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Oilseeds and Products Update

September Lock-up Report

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Report Highlights:

Soybean area for MY2011/12 is reduced to 19 million hectares indicating only a slight increase of about 3 percent from the previous year as more land is expected to be planted with corn. Soybean exports for MY2010/11 are bumped up by 2.2 MMT to 11.5 MMT due to the strong pace during the first six months of the year. Due to a sunflowerseed harvest with record yields and higher production than expected sunflower crush for 2010/11 is adjusted upward by 350,000 MT to 3.4 MMT. Peanut production is reduced for MY 2010/11 but area is expanded to 300,000 hectares for MY2011/12.

Post:

Buenos Aires

Commodities:

Oilseed, Soybean

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Oil, Peanut

Author Defined:**Soybeans:**

Soybean planting for the marketing year (MY) 2011/12 has not begun yet. Sources indicate that planting will begin towards the end of October if there is sufficient rainfall to maintain adequate soil moisture. Post reduces the estimate for area planted to 19 million hectares with a production of 51 million metric tons (MMT). Corn area is expected to go up nearly 10 percent due to high prices and the need to rotate soybean fields to replace nutrients. This will compete with soybean expansion. However, there is still the lingering threat of another la niña year with hot, dry weather, so producers could decide at the last minute to plant soy as it is the most stable commodity. Area is likely to increase by a slight 3 percent from marketing year 2010/11.

For MY2010/11, FAS Buenos Aires maintains its final production estimate at 49 MMT. Soybean exports for the same year are very strong with 5.3 MMT shipped April 2011 through July 2011 with 4.2 MMT more expected to be shipped by the first week of October based on official port data from the Ministry of Agriculture. This is already higher than the official USDA export estimate of 9.3 MMT. Argentina traditionally exports about 80 percent of its soybeans during the first 6 months of the marketing year. At this pace, FAS Buenos Aires bumps the export estimate to 11.5 MMT (an increase of 2.2 MMT from the official USDA estimate).

Sunflowerseed:

Sunflowerseed planting has begun for MY2011/12 with nearly 17 percent of the total intended area planted in the provinces of Santa Fe, Entre Rios, Chaco and San Luis (see planting progress table below). The soil moisture is adequate for continued planting and the majority of the seedlings are in good condition at the 2 to 6 leaf stage. FAS Buenos Aires estimates total area to be planted at 1,740,000 hectares based on official data from the Ministry of Agriculture.

Planting Progress, September 22, 2011						
Sunflowerseed						
Province	Local Marketing Year				Area Planted From:	
	10/11	11/12	10/11	11/12	9/15/11	9/22/11
	Percentage		Hectares		Percentage	
Buenos Aires	0	0	-	-	0	0
Córdoba	0	0	-	-	0	0
Entre Ríos	53	38	9,268	3,440	28	38
La Pampa	0	0	-	-	0	0
Santa Fe	78	78	135,2500	136,430	58	78
Other	27	57	67,392	157,470	52	57
Total	17%	17%	211,900	297,340	14%	17%
Source: MAGyP, Weekly Report, 9/22/2011						

Area for MY 2010/11 is adjusted to 1,700,000 ha, while production is bumped to 3.56 million metric tons. Last year was an exceptional year for sunflowers with average yields reaching a record of 2.1 kg/ha. Likewise, crush is raised to 3.4 MMT to compensate for the higher than expected harvest numbers. Official numbers from the Ministry of Agriculture indicate that over 2.1 MMT has already been crushed during the first six months of the marketing year (March through August). Meal and oil are also adjusted with most of the extra supply expected to go towards exports.

Peanuts:

Like the last marketing year, this year everyone will be watching the weather hoping for adequate rainfall. Next week, there are forecasts for rainfall in Cordoba's main peanut producing area. Contacts indicate that planting will begin the second week of October. Post estimates that 300,000 ha will be planted. If more land was available for peanut production, the estimate may even be higher. However, it is very difficult to rent land that has not been used for peanut production in years past. Soy still has the highest margins and many producers prefer to produce soy over any other commodity despite the fact that peanut prices are high and the U.S. crop is stressed. Based on historic average yields, production is forecast at 1.1 million metric tons (up 200,000 tons from the USDA official estimate). Exports will be bumped up to 800,000 tons and crush will go up to 250,000 based on the higher production estimate.

Production for MY2010/11 is adjusted downward to 736,000 tons based on final official numbers from the

Ministry of Agriculture (down from the USDA official estimate of 1 MMT). The final area harvested was estimated at 265,000 hectares and yields were slightly below average due to weather complications.

