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Report Highlights:

In late October, Ethiopia announced another tender for 400,000 metric tons of milling wheat. An equal-sized tender was issued earlier in the month. Bids are due by November 28 and delivery is expected early next year. Based on past experience, Post expects most of this wheat will be sourced from the Black Sea region.

Ethiopia Announces New Tender for 400,000 Metric Tons of Wheat:

In late October, [the Government of Ethiopia \(GOE\) issued a tender for 400,000 metric tons of milling wheat to be used in the government's bread subsidy program](#). The original tender publication was for 200,000 metric tons of milling wheat, but this amount was subsequently increased to 400,000 metric tons. This new amount is evenly divided in four separate lots of 100,000 metric tons. Bids are due by November 28 and delivery is expected early next year. Like most GOE wheat purchases in the past, this wheat will likely be sourced from the Black Sea region since it is generally the least expensive on the international market.

This latest announcement comes on the heels of a separate [government tender in early October for 400,000 metric tons of wheat for food relief purposes](#). According to local press reports, several offers are under consideration, with the offers ranging from a low of \$278 to a high \$302 per metric ton.

As of late October, Ethiopia had imported around 850,000 metric tons of wheat this year, based on Port of Djibouti shipping data. This amount includes at least 150,000 metric tons of U.S. wheat food aid, valued at nearly \$28 million.¹

¹ Official US export statistics for the period January through September 2017.