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Report Highlights:

For MY 2016/17, FAS Rabat revised post's estimate for wheat imports from 5 million MT to 5.5 million MT. This change is based on increasing import demand as a result of tightening stocks and the results of the most recent tender. In addition, the MY 2017/18 season started very late, due to rain delays and some areas sowing did not finish until the end of December 2016. According to the Ministry of Agriculture's latest statement, total area planted to cereals (common wheat, durum, and barley) in the 2017 season, as of January 15, is estimated at 4.8 million hectares.

General Information:

MY 2016/17

Post revised its forecast for Morocco's MY2016/17 wheat imports from 5 million MT to 5.5 million MT. This change is based on increasing import demand as a result of tightening stocks and the results of the most recent tender. As of January 1, 2017, Morocco estimates its total stock of common wheat at 150,000 MT, durum wheat at 60,000 MT, and barley at 100,000 MT. According to the trade, these stocks will cover domestic demand only through the end of February, and consequently, imports are expected to increase.

On December 27, 2016, the Cereals Office (ONCIL), under the Ministry of Agriculture, solicited bids from importers for licenses to import wheat under the U.S. and EU tariff rate quotas (TRQ). The table below summarizes the request and result for bids for the two origins. Note: The results of the EU wheat tender went above and beyond what was originally provisioned.

Origin	Tender Date	Bids Opening Date	Quantity Tendered (MT)	Quantity Retained (MT)	Delivery Period
U.S. Common Wheat	Dec. 27, 2016	Jan. 17, 2017	363,636	<u>359,998</u>	by April 30, 2017
U.S. Durum Wheat	Dec. 27, 2016	Jan. 17, 2017	327,273	<u>0</u>	by December 31, 2017
EU Common Wheat	Dec. 27, 2016	Jan. 18, 2017	363,636	<u>390,000</u>	by April 30, 2017

Source: ONICL

Post maintains its estimate for barley. No changes.

MY 2017/18

The MY 2017/18 season started very late, due to rain delays and some areas sowing did not finish until the end of December 2016. According to the Ministry of Agriculture's latest statement, total area planted to cereals (common wheat, durum and barley) in the 2017 season, as of January 15, is estimated at 4.8 million hectare (HA).

Post's PSD for MY 17/18 will be published in its Grain & Feed Annual report.

Production, Supply and Demand:

Wheat, Morocco (Areas in 1,000 HA and Quantities in 1,000 MT)

Wheat	2014/2015		2015/2016		2016/2017	
Market Begin Year	Jun 2014		Jun 2015		Jun 2016	
Morocco	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Area Harvested	3,060	3,060	3,200	3,200	2,109	2,109
Beginning Stocks	4,321	4,321	4,269	4,269	6,780	6,780
Production	5,100	5,100	8,000	8,000	2,731	2,761
MY Imports	4,086	4,086	4,429	4,429	5,000	5,500
TY Imports	4,086	4,086	4,503	4,503	5,000	5,500
TY Imp. from U.S.	10	10	20	20	0	898
Total Supply	13,507	13,507	16,698	16,698	14,511	15,041
MY Exports	238	238	118	118	100	100
TY Exports	224	224	109	109	100	100
Feed and Residual	400	400	800	800	800	700
FSI Consumption	8,600	8,600	9,000	9,000	9,400	9,400
Total Consumption	9,000	9,000	9,800	9,800	10,200	10,100
Ending Stocks	4,269	4,269	6,780	6,780	4,211	4,841
Total Distribution	13,507	13,507	16,698	16,698	14,511	15,041

Production, Supply and Demand:

Barley, Morocco (Areas in 1,000 HA and Quantities in 1,000 MT)

Barley	2014/2015		2015/2016		2016/2017	
Market Begin Year	Jul 2014		Jul 2015		Jul 2016	
Morocco	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Area Harvested	1,440	1,440	1,600	1,600	1,135	1,135
Beginning Stocks	975	975	371	371	1,238	1,238
Production	1,700	1,700	3,500	3,500	1,076	1,076
MY Imports	396	396	817	817	800	800
TY Imports	276	276	958	958	900	900
TY Imp. from U.S.	14	14	0	0	0	0
Total Supply	3,071	3,071	4,688	4,688	3,114	3,114
MY Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
TY Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feed and Residual	1,700	1,700	2,250	2,250	1,850	1,850
FSI Consumption	1,000	1,000	1,200	1,200	950	950
Total Consumption	2,700	2,700	3,450	3,450	2,800	2,800
Ending Stocks	371	371	1,238	1,238	314	314
Total Distribution	3,071	3,071	4,688	4,688	3,114	3,114

