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Algeria

Grain and Feed Update

Wheat and Barley Update

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Report Highlights:

Algeria CY2012 wheat imports declined about 15 percent compared to CY2011, according to the Algerian Customs Information and Statistics Center (CNIS).

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Wheat

Recently released preliminary data from the Algerian Customs Information and Statistics Center (CNIS) indicates CY2012 wheat imports declined about 15 percent compared to CY2011. In CY2011 Algeria imported 7.45 million metric tons (MMT) of wheat, while in CY2012 purchases declined to 6.29 MMT, of which 4.71 MMT was bread wheat and 1.58 MMT was durum. In terms of value, Algeria's expenditures for imported wheat decreased from \$2.85 billion in CY2011 to about \$2.11 billion in CY2012. According to the same source, CY2012 wheat imports decreased due to better domestic wheat production. Although Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) has revised its preliminary total grain production forecast due to extreme heat during July and August, coupled with fires in agricultural production areas, final total production for all grains reached 5.1 MMT in CY2012, compared to 4.2 MMT in CY2011.

Despite good production and stocks, Algeria's grain buying agency OAIC reportedly purchased earlier than needed in expectation of increasingly international grain process, which also help to reduce total expenditures. Major suppliers to Algeria in CY 2012 were France, Canada, Germany, and the United States, followed by Spain and Mexico.

Barley

Barley imports increased in CY2012 following an average crop. Imports have fluctuated over the past several years. Algerian barley imports increased sharply in CY 2008 because of pasture shortages resulting from drought conditions. The good crop in 2009 reduced imports and barley stocks covered much of the domestic need for 2010. Barley imports started to decline in CY 2009 and almost vanished in CY 2010 to jump again in CY2011 and CY2012.

**Table: Algeria Barley Imports by Origin
Comparison in 1000 MT**

	CY08	CY09	CY10	CY11	CY12 Jan-Sep
Argentina	-	-	-	-	128
France	233	49	7	171	63
Russia	0	39	-	-	87

Ukraine	53	14	-	-	51
Spain	6	0	-	-	-
Bulgaria	-	-	-	51	-
U.S.	-	-	-	26	-
Great Britain	-	-	-	54	-
Finland	-	-	-	83	-
Germany	-	-	-	-	49
Denmark	-	-	-	-	24
Others	0	3	-	-	-
Total	292	105	7	385	402

Source: Algerian Official Trade Data

Wheat Algeria	2010/2011		2011/2012		2012/2013	
	Market Year Begin: Jul 2010		Market Year Begin: Jul 2011		Market Year Begin: Jul 2012	
	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Area Harvested	2,012	2,012	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Beginning Stocks	2,332	2,332	2,893	2,748	3,068	3,073
Production	2,900	2,900	2,800	2,800	3,250	3,400
MY Imports	6,436	6,291	6,350	6,500	5,300	5,200
TY Imports	6,436	6,291	6,350	6,500	5,300	5,200
TY Imp. from U.S.	115	80	250	80	0	80
Total Supply	11,668	11,523	12,043	12,048	11,618	11,673
MY Exports	25	25	25	25	25	25
TY Exports	25	25	25	25	25	25
Feed and Residual	50	50	50	50	50	50
FSI Consumption	8,700	8,700	8,900	8,900	9,000	9,000
Total Consumption	8,750	8,750	8,950	8,950	9,050	9,050
Ending Stocks	2,893	2,748	3,068	3,073	2,543	2,598
Total Distribution	11,668	11,523	12,043	12,048	11,618	11,673
Yield	1.	1.4414	1.	1.4	2.	1.7
TS=TD		0		0		0

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
Beginning Stocks	1,247	1,247	1,336	1,306	1,634	1,556
Production	1,500	1,500	1,350	1,350	1,750	1,700
MY Imports	89	69	648	600	100	70
TY Imports	262	69	600	600	100	70

TY Imp. from U.S.	26	0	0	26	0	0
Total Supply	2,836	2,816	3,334	3,256	3,484	3,326
MY Exports	0	10	0	0	0	0
TY Exports	0	10	0	0	0	0
Feed and Residual	1,250	1,250	1,450	1,450	1,550	1,550
FSI Consumption	250	250	250	250	250	250
Total Consumption	1,500	1,500	1,700	1,700	1,800	1,800
Ending Stocks	1,336	1,306	1,634	1,556	1,684	1,526
Total Distribution	2,836	2,816	3,334	3,256	3,484	3,326
Yield	2.	1.5	1.	1.35	2.	1.7
TS=TD		0		0		0