For MY2010/11, crush is cut in half to 100,000 tons. Official data from the Ministry of Agriculture shows a total of 39,212 tons crushed during the first six months of the marketing year. Since crush is historically fairly even throughout the year, it is highly unlikely that 160,000 tons will be crushed in the last six months of the marketing year. Meal and oil production are adjusted accordingly. Most oil is exported and meal is used for residual feeding.

Oilseed, Soybean (Local) Argentina	2009/2010		2010/2011		2011/2012	
	Market Year Begin: Apr 2010		Market Year Begin: Apr 2011		Market Year Begin: Apr 2012	
	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Area Planted	18,800	18,800	18,300	18,300	19,300	19,000
Area Harvested	18,600	18,600	18,300	18,300	19,300	19,000
Beginning Stocks	4,495	4,298	4,507	4,307	4,242	1,832
Production	54,500	54,500	49,000	49,000	53,000	51,000
MY Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from EU	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply	58,995	58,798	53,507	53,307	57,242	52,832
MY Exports	13,701	13,701	9,300	11,500	11,315	11,000
MY Exp. to EU	112	112	65	65	100	100
Crush	39,190	39,190	38,325	38,325	40,150	40,150
Food Use Dom. Cons.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feed Waste Dom. Cons.	1,597	1,600	1,640	1,650	1,650	1,650
Total Dom. Cons.	40,787	40,790	39,965	39,975	41,800	41,800
Ending Stocks	4,507	4,307	4,242	1,832	4,127	32
Total Distribution	58,995	58,798	53,507	53,307	57,242	52,832
1000 HA, 1000 MT						

Meal, Soybean (Local) Argentina	2009/2010		2010/2011		2011/2012	
	Market Year Begin: Apr 2010		Market Year Begin: Apr 2011		Market Year Begin: Apr 2012	
	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Crush	39,190	39,190	38,325	38,325	40,150	40,150
Extr. Rate, 999.9999	1	1	1	1	1	1
Beginning Stocks	1,123	1,486	2,528	2,891	2,836	3,199
Production	30,489	30,489	29,900	29,900	31,320	31,320
MY Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from EU	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply	31,612	31,975	32,428	32,791	34,156	34,519
MY Exports	28,384	28,384	28,865	28,865	30,320	31,000
MY Exp. to EU	14,700	14,700	14,850	14,850	15,000	15,000
Industrial Dom. Cons.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food Use Dom. Cons.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feed Waste Dom. Cons.	700	700	727	727	743	750
Total Dom. Cons.	700	700	727	727	743	750
Ending Stocks	2,528	2,891	2,836	3,199	3,093	2,769
Total Distribution	31,612	31,975	32,428	32,791	34,156	34,519
1000 MT, PERCENT						

Oil, Soybean (Local) Argentina	2009/2010		2010/2011		2011/2012	
	Market Year Begin: Apr 2010		Market Year Begin: Apr 2011		Market Year Begin: Apr 2012	
	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Crush	39,190	39,190	38,325	38,325	40,150	40,150
Extr. Rate, 999.9999	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Stocks	155	155	206	206	175	206
Production	7,459	7,459	7,285	7,285	7,633	7,633
MY Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from EU	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply	7,614	7,614	7,491	7,491	7,808	7,839
MY Exports	5,180	5,180	5,000	5,000	5,110	5,110
MY Exp. to EU	388	388	425	425	435	435
Industrial Dom. Cons.	1,850	1,850	1,930	1,900	2,133	2,133
Food Use Dom. Cons.	378	378	386	385	390	390
Feed Waste Dom. Cons.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Dom. Cons.	2,228	2,228	2,316	2,285	2,523	2,523
Ending Stocks	206	206	175	206	175	206
Total Distribution	7,614	7,614	7,491	7,491	7,808	7,839
1000 MT, PERCENT						

Oilseed, Sunflowerseed Argentina	2009/2010		2010/2011		2011/2012	
	Market Year Begin: Mar 2010		Market Year Begin: Mar 2011		Market Year Begin: May 2011	
	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Area Planted	1,500	1,543	1,695	1,700	1,650	1,740
Area Harvested	1,488	1,489	1,695	1,700	1,650	1,740
Beginning Stocks	812	812	242	162	650	227
Production	2,300	2,220	3,560	3,560	2,800	2,950
MY Imports	19	19	20	20	20	20
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from EU	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply	3,131	3,051	3,822	3,742	3,470	3,197
MY Exports	70	70	65	65	65	65
MY Exp. to EU	20	20	20	20	20	20
Crush	2,769	2,769	3,050	3,400	3,050	3,050
Food Use Dom. Cons.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feed Waste Dom. Cons.	50	50	57	50	53	50
Total Dom. Cons.	2,819	2,819	3,107	3,450	3,103	3,100
Ending Stocks	242	162	650	227	302	32
Total Distribution	3,131	3,051	3,822	3,742	3,470	3,197
1000 HA, 1000 MT						

