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## Algeria

### Grain and Feed Update

#### Crop update

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**Report Highlights:**

The Ministry of Agriculture foresees a slight decline in the MY2016/2017 grain production because of drought conditions and as result of a lack of rain in production areas of Algeria. Algeria will most likely import to compensate for the shortfall in domestic production.

**Post:**  
Algiers

According to the Algeria Press Service, the Ministry of Agriculture foresees a slight decline in cereal production. Newly appointed Minister of Agriculture, Chelghoum Abdeslam announced at the beginning of the harvest season that agricultural production and especially cereal, was reduced by the lack of rainfall and the resulting drought in some parts of the country, and a slight decline in cereal production is expected. As we reported in March, eastern Algeria benefited from widespread precipitation, while large swathes of land normally planted to cereal in western Algeria suffered drought conditions due to a lack of rainfall. No official figures or forecasts have been released yet. The Minister of Agriculture also announced that the GOA is prepared to import wheat to satisfy domestic demand.

Meanwhile, Algeria implemented a five-year program (2015-2019) to achieve self-sufficiency in durum wheat with the goal to reduce its imports of cereal by increasing domestic production. The newly appointed Minister of Agriculture released figures regarding durum wheat production average during the period 2009-2015 estimated at 2.1 million tons compared 1.35 million tons in 2000-2008, an increase of 61%, due to improved technical and economic conditions as well as favorable weather in the main production areas.

To meet the need for wheat estimated at 8 million tons per year, the Minister Abdeslam stressed the use of irrigation as an option to secure extra production besides the necessary effort to improve technical performances through research and development, recalling that GOA grants incentives to grain farmers for the acquisition of irrigation equipment, including funding of 50% for acquisition and facilitation through credits and loans.

<b>Wheat</b>	<b>2014/2015</b>		<b>2015/2016</b>		<b>2016/2017</b>	
<b>Market Begin Year</b>	<b>Jul 2014</b>		<b>Jul 2015</b>		<b>Jul 2016</b>	
<b>Algeria</b>	<b>USDA Official</b>	<b>New Post</b>	<b>USDA Official</b>	<b>New Post</b>	<b>USDA Official</b>	<b>New Post</b>
<b>Area Harvested</b>	1700	1700	2100	2100	2100	2100
<b>Beginning Stocks</b>	4676	4676	3768	3768	4293	4399
<b>Production</b>	1900	1900	2700	2700	2700	2000
<b>MY Imports</b>	7257	7257	8100	8181	7500	8000
<b>TY Imports</b>	7257	7257	8100	8181	7500	8000
<b>TY Imp. from U.S.</b>	135	135	0	168	0	160
<b>Total Supply</b>	13833	13833	14568	14649	14493	14399
<b>MY Exports</b>	15	15	25	0	25	0
<b>TY Exports</b>	15	15	25	0	25	0
<b>Feed and Residual</b>	50	50	50	50	50	50
<b>FSI</b>	10000	10000	10200	10200	10400	10200

<b>Consumption</b>						
<b>Total Consumption</b>	10050	10050	10250	10250	10450	10250
<b>Ending Stocks</b>	3768	3768	4293	4399	4018	4149
<b>Total Distribution</b>	13833	13833	14568	14649	14493	14399
(1000 HA) ,(1000 MT)						

<b>Barley</b>	<b>2014/2015</b>		<b>2015/2016</b>		<b>2016/2017</b>	
<b>Market Begin Year</b>	<b>Jul 2014</b>		<b>Jul 2015</b>		<b>Jul 2016</b>	
<b>Algeria</b>	<b>USDA Official</b>	<b>New Post</b>	<b>USDA Official</b>	<b>New Post</b>	<b>USDA Official</b>	<b>New Post</b>
<b>Area Harvested</b>	800	800	1000	1000	1000	1000
<b>Beginning Stocks</b>	1178	1178	1304	1304	1204	1204
<b>Production</b>	1300	1300	1300	1300	1300	1000
<b>MY Imports</b>	876	876	650	650	650	750
<b>TY Imports</b>	723	723	600	600	650	0
<b>TY Imp. from U.S.</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Supply</b>	3354	3354	3254	3254	3154	2954
<b>MY Exports</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TY Exports</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Feed and Residual</b>	1700	1700	1700	1700	1700	1700
<b>FSI Consumption</b>	350	350	350	350	350	350
<b>Total Consumption</b>	2050	2050	2050	2050	2050	2050
<b>Ending Stocks</b>	1304	1304	1204	1204	1104	904
<b>Total Distribution</b>	3354	3354	3254	3254	3154	2954
(1000 HA) ,(1000 MT)						