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Report Highlights:

Crop planting for the 2013 season has completed in Ukraine. As of May 31, 2013 there were about 8.2 million hectares sown with spring grains and legumes, 4.8 million hectares under corn for grain production, and 2.2 million hectares dedicated to spring barley. A total area of 16.2 million hectares in Ukraine is now planted under all grains and legumes. In the current marketing year as at June 1, 2013 Ukraine has exported 6.7 million metric tons of wheat, 12.7 million tons of corn, and 2.1 million tons of barley.

General Information:

Production:

According to the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine (MinAg), the spring planting campaign has finished. The spring crop sown area was reported as shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1. Area Planted Under Agricultural Crops in Ukraine for Harvest 2013

Crop	Area Planted, 1,000 ha				Change, 2013 to 2012	
	2013*	%	2012	%	Area, 1,000 ha	%
Wheat - winter (adjusted for winterkill)	6,337.5	23.0	5,552.0	20.2	785.5	14.1
Wheat - spring	152.0	0.6	239.0	0.9	-87.0	-36.4
Barley - winter (adjusted for winterkill)	1,075.4	3.9	704.9	2.6	370.5	52.6
Barley - spring	2,206.0	8.0	2,733.6	9.9	-527.6	-19.3
Corn	4,795.0	17.4	4,719.5	17.2	75.5	1.6
Rye (adjusted for winterkill)	291.5	1.1	301.3	1.1	-9.8	-3.3
Oats	260.0	0.9	311.5	1.1	-51.5	-16.5
Sorghum	142.0	0.5	170.1	0.6	-28.1	-16.5
Buckwheat	200.0	0.7	292.3	1.1	-92.3	-31.6
Other grains and legumes	434.0	1.6	540.3	2.0	-106.3	-19.7
Sub-total grains and legumes	15,883.4	57.6	15,564.5	56.6	318.9	2.1
Sugar Beets	306.0	1.1	458.4	1.7	-152.4	-33.2
Sunflower	4,089.0	14.8	5,194.1	18.9	-1,105.1	-21.3
Soybeans	1,367.0	5.0	1,476.4	5.4	-109.4	-7.4
Rapeseed (adjusted for winterkill)	988.0	3.6	566.0	2.1	422.0	74.6
Other crops (fodder, vegetables, etc.)	4,956.6	18.0	4,221.0	15.4	735.6	17.4
Total	27,600.0	100.0	27,480.4	100.0	119.6	0.4

Source: State Statistics Committee of Ukraine, * - Preliminary planting data, Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine

Trade:

Exports of grains have been going fine in May 2013 with shipments being mostly of corn, 728,600 metric tons (MT), and wheat at 156,000 MT. Since the beginning of the current marketing year, according to MinAg, Ukraine has exported almost 12.73 million metric tons (MMT) of corn, 6.7 MMT of wheat, and 2.1 MMT of barley.