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Report Highlights:

According to the Indian Ministry of Agriculture's progressive planting report, area planted to rapeseed, peanut, and sunflower decreased 4 percent to 8.2 million hectares, with the sunflower and rapeseed/mustard crop accounting for most of the decline. The edible oil import forecast for 2009/10 is revised upwards to 8.6 million tons. During first five months of 2009/10, the total sales commitment of U.S. origin soy oil to India was 108,300 tons which is almost 25 percent of total Indian soy oil imported to date. The oil meal export forecast for 2009/10 (which includes mostly soybean and rapeseed meal) is revised down by 1.1 million tons to 3.1 million tons due to weak export demand.

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RABI OILSEED PLANTING AREA DOWN 4 PERCENT

According to the Agriculture Ministry's progressive planting report ^[1] for the week ending February 25, 2010, area planted to *rabi* (winter) season oilseeds, which includes mostly rapeseed, peanut, and sunflower, planting area was down by 4 percent to 8.2 million hectares, with most of the decline confined to sunflower and rapeseed/mustard crop.

An estimated 6.4 million hectares area was planted to rapeseed-mustard; which is down 0.2 million hectares over last year. Poor soil moisture conditions and higher temperatures led to declines in area planted to rapeseed-mustard in Rajasthan, Gujarat and Haryana, while higher planting in Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat had moderately compensated for the loss. Based on initial crop assessment, the rapeseed-mustard production for MY ^[2] 2009/10 is estimated at 6.4 million tons; down 0.3 million tons over last year.

Area planted to sunflower was also down 23 percent at 856,000 hectares mostly due to shift in acreage to winter grown cereals, pulses and other remunerative crops. Consequently, planting area and production of sunflower oilseed in 2009/10 is revised down to 1.4 million hectares and 820,000 tons respectively.

The winter sown peanut area was up 15 percent at 931,000 hectares as south and east Indian states reported higher planting for peanuts. Based on preliminary estimates, peanut area in 2009/10 is estimated at 5.3 million tons, significantly down by 1.1 million hectares over last year. Lower planting in kharif season attributed to net decline in total peanut area. Consequently the total peanut production in 2009/10 has been revised down by 150,000 tons to 4.9 million tons.

EDIBLE OIL IMPORT FORECAST REVISED UP

The edible oil import forecast for 2009/10 is revised up 700,000 tons to 8.6 million tons. The import forecast includes 6.95 million tons of palm oils, 1 million tons of soy oil, 600,000 tons of sunflower oil and 40,000 tons of other edible oils. Given the decline in domestic availability of edible oil in 2009/10 and diminishing margins in crushing oilseeds, there is an increasing dependence on imported oils for filling domestic consumption demand.

Taking advantage of the lower international prices of vegetable oils (See Chart 1), private traders continued to buy large quantities of vegetable oils in recent months. Total edible oil imports during the first five months of 2009/10 were marginally down (Table 1) at 3.6 million tons. During the same time period, the total sales commitment of U.S. origin soy oil to India was 108,300 tons which is almost 25 percent of total soy oil imported to date. Importer interest is expected to continue, especially in light of the zero import duty on crude edible oils. However, in view of the anticipated record soybean crop production in South America, there may be interest in importing soybean oil from other origins besides United States.

Table 1: Edible Oil Imports (1000 Metric tons)

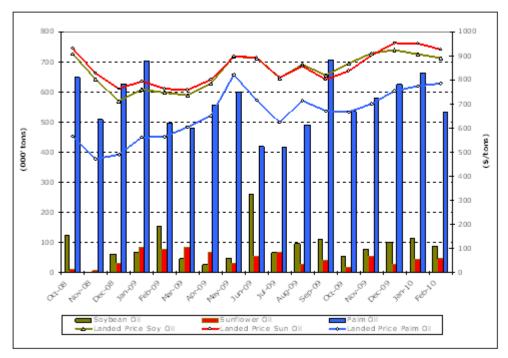
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	Oct-09	Nov-09	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Oct 09-		%
						Sep- 10	Sep- 09	Change
RBD palm-olein	88	113	138	132	131	601	664	10
Crude palm oil	441	450	477	513	388	2,269	2,284	1
Crude palm olein	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	-
Crude Palm kernel	8	11	10	18	14	62	34	84
oil								
Total palm oil	536	578	625	663	533	2,935	2,982	2
Crude soybean oil	56	78	100	114	88	437	407	7
Refined soybean oil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total soy oil	56	78	100	114	88	437	407	7
Crude sun oil	18	56	27	45	47	193	213	9
Refined sun oil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total sun oil	18	56	27	45	47	193	213	9
Canola Rape oil	4	0	6	5	3	18	2	0
Cottonseed Oil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coconut oil	0	1	3	0	0	5	7	33
Grand Total	615	713	762	827	671	3,588	3,612	1

