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Report Highlights:

So far this marketing year, the Saudi Grains Organization (SAGO) has issued two barley import tenders to import a total of 3.24 million MT of barley for arrivals from July to October 2018, an increase of about 6 percent compared to the total barley imported in the same period last year. Supplying countries data show that Saudi Arabia's barley imports in the first eleven months of MY2017/18 (Jul 2017-May 2018) totaled about 7.4 million MT, down by about 6 percent compared to the same period in MY2016/17. Total Saudi barley imports for the current marketing year are estimated at 8 million MT, similar to the total imported in MY2017/18.

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Available data from exporting countries shows that during the eleven months of MY2017/18 (Jul 2017-May 2018), Saudi barley imports totaled about 7.4 million MT, a decline of about 5 percent compared to the same period of the previous MY. Data from SAGO places Saudi imports for June 2018 at approximately more than 600,000 MT, this brings total MY2017/18 Saudi barley imports to approximately 8 million MT, similar to the official USDA estimate. Total Saudi barley imports for MY2018/19 are projected at the MY2017/18 level.

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Major Barley Suppliers

During July 2017-May 2018, Ukrainian lost its long time dominance of the Saudi imported barley market to Russia, which exported 28.7 percent of total Saudi feed barley imports. Ukraine was the second largest supplier with 23.7 percent market share, followed by Germany with 13.3 percent, Argentina with 10.4 percent and France with 9.6 market share. The U.S. has not exported feed barley to Saudi Arabia since MY2012/13, when U.S. exports totaled 58,696 MT.

Saudi Barley Imports in MT				
Supplying Country	July 2016-May 2017	Market Share	July 2017-May 2018	Market Share
Ukraine	2,246,592	29.0%	1,750,851	23.7%
Russia	1,106,554	14.3%	2,116,392	28.7%
Germany	1,061,014	13.7%	980,566	13.3%
Argentina	910,805	11.8%	764,798	10.4%
France	799,905	10.3%	712,354	9.6%
Romania	305,641	3.9%	536,575	7.3%
Canada	132,000	1.7%	66,000	0.9%
Estonia	99,300	1.3%	259,862	3.5%
Latvia	72,220	0.9%	0	0.0%
Australia	793,801	10.3%	0	0.0%
Lithuania	147,354	1.9%	64,000	0.9%
Denmark	66,000	0.9%	65,994	0.9%
Other countries	23	0.0%	66,002	0.9%
Total	7,741,209	100.0%	7,383,394	100%

Source: Global Trade Atlas

Production, Supply and Demand Data Statistics:

Barley Market Begin Year Saudi Arabia	2016/2017		2017/2018		2018/2019	
	Jul 216		Jul 2017		Jul 2018	
	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Area Harvested	2	2	2	2	2	2
Beginning Stocks	4059	4059	2344	2359	1529	2359
Production	10	10	10	10	10	10
MY Imports	8100	8100	8000	8000	8000	8000
TY Imports	8400	8400	8000	8000	8000	8000
TY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply	12169	12169	10354	10369	9539	10369
MY Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
TY Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feed and Residual	9800	9800	8800	8000	8800	8000
FSI Consumption	25	10	25	10	25	10
Total Consumption	9825	9810	8825	8010	8825	8010
Ending Stocks	2344	2359	1529	2359	714	2359
Total Distribution	12169	12169	10354	10369	9539	10369
Yield	5	5	5	5	5	5

(1000 HA) ,(1000 MT), (MT/HA)