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TMO Announces New Zero Tariff Wheat Import Tender

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Report Highlights:

TMO announced on January 04, 2010 that it will import 300,000 MT of high quality wheat, by tender, under a zero-tariff quota on January 11, 2011.

General Information:

The Turkish Ministerial Council allocated a 1 MMT import quota for wheat at a zero tariff rate to the Turkish Grain Board (TMO) on December 22, 2010. The quota can be used until December 31, 2011. Then TMO announced on January 04, 2010 that it would import 300,000 MT of high quality wheat under this zero tariff quota through a tender on January 11, 2011.

TMO plans to sell this imported wheat to Turkish wheat processors such as wheat flour producers. A high domestic wheat price led TMO to decide to import high quality wheat immediately. Durum wheat is 397 USD/MT in Konya Commodity Exchange (CME) and milling wheat is 446 USD/MT in Konya CME and 462 USD/MT in Polatli CME.

Recent History of Wheat Tariffs and Tenders

On August 26, 2010, the TMO announced it would allocate an import quota for 330,000 MT of EU wheat to wheat processors. After this allocation the domestic wheat price settled, but did not remain stable.

On September 2, 2010, the TMO announced it would sell 334,000 MT of wheat from its stock to processors. Due to high prices and low and inconsistent quality, TMO only sold 51,000 MT of its wheat stocks at this time.

On December 15, 2010, the TMO announced that it would sell 610,000 MT of wheat from its stocks to processors.