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Grain and Feed Update

2016 Grain and Feed Update Report

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Report Highlights:

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Post:
Rabat

General Information:

For MY 2016/17, Post is lowering its estimates for wheat production from 3.7 to 2.8 million MT and barley production from 1 million MT to 0.9 million MT. The decline in total production is about 66 percent lower compared to the previous year due to the severe drought during the entire planting season. Post's estimate in March assumed a somewhat normal rainfall during the spring time (March-April) which was not the case in some key production areas Chaouia (Settat), Khouribga, Safi, El Jadida. As a result, most of the fields that were planted late (December/January), suffered dramatically from the lack of rain during the spring and were not able to yield any production, and many farmers converted to sunflower instead of soft wheat.

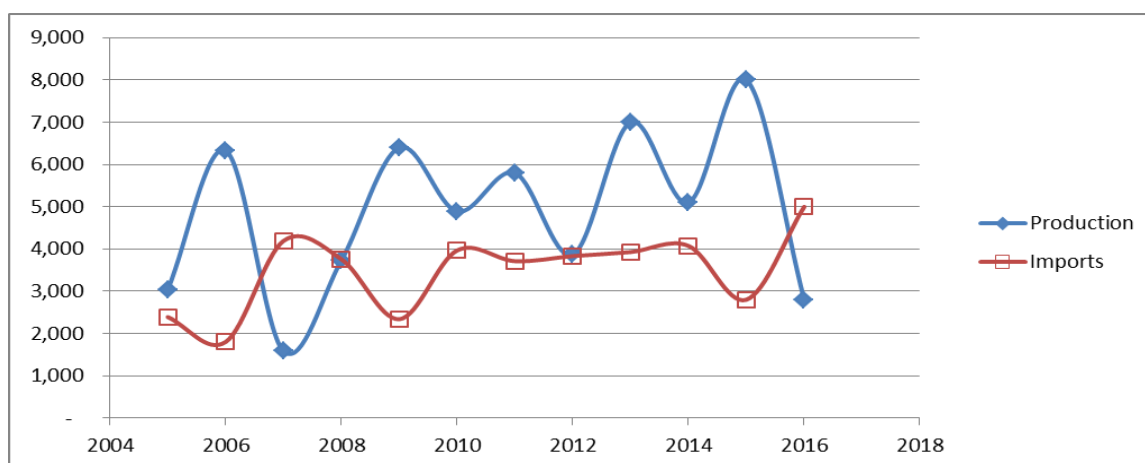
Official figures from the Ministry of Agriculture confirmed that wheat and barley productions are very low this year and are in fact the lowest since the MY2006/07. Inadequate rainfall during the planting season and the shortage of rain during the critical months of February and March accounts for most of the drop in the area planted and in production, especially in the central and southern parts of Morocco.

On January 2, 2016 the Government of Morocco launched an Anti- Drought Emergency Program by which the GOM makes subsidized barley available to farmers in hard hit areas at fixed prices of \$210 per MT. The Government will also support the transport of this commodity to remote areas.

On June 10, 2016 the Government of Morocco announced that it will raise the custom duty on soft wheat imports to 65 percent from 30 percent starting from June 15 to August 15, 2016. The aim is to stabilize prices at \$290-\$296 and ensure adequate supplies to the domestic market and protect the local harvest.

Imports of barley and other feed grains should be significantly higher this year because of generally poor pasture conditions and shortage of adequate feed grain supply. Morocco has some 17 million head of sheep, 6.2 million goats, and 3.2 million of cattle.

Figure 1: Morocco Wheat Production and Imports (2004-2016) in 1,000 MT.



Source: MOA, FAS- Rabat

**Production, Supply and Demand Data Statistics:
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	Old Post	New Post	USDA Official	Old Post	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Area Harvested	3,060	3,060	3,060	3,200	3,200	3,200	2,100	2,109
Beginning Stocks	4,321	4,185	4,321	4,269	4,235	4,269	7,069	7,069
Production	5,100	5,100	5,100	8,000	8,000	8,000	2,600	2,800
MY Imports	4,086	4,200	4,086	4,700	2,800	4,700	5,500	5,000
TY Imports	4,086	4,200	4,086	4,700	-	4,700	5,500	5,000
TY Imp. from U.S.	10	10	10	-	-	9	-	10
Total Supply	13,507	13,485	13,507	16,969	15,035	16,969	15,169	14,869
MY Exports	238	250	238	100	250	100	250	250
TY Exports	224	250	224	100	250	100	250	250
Feed and Residual	400	400	400	800	800	800	200	800
FSI Consumption	8,600	8,600	8,600	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,400	9,000
Total Consumption	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,800	9,800	9,800	9,600	9,800
Ending Stocks	4,269	4,235	4,269	7,069	4,985	7,069	5,319	4,819
Total Distribution	13,507	13,485	13,507	16,969	15,035	16,969	15,169	14,869
Yield	2	2	2	3	3	3	1	1

Production, Supply and Demand Data Statistics:

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	Old Post	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Area Harvested	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,600	1,600	1,135	1,135
Beginning Stocks	975	956	975	371	376	1,121	1,121
Production	1,700	1,700	1,700	3,500	3,495	1,017	900
MY Imports	396	400	400	650	650	700	700
TY Imports	276	400	300	700	700	500	700
TY Imp. from U.S.	14	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Supply	3,071	3,056	3,075	4,521	4,521	2,838	2,721
MY Exports	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TY Exports	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Feed and Residual	1,700	1,800	1,700	2,200	2,200	1,500	1,500
FSI Consumption	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,200	1,200	950	851
Total Consumption	2,700	2,800	2,700	3,400	3,400	2,450	2,351
Ending Stocks	371	256	376	1,121	1,121	388	370
Total Distribution	3,071	3,056	3,076	4,521	4,521	2,838	2,721
Yield	1	1	1	2	2	1	1
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