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## **Saudi Arabia**

### **Barley Trade Quarterly**

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**Report Highlights:**

Total Saudi barley imports for the current marketing year are estimated at 7 million MT. This is 1.5 million MT lower than USDA's official estimate of 8.5 million MT. Thus far in the 2019/20 marketing year the Saudi Grains Organization (SAGO) has issued two barley import tenders. These are for the import of 1,740,000 MT of barley during July to October 2019 – which would be a decrease of 46.3 percent compared to imports in the same period last year.

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SAGO has signed two purchase contracts to import a total of 1,740,000 MT of feed barley in the first four months of MY2019/20 (Jul-Oct 2019) – a reduction of 46.3 percent compared to the 3,240,000 MT purchased in the same period a year earlier. Local animal feed experts attribute the sharp decline in the Kingdom’s barley imports for the first four months of the current market year due to adequate reserve stocks. Good pasture conditions led to a significant drop in barley consumption last winter due. Increased consumption of locally processed feed by the livestock sector is another reported reason for decreased demand in the first four months of this MY.

SAGO’s MY2019/20 total feed barley imports are projected to reach 7 million MT, down 1.5 million MT from USDA’s official estimate of 8.5 million MT. SAGO appears to be comfortable with world barley supplies and does not see the need to hold large ending stocks. SAGO does not release information on barley stocks. However, they are estimated at approximately 25 percent of total consumption. Barley imports of 7 MMT in 2019/20 will cover consumption and maintain a reasonable barley ending stock level.

**Saudi Barley Production, Supply and Demand Table**

Barley Market Begin Year	2017/2018		2018/2019		2019/2020	
	Jul 2017		Jul 2018		Jul 2019	
Saudi Arabia	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Area Harvested	2	2	2	2	2	2
Beginning Stocks	2344	2344	1829	1738	1414	1538
Production	10	10	10	10	10	10
MY Imports	8000	7894	7600	6500	8500	7000
TY Imports	7700	7700	7600	6500	8500	7000
TY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply	10354	10248	9439	8248	9924	8548
MY Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
TY Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feed and Residual	8500	8500	8000	6700	8200	7000
FSI Consumption	25	10	25	10	25	10
Total Consumption	8525	8510	8025	6710	8225	7010
Ending Stocks	1829	1738	1414	1538	1699	1538
Total Distribution	10354	10248	9439	8248	9924	8548
Yield	5	5	5	5	5	5
(1000 HA) ,(1000 MT) ,(MT/HA)						