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## **Algeria**

### **Grain and Feed Update**

#### **Wheat update**

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**Report Highlights:**

Algeria 2011 grain production reached 4.245 million MT down 7 percent from 2009/2010 harvest.

**Post:**  
Algiers

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**Crop situation:**

According to the final statement of the ministry of agriculture, 2011 grain production reached 4.245 million MT down 7 percent from 2009/2010 harvest. This production was good in the Eastern region and the South but below average in the Western region due to the drought that affected this area.

However, some wilaya (states) from this region achieved good yields (over 5.0 MT per hectare) despite drought through supplemental irrigation that farmers have done.

Setif, Oum El Bouaghi, Souk Ahras, Tiaret, Guelma and Batna in the Eastern region and Bouira wilaya in the Center region, alone accounted for almost 41 percent of the domestic production.

**Trade**

Customs imports data in the table below show that Algeria imported 3.96 million tons of wheat in the first six months of CY2011, 3.06 million MT of bread wheat and 904,700 MT of durum. Algeria continues to import wheat regularly to remedy the decline in the domestic production and to build stocks to meet the need. Imports of milling wheat or bread wheat are larger than durum, as domestic bread wheat production is lower compared to durum production.

France still controls the largest share of Algeria's total wheat market (74 percent) and remains the number one supplier for wheat (both bread wheat and durum) to Algeria.

U.S. suppliers remain less competitive in this market on price due to the absence of direct shipping lines between the U.S. and North Africa.

**Table- Algeria wheat imports comparison  
(January-June CY2010-CY2011 in MT)**

Origin	Jan-Jun CY 2010			Jan-Jun CY2011		
	Durum	Bread Wheat	Total	Durum	Bread Wheat	Total
France	365458	1825357	2190815	802126	2154578	2956704
Canada	354171	0	354171	0	0	0
U.S.	<b>152781</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>152781</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26700</b>	<b>26700</b>
Germany	0	67486	67486	0	26250	26250
Mexico	41493	0	41493	26250	0	26250
Ukraine	0	8962	8962	0	0	0
Sweden	0	6900	6900	0	0	0
Finland	0	26939	26939	0	0	0
Lebanon	0	13	13	0	0	0
Brazil	0	0	0	0	675097	675097
Spain	4100	0	4100	23982	0	23982

<b>Paraguay</b>	0	0	0	0	26101	26101
<b>Italy</b>	3600	0	3600	52441	0	52441
<b>Greece</b>	33412	0	33412	0	0	0
<b>Australia</b>	33000	0	33000	0	0	0
<b>Turkey</b>	5250	0	5250	0	0	0
<b>Russia</b>	3005	0	3005	0	0	0
<b>Argentina</b>	0	0	0	0	78500	78500
<b>Others</b>	-	-	-	-	77733	77733
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>996270</b>	<b>1935657</b>	<b>2931927</b>	<b>904799</b>	<b>3064959</b>	<b>3969758</b>

Source: Algeria Official trade data