0	0
Total	429,609	150,937	1,075,620	481,472	976,378	976,378	346,536	-64.51

Source: Office des changes, MY used for barley July-June

Table 4: Wheat- Production, Supply, and Distribution

Wheat	2021/2022		2022/2023		2023/2024	
	Jun 2021		Jun 2022		Jun 2023	
Market Year Begins	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Morocco	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Area Harvested (1000 HA)	2855	2855	2500	2500	2550	2550
Beginning Stocks (1000 MT)	1457	1457	2385	2385	1533	1533
Production (1000 MT)	7540	7540	2700	2700	4160	4160
MY Imports (1000 MT)	4071	4071	6241	6241	7000	7000
TY Imports (1000 MT)	4726	4726	5800	5800	7000	7000
TY Imp. from U.S. (1000 MT)	0	0	62	62	0	0
Total Supply (1000 MT)	13068	13068	11326	11326	12693	12693
MY Exports (1000 MT)	83	83	93	93	75	75
TY Exports (1000 MT)	83	83	90	90	75	75
Feed and Residual (1000 MT)	400	400	200	200	300	300
FSI Consumption (1000 MT)	10200	10200	9500	9500	10300	10300
Total Consumption (1000 MT)	10600	10600	9700	9700	10600	10600
Ending Stocks (1000 MT)	2385	2385	1533	1533	2018	2018
Total Distribution (1000 MT)	13068	13068	11326	11326	12693	12693
Yield (MT/HA)	2.641	2.641	1.08	1.08	1.6314	1.6314

(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 2023/2024 = July 2023 - June 2024

Table 5: Barley- Production, Supply, and Distribution

Barley	2021/2022		2022/2023		2023/2024	
Market Year Begins	Jul 2021		Jul 2022		Jul 2023	
Morocco	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Area Harvested (1000 HA)	1490	1490	1100	1100	1200	1200
Beginning Stocks (1000 MT)	34	34	609	670	65	117
Production (1000 MT)	2780	2780	700	700	1350	1350
MY Imports (1000 MT)	915	976	356	347	700	700
TY Imports (1000 MT)	760	828	500	500	700	700
TY Imp. from U.S. (1000 MT)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply (1000 MT)	3729	3790	1665	1717	2115	2167
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)	2120	2120	900	900	1250	1250
FSI Consumption (1000 MT)	1000	1000	700	700	800	800
Total Consumption (1000 MT)	3120	3120	1600	1600	2050	2050
Ending Stocks (1000 MT)	609	670	65	117	65	117
Total Distribution (1000 MT)	3729	3790	1665	1717	2115	2167
Yield (MT/HA)	1.8658	1.8658	0.6364	0.6364	1.125	1.125

(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 2023/2024 = October 2023 - September 2024

Attachments:

No Attachments