Source: Solvent Extractors' Association of India

Chart 1: Imports and Landed price of Crude Soy, Sunflower and Palm Oil (\$/metric ton)

^[1] http://agricoop.nic.in/ncfcweather/ncfcasFeb-19-2010.pdf

^[2] MY stands for marketing year unless otherwise stated



Source: Solvent Extractors' Association of India

Policy Development

The government of India has now extended the subsidized distribution of edible oil program up to October 31, 2010 due to poor response from states. The program which was started last year was expected to lapse in March 2010. The program (see GAIN report IN9020) provides for distribution of 1 million tons of imported edible oils at a subsidy of Rs 15 per kg through state government's public distribution system (PDS). According to unofficial sources, only few State Governments have started distribution of edible oils under the Scheme.

Oilmeal Exports

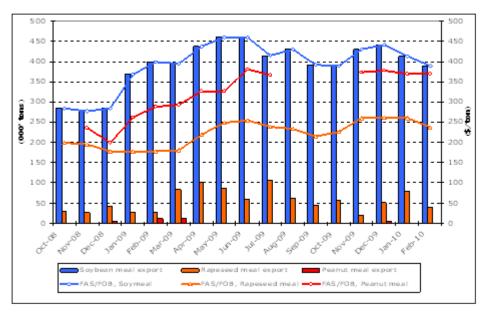
The total oil meal export forecast for 2009/10 (which includes mostly soybean and rapeseed meal) is revised down by 1.1 million tons to 3.1 million tons. The export forecast includes 2.3 million tons of soymeal, 750,000 tons of rapeseed meal and 26,000 tons of other oilmeals. Weak export demand, lower crushing, rise in disparity and depreciation of U.S. dollar vis-à-vis Indian Rupee are likely to keep down the exports of oilmeals. Total oil meal exports during first five months of 2009/10 were down 30 percent at 1.8 million tons (Table 2). Rapeseed meal exports were up 63 percent due to relatively lower prices in overseas markets (Chart 2).

Table 2: Oilmeal Exports (Metric tons)

	Soybean	Rapeseed	Peanut	Rice bran	Sunflower	Castor meal	Total

	meal	meal	meal	meal	meal		
Oct-09	219,721	57,845	0	2,400	0	29,920	309,886
Nov-09	297,340	20,326	0	5,875	0	23,318	346,859
Dec-10	328,225	51,402	5,500	9,443	0	1,093	395,663
Jan-10	240,318	79,961	0	19,500	0	44,784	384,563
Feb-10	220,552	39,756	0	12,687	0	56,453	329,448
Oct 09- Sep-10	1,306,156	249,290	5,500	49,905	0	155,568	1,766,419
Oct 08- Sep-09	2,288,346	153,209	16,448	14,503	0	66,269	2,538,775
% Change	-43	63	-67	244	ı	135	-30

Chart 2: International Prices of Oilmeals and Exports



Source: SEA and Industry

Note: Peanut FAS/FOB not quoted for Aug-09, Sept-09 and Oct-09

Table 3: Commodity, Oilseed, Rapeseed, PSD

Oilseed, Rapeseed	2007				2008			2009		
India		2007/2008			2008/2009	9		2009/2010)	
	Market	t Year Begin:	Oct 2007	Market	Year Begin	: Oct 2008	Market `	Year Begin	Oct 2009	
	USDA O	fficial Data	New Post	USDA Of	ficial Data	New Post	USDA Off	icial Data	Jan	
			Data			Data			Data	
Area Planted	6,100	5,800	5,800	6,800	6,588	6,660	6,800	7,000	6,440	(1000 HA)
Area Harvested	5,700	5,700	5,700	6,600	6,588	6,660	6,500	7,000	6,450	(1000 HA)
Beginning Stocks	495	495	495	100	117	117	976	545	1,645	(1000 MT)
Production	5,450	5,450	5,450	7,000	6,700	6,700	6,600	7,100	6,400	(1000 MT)
MY Imports	25	25	25	20	20	20	20	20	20	(1000 MT)
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
MY Imp. from EU	0	0 0 0			0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Total Supply	5,970				6,837	6,837	7,596	7,665	8,065	(1000 MT)