Meal, Sunflowerseed Argentina	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012
	Market Year Begin: Mar 2010	Market Year Begin: Mar 2011	Market Year Begin: May 2011

	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Crush	2,769	2,769	3,050	3,400	3,050	3,050
Extr. Rate, 999.9999	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Stocks	215	215	227	227	244	237
Production	1,218	1,218	1,322	1,480	1,287	1,287
MY Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from EU	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply	1,433	1,433	1,549	1,707	1,531	1,524
MY Exports	586	586	685	850	665	665
MY Exp. to EU	450	450	500	500	500	500
Industrial Dom. Cons.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food Use Dom. Cons.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feed Waste Dom. Cons.	620	620	620	620	620	620
Total Dom. Cons.	620	620	620	620	620	620
Ending Stocks	227	227	244	237	246	239
Total Distribution	1,433	1,433	1,549	1,707	1,531	1,524
1000 MT, PERCENT						

Oil, Sunflowerseed Argentina	2009/2010		2010/2011		2011/2012	
	Market Year Begin: Mar 2010		Market Year Begin: Mar 2011		Market Year Begin: Mar 2012	
	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Crush	2,769	2,769	3,050	3,400	3,050	3,050
Extr. Rate, 999.9999	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Stocks	281	281	447	438	347	331
Production	1,146	1,146	1,257	1,400	1,258	1,258
MY Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from EU	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply	1,427	1,427	1,704	1,838	1,605	1,589
MY Exports	578	587	950	1,100	950	950
MY Exp. to EU	180	180	270	270	270	270
Industrial Dom. Cons.	2	2	2	2	2	2
Food Use Dom. Cons.	385	385	390	390	395	395
Feed Waste Dom. Cons.	15	15	15	15	15	15
Total Dom. Cons.	402	402	407	407	412	412
Ending Stocks	447	438	347	331	243	227
Total Distribution	1,427	1,427	1,704	1,838	1,605	1,589
1000 MT, PERCENT						

Oilseed, Peanut Argentina	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012
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	Market Year Begin: Mar 2010		Market Year Begin: Mar 2011		Market Year Begin: Mar 2012	
	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Area Planted	220	220	280	265	265	300
Area Harvested	220	220	280	265	265	300
Beginning Stocks	66	66	61	86	177	38
Production	836	836	1,000	736	900	1,100
MY Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from EU	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply	902	902	1,061	822	1,077	1,138
MY Exports	652	652	660	660	695	800
MY Exp. to EU	380	380	400	400	400	400
Crush	165	140	200	100	200	250
Food Use Dom. Cons.	9	9	9	9	9	9
Feed Waste Dom. Cons.	15	15	15	15	15	15
Total Dom. Cons.	189	164	224	124	224	274
Ending Stocks	61	86	177	38	158	64
Total Distribution	902	902	1,061	822	1,077	1,138
1000 HA, 1000 MT						

Meal, Peanut Argentina	2009/2010		2010/2011		2011/2012	
	Market Year Begin: Mar 2010		Market Year Begin: Mar 2011		Market Year Begin: May 2011	
	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Crush	165	140	200	100	200	250
Extr. Rate, 999.9999	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Stocks	39	39	7	1	6	0
Production	75	63	88	44	88	110
MY Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from EU	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply	114	102	95	45	94	110
MY Exports	32	32	9	9	9	9
MY Exp. to EU	0	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial Dom. Cons.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food Use Dom. Cons.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feed Waste Dom. Cons.	75	70	80	37	80	95
Total Dom. Cons.	75	70	80	37	80	95
Ending Stocks	7	1	6	0	5	6
Total Distribution	114	103	95	46	94	110
1000 MT, PERCENT						

Oil, Peanut Argentina	2009/2010		2010/2011		2011/2012	
	Market Year Begin: Mar 2010		Market Year Begin: Mar 2011		Market Year Begin: Mar 2012	
	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post

Crush	165	140	200	100	200	250
Extr. Rate, 999.9999	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Stocks	17	17	4	0	7	1
Production	50	46	63	32	63	80
MY Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from EU	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply	67	63	67	32	70	81
MY Exports	62	62	59	30	60	75
MY Exp. to EU	37	18	37	20	37	40
Industrial Dom. Cons.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food Use Dom. Cons.	1	1	1	1	1	1
Feed Waste Dom. Cons.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Dom. Cons.	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ending Stocks	4	0	7	1	9	5
Total Distribution	67	63	67	32	70	81

1000 MT, PERCENT