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**Report Highlights:**

The total sorghum production estimate for MY 2009/10 has been revised down to 5.85 million metric tons (MMT) based on revised official data. The total sorghum import estimate for MY 2009/10 has been revised up to 3.0 MMT, based on private and official information. Sorghum consumption for MY 2009/10 was adjusted up as feed consumption is expected to be slightly stronger. Even though Hurricane Alex passed through a major Mexican sorghum production area, the effects on production were lower than initially perceived.

## Executive Summary:

## General Information:

### Production:

#### Sorghum

The production estimate for MY 2009/10 (Oct-Sep) has declined to 5.85 MMT due to adverse weather conditions and lower harvested area. Official sources stated that expected recovery of sorghum production in 2009/10 fall/winter crop cycle was diluted due to damages from hurricane Alex. Hurricane Alex hit the north state of Tamaulipas during July 2010, however; the effects on production were lower than initially perceived. The state of Tamaulipas accounts for approximately 80 percent of Mexico's fall winter crop cycle. According to the Bank of Mexico Trust Instituted in Relation to Agriculture (FIRA), sorghum production in Tamaulipas will be 8 percent lower than initially estimated (2.183 MMT). Consequently, total production for this cycle is expected to be approximately 2.5 MMT. The fall/winter crop cycle normally accounts for approximately 35 percent of total sorghum production. FAS/Mexico has decreased the estimate for harvested area based on the most recent data from the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Foodstuffs (SAGARPA). Despite this reduction, sources stated that it was lower-than-initially estimated, as Tamaulipas growers had harvested approximately 1.445 MMT before the hurricane. The main production counties in Tamaulipas affected by the hurricane were San Fernando, Control and Diaz Ordaz.

SAGARPA published the preliminary final production and harvested area figures for the 2009 spring/summer crop cycle and both were lower than originally estimated. SAGARPA sources stated the drought-like conditions during critical phases of the sorghum crop resulted in irreversible yield losses during the 2009 spring/summer crop cycle. The production estimate for MY 2008/09 and forecast for MY 2010/11 remain unchanged.

### Consumption:

Projected sorghum consumption for MY 2009/10 has been revised up based on industry and official data because of stronger demand from the livestock sector.

### Trade:

Sorghum import estimate for MY 2009/10 has been revised up to 3.0 MMT, because of the drop in domestic production. Similarly, for MY 2010/11, import forecast was revised up at 2.9 MMT in order to rebuild stocks. Import estimate for MY 2008/09 has remained unchanged.

### Stocks:

For MY 2009/10 ending stocks estimate was revised down to 416,000 MT, due to lower-than-previously estimated domestic production. Consequently, carry over for MY 2010/11, was adjusted down.

### FAS/Mexico Web Site:

We are available at [www.mexico-usda.com](http://www.mexico-usda.com) or visit the FAS headquarters' home page at [www.fas.usda.gov](http://www.fas.usda.gov) for a complete selection of FAS worldwide agricultural reporting.

## Production, Supply and Demand Data Statistics :

### Sorghum

Sorghum Mexico	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011
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(1000 HA & 1000 MT)	Market Year Begin: Oct 2008			Market Year Begin: Oct 2009			Market Year Begin: Oct 2010		
	USDA Official	Old Post	New Post	USDA Official	Old Post	New Post	USDA Official	Old Post	New Post
Area Harvested	1,890	1,890	1,890	1,800	1,650	1,635	1,850	1,850	1,850
Beginning Stocks	373	373	373	1,336	1,366	1,366	536	566	416
Production	7,067	7,067	7,067	6,500	6,100	5,850	7,000	7,100	7,100
MY Imports	2,496	2,526	2,526	2,600	2,700	3,000	2,500	2,800	2,900
TY Imports	2,496	2,526	2,526	2,600	2,700	3,000	2,500	2,800	2,900
TY Imp. from U.S.	2,495	2,526	2,526	0	2,700	3,000	0	2,800	2,900
Total Supply	9,936	9,966	9,966	10,436	10,166	10,216	10,036	10,466	10,416
MY Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TY Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feed and Residual	8,500	8,500	8,500	9,800	9,500	9,700	9,500	9,850	9,850
FSI Consumption	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Total Consumption	8,600	8,600	8,600	9,900	9,600	9,800	9,600	9,950	9,950
Ending Stocks	1,336	1,366	1,366	536	566	416	436	516	466
Total Distribution	9,936	9,966	9,966	10,436	10,166	10,216	10,036	10,466	10,416
Yield	4.	4.	3.7392	4.	4.	3.578	4.	4.	3.8378