MY Exports	4	3	3	4	2	2	5	2	2	(1000 MT)
MY Exp. to EU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Crush	5,212	5,200	5,200	5,450	5,600	4,500	6,200	6,290	5,500	(1000 MT)
Food Use Dom. Cons.	459	450	450	480	480	480	530	535	560	(1000 MT)
Feed Waste Dom. Cons.	195	200	200	210	210	210	231	230	240	(1000 MT)
Total Dom. Cons.	5,866	5,850	5,850	6,140	6,290	5,190	6,961	7,055	6,300	(1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	100	117	117	976	545	1,645	630	608	1,763	(1000 MT)
Total Distribution	5,970	5,970	5,970	7,120	6,837	6,837	7,596	7,665	8,065	(1000 MT)
CY Imports	11	15	15	10	15	15	10	10	20	(1000 MT)
CY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
CY Exports	3	2	2	4	0	0	4	0	0	(1000 MT)
CY Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
TS=TD			0			0			0	

Table 4: Commodity, Meal, Rapeseed, PSD

Meal,	2007				2008			2009		
Rapeseed India		2007/2008	₹		2008/200	9	,	2009/2010		
	Market Y	ear Begin	: Oct 2007	Market	Year Begii	n: Oct 2008	Market Yo	ear Begin: (Oct 2009	
	USDA (Official	New Post	USDA Off	icial Data	New Post	USDA Offi	cial Data	Jan	
	Da	ta								
			Data			Data			Data	
Crush	5,212	5,200	5,200	5,450	5,600	4,500	6,200	6,290	5,500	(1000 MT)
Extr. Rate, 999.9999	1.	1.	0.5962	1.	1.	0.5964	1.	1.	0.5976	(PERCENT)
Beginning Stocks	25	50	50	12	27	27	223	167	62	(1000 MT)
Production	3,120	3,100	3,100	3,260	3,340	2,684	3,709	3,760	3,287	(1000 MT)
MY Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
MY Imp. from EU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Total Supply	3,145	3,150	3,150	3,272	3,367	2,711	3,932	3,927	3,349	(1000 MT)
MY Exports	1,143	1,143	1,143	699	600	699	800	1,000	740	(1000 MT)
MY Exp. to EU	26	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	(1000 MT)
Industrial Dom. Cons.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Food Use Dom. Cons.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Feed Waste Dom.	1,990	1,980	1,980	2,350	2,600	1,950	2,920	2,700	2,550	(1000 MT)
Cons.										
Total Dom. Cons.	1,990	1,980	1,980	2,350	2,600	1,950	2,920	2,700	2,550	(1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	12	27	27	223	167	62	212	227	59	(1000 MT)
Total Distribution	3,145	3,150	3,150	3,272	3,367	2,711	3,932	3,927	3,349	(1000 MT)
CY Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
CY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
CY Exports	1,038	912	912	730	1,037	1,038	900	850	734	(1000 MT)
CY Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
SME	1,416	1,409	1,409	1,672	1,850	1,387	2,078	1,921	1,814	(1000 MT)
TS=TD			0			0			0	

Table 5: Commodity, Oil, Rapeseed, PSD

Oil, Rapeseed	2007				2008			2009		
India		2007/200	8	2008/2009 2009/2 007 Market Year Begin: Oct 2008 Market Year Be						
				7 Market Year Begin: Oct 2008			Market	Year Begin:	Oct 2009	
		Official ata	New Post	USDA Of	ficial Data	New Post	USDA O	fficial Data		
			Data			Data	Data			
Crush	5,212	5,200	5,200	5,450	5,600	4,500	6,200 6,290 5,500			(1000 MT)
Extr. Rate, 999.9999	0.	0.	0.3763	0.	0.	0.3778	0. 0. 0.3818			(PERCENT)
Beginning Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	0	44 0 0			(1000 MT)

