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Grain and Feed Update

Crop update

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Report Highlights:

According to the Ministry of Agriculture's crop assessment, Algeria's MY2016/2017 grain production reached 3.3 MMT compared to 4.0 MMT the previous year. Once again, the results are directly attributable to drought conditions in the production areas of Algeria. As in previous years when drought has so hampered grain production, Algeria will likely import grain to compensate for the shortfall in domestic production.

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General Information

According to a news release by the Algeria Press Service, the Ministry of Agriculture reported an 11 percent decline in MY2016/2017 grain production. Newly appointed Minister of Agriculture, Chelghoum Abdeslam announced that the current grain crop only reached 3.3 MMT compared to 4.0 MMT last year. No official figures have been published. Minister Chelghoum attributed the decrease in cereal production (durum, barley and bread wheat) primarily to the drought that affected various major grain producing areas, meanwhile western Algeria, was particularly affected (40 percent) by ice storms. Note, this is the third consecutive year that cereal production has been affected by drought.

According to Algeria's field crops institute, two-thirds of the 3.3 million hectares planted were harvested. As might be expected based on historical trends, farmers planted durum, barley, bread wheat and oats.

To compensate for the shortfall in domestic production, Algeria will most likely import especially if world market prices are still low. Algeria's Customs attributed the decline in cereal import bill to the decline in global market price.

Wheat	2014/2015		2015/2016		2016/2017	
Market Begin Year	Jul 2014		Jul 2015		Jul 2016	
Algeria	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Area Harvested	1700	1700	2100	2100	2100	1300
Beginning Stocks	4676	4676	3768	3768	4393	4399
Production	1900	1900	2700	2700	2000	2000
MY Imports	7257	7257	8200	8181	8200	8000
TY Imports	7257	7257	8200	8181	8200	8000
TY Imp. from U.S.	135	135	69	168	0	160
Total Supply	13833	13833	14668	14649	14593	14399
MY Exports	15	15	25	0	25	0
TY Exports	15	15	25	0	25	0
Feed and Residual	50	50	50	50	50	50
FSI Consumption	10000	10000	10200	10200	10400	10200

Total Consumption	10050	10050	10250	10250	10450	10250
Ending Stocks	3768	3768	4393	4399	4118	4149
Total Distribution	13833	13833	14668	14649	14593	14399
(1000 HA) ,(1000 MT)						

Barley	**2014/2015**		**2015/2016**		**2016/2017**	
Market Begin Year	**Jul 2014**		**Jul 2015**		**Jul 2016**	
Algeria	**USDA Official**	**New Post**	**USDA Official**	**New Post**	**USDA Official**	**New Post**
Area Harvested	800	800	1000	1000	1000	900
Beginning Stocks	1178	1178	1304	1304	1354	1204
Production	1300	1300	1300	1300	1000	1000
MY Imports	876	876	900	650	900	900
TY Imports	723	723	900	600	900	900
TY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply	3354	3354	3504	3254	3254	3104
MY Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
TY Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feed and Residual	1700	1700	1800	1700	1700	1700
FSI Consumption	350	350	350	350	350	350
Total Consumption	2050	2050	2150	2050	2050	2050
Ending Stocks	1304	1304	1354	1204	1204	1054
Total Distribution	3354	3354	3504	3254	3254	3104
(1000 HA) ,(1000 MT)						