Production	1,968	1,957	1,957	2,058	2,120	1,700	2,341	2,368	2,100	(1000 MT)
MY Imports	0	0	0	42	0	42	23	0	20	(1000 MT)
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
MY Imp. from EU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Total Supply	1,968	1,957	1,957	2,100	2,120	1,742	2,408	2,368	2,120	(1000 MT)
MY Exports	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	(1000 MT)
MY Exp. to EU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Industrial Dom. Cons.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Food Use Dom. Cons.	1,967	1,957	1,957	2,055	2,120	1,742	2,352	2,367	2,119	(1000 MT)
Feed Waste Dom. Cons.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Total Dom. Cons.	1,967	1,957	1,957	2,055	2,120	1,742	2,352	2,367	2,119	(1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	0	0	0	44	0	0	55	0	0	(1000 MT)
Total Distribution	1,968	1,957	1,957	2,100	2,120	1,742	2,408	2,368	2,120	(1000 MT)
CY Imports	0	0	0	50	0	0	25	0	45	(1000 MT)
CY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
CY Exports	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	(1000 MT)
CY Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
TS=TD			0			0			0	

Table 6: Commodity, Oilseed, Peanut, PSD

Oilseed, Peanut India		200'	7		2008			2009		
		2007/2	008		2008/2009			2009/2010)	
	Market	Year Be	gin: Oct 2007	Market Y	ear Begin	: Oct 2008	Market	Year Begin	Jun 2009	
	USDA Official Data		New Post	USDA Official Data		New Post	USDA Of	ficial Data	Jan	
			Data			Data			Data	
Area Planted	6,500	6,700	6,700	6,850	6,400	6,400	6,600	5,100	5,350	(1000 HA)
Area Harvested	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,400	6,400	6,400	5,200	5,100	5,350	(1000 HA)
Beginning Stocks	74	24	24	104	54	54	124	164	164	(1000 MT)
Production	6,800	6,800	6,800	6,250	6,250	6,250	5,000	5,050	4,900	(1000 MT)
MY Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
MY Imp. from EU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Total Supply	6,874	6,824	6,824	6,354	6,304	6,304	5,124	5,214	5,064	(1000 MT)
MY Exports	340	340	340	300	200	200	190	260	260	(1000 MT)
MY Exp. to EU	6	5	5	0	0	0	0	5	5	(1000 MT)
Crush	5,040	5,040	5,040	4,650	4,650	4,650	3,770	3,840	3,725	(1000 MT)
Food Use Dom. Cons.	670	670	670	630	650	650	600	485	470	(1000 MT)
Feed Waste Dom. Cons.	720	720	720	650	640	640	510	550	530	(1000 MT)
Total Dom. Cons.	6,430	6,430	6,430	5,930	5,940	5,940	4,880	4,875	4,725	(1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	104	54	54	124	164	164	54	79	79	(1000 MT)
Total Distribution	6,874	6,824	6,824	6,354	6,304	6,304	5,124	5,214	5,064	(1000 MT)
CY Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
CY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
CY Exports	441	260	260	300	220	220	250	240	240	(1000 MT)
CY Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
TS=TD			0	_		0	_		0	

Table 7: Commodity, Meal, Peanut, PSD

Meal, Peanut India		2007			2008			2009		
India		2007/2008 Market Year Begin: Oct			2008/2009	9		2009/2010		
	Marke	Market Year Begin: Oct 2007			Market Year Begin: Oct 2008			t Year Begin:		
					USDA Official Data New Post			Official Data	Jan	
		Data				Data			Data	
Crush	5,040	5,040 5,040 5,040		4,650	4,650	4,650	3,770	3,840	3,725	(1000 MT)

Extr. Rate, 999.9999	0.	0.	0.3919	0.	0.	0.3914	0.	0.	0.3893	(PERCENT)
Beginning Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Production	1,973	1,975	1,975	1,820	1,820	1,820	1,475	1,500	1,450	(1000 MT)
MY Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
MY Imp. from EU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Total Supply	1,973	1,975	1,975	1,820	1,820	1,820	1,475	1,500	1,450	(1000 MT)
MY Exports	97	97	97	90	28	28	75	25	25	(1000 MT)
MY Exp. to EU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Industrial Dom. Cons.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Food Use Dom. Cons.	5	8	8	5	5	5	0	5	5	(1000 MT)
Feed Waste Dom. Cons.	1,871	1,870	1,870	1,725	1,787	1,787	1,400	1,470	1,420	(1000 MT)
Total Dom. Cons.	1,876	1,878	1,878	1,730	1,792	1,792	1,400	1,475	1,425	(1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Total Distribution	1,973	1,975	1,975	1,820	1,820	1,820	1,475	1,500	1,450	(1000 MT)
CY Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
CY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
CY Exports	100	54	54	85	79	79	75	50	45	(1000 MT)
CY Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
SME	2,109	2,111	2,111	1,945	2,014	2,014	1,574	1,658	1,602	(1000 MT)
TS=TD			0			0			0	

Table 8: Commodity, Oil, Peanut, PSD

Oil, Peanut		2007			2008			2009		
India		2007/20	008		2008/20	009		2009/201	0	
	Marke	et Year E 2007	Begin: Oct	Market	Year Beg	in: Oct 2008	Mark	et Year Begin	: Jun 2009	
	0.0-1-	Official ata	New Post		Official ata	New Post	USDA Official Data		Jan	
			Data			Data			Data	
Crush	5,040	5,040	5,040	4,650	4,650	4,650	3,770	3,840	3,725	(1000 MT)
Extr. Rate, 999.9999	0.	0.	0.3323	0.	0.	0.3355	0.	0.	0.3356	(PERCENT)
Beginning Stocks	12	15	15	45	45	45	135	65	65	(1000 MT)
Production	1,675	1,675	1,675	1,545	1,560	1,560	1,255	1,290	1,250	(1000 MT)
MY Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
MY Imp. from EU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Total Supply	1,687	1,690	1,690	1,590	1,605	1,605	1,390	1,355	1,315	(1000 MT)
MY Exports	30	30	30	30	30	30	20	0	0	(1000 MT)
MY Exp. to EU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Industrial Dom. Cons.	15	15	15	15	10	10	15	12	10	(1000 MT)
Food Use Dom. Cons.	1,597	1,600	1,600	1,410	1,500	1,500	1,345	1,280	1,242	(1000 MT)
Feed Waste Dom. Cons.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Total Dom. Cons.	1,612	1,615	1,615	1,425	1,510	1,510	1,360	1,292	1,252	(1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	45	45	45	135	65	65	10	63	63	(1000 MT)
Total Distribution	1,687	1,690	1,690	1,590	1,605	1,605	1,390	1,355	1,315	(1000 MT)
CY Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
CY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
CY Exports	20	0	0	35	0	0	20	0	0	(1000 MT)
CY Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
TS=TD			0			0			0	

Table 9: Commodity, Oil, Palm, PSD

	2007			2008			2009				
Oil, Palm India	2007/2008			2008/2009			2009/2010				
	Market Year Begin: Oct 2007			Market Year Begin: Oct 2008			Market Year Begin: Oct 2009				
	USDA Official Data		New Post	USDA Officia			USDA Official Data		Jan		
			Data			Data			Data		
Area Planted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 HA)	
Area Harves ted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 HA)	
Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 TREES)	
Beginning Stocks	47	100	100	47	123	123	489	1,185	1,185	(1000 MT)	
Production	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	(1000 MT)	
MY Imports	5,015	4,558	4,558	6,867	6,647	6,647	6,650	6,400	6,600	(1000 MT)	
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)	
MY Imp. from EU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)	
Total Supply	5,112	4,708	4,708	6,964	6,820	6,820	7,189	7,635	7,835	(1000 MT)	
MY Exports	0	5	5	0	5	5	0	0	0	(1000 MT)	
MY Exp. to EU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)	
Industrial Dom. Cors.	480	180	180	325	230	230	350	240	240	(1000 MT)	
Food Use Dom. Cons.	4,585	4,400	4,400	6,150	5,400	5,400	6,450	6,400	6,600	(1000MT)	
Feed Waste Dom. Cons.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)	
Total Dom. Cons.	5,065	4,580	4,580	6,475	5,630	5,630	6,800	6,640	6,840	(1000MT)	
Ending Stocks	47	123	123	489	1,185	1,185	389	995	995	(1000 MT)	
Total Distribution	5,112	4,708	4,708	6,964	6,820	6,820	7,189	7,635	7,835	(1000 MT)	
CY Imports	5,740	3,265	3,265	6,767	4,800	4,800	6,650	4,800	4,800	(1000 MT)	
CY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)	
CY Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)	
CY Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)	
TZ=TD			0			0			0		