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Report Highlights:

Post forecasts Australian wheat production at 22.65 MMT.

The 1999 - 2000 barley crop forecast is 4.33 MMT.

Includes PSD changes:
Includes Trade Matrix:

The outlook for the 1999-2000 harvest continues much as was anticipated in the November update. Significant falls of rain across much of the grain belts of each state have provided difficult harvesting conditions. As a result harvest has been slow with a “stop/start” situation frustrating local growers. However these conditions are not expected to effect yield although they will result in significant quantities of lower quality wheat. Post continues to forecast Australian wheat production at 22.65 MMT.

Queensland has now finished harvesting with total receivals still not finalized. Rain during harvest resulted in significant amounts of poorer quality wheat.

Both New South Wales and Victoria have finished harvesting in the majority of regions with only the higher rainfall regions yet to finish. Again, quality will be of concern with reports of widespread rain during harvest.

Western Australia began harvest later than usual with growers in the southern regions having to wait for rain to stop before commencing harvest. However receival figures are now showing that WA has received over 7.0 MMT of the anticipated 8.8 MMT to be harvested.

The barley outlook for all states remains unchanged, possibly with the exception of Western Australia. Reports from that state are indicating that growers have achieved slightly better yields than expected.

AUSTRALIA WHEAT: State-Level Statistics								
(Million Hectares; Tons Per Hectare; Million Tons)								
				ABARE (R)	ABARE	ABARE	POST	POST
					EST.	EST.	EST.	EST.
	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1998/99	1999/2000	1999/2000	1999/2000	1999/2000
					Aug	Nov	Nov	Dec
Queensland								
Area	0.997	1.000	1.250	1.250	1.100	1.100	1.100	1.100
Yield	1.984	1.493	1.760	1.760	1.818	1.545	1.455	1.455
Prod	1.978	1.493	2.200	2.200	2.000	1.700	1.600	1.600
New South Wales								
Area	3.419	3.025	3.131	3.131	3.180	3.180	3.180	3.180
Yield	2.522	1.948	1.916	2.140	1.916	2.264	2.233	2.233
Prod	8.622	5.893	6.000	6.700	6.094	7.200	7.100	7.100
Victoria								
Area	1.003	0.895	0.950	0.950	1.120	1.120	1.120	1.120
Yield	2.425	1.736	1.474	1.789	1.720	2.009	2.009	2.009
Prod	2.432	1.554	1.400	1.700	1.926	2.250	2.250	2.250
South Australia								
Area	1.551	1.400	1.750	1.750	1.900	1.900	1.900	1.900
Yield	1.836	1.917	1.943	1.943	1.842	1.474	1.526	1.526
Prod	2.847	2.684	3.400	3.400	3.500	2.800	2.900	2.900
Western Australia								
Area	4.356	4.100	4.500	4.500	4.650	4.650	4.650	4.650
Yield	1.768	1.899	1.800	1.800	1.805	1.892	1.892	1.892
Prod	7.702	7.784	8.100	8.100	8.395	8.800	8.800	8.800
Total								
Area	11.326	10.422	11.581	11.581	11.950	11.950	11.950	11.950
Yield	2.082	1.863	1.822	1.908	1.834	1.904	1.895	1.895
Prod	23.581	19.417	21.100	22.100	21.915	22.750	22.650	22.650
Estimates based on historical Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics reports.								

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AUSTRALIA BARLEY: State-level Statistics								
(Million Hectares; Tons Per Hectare; Million Tons)								
				ABARE (R)	ABARE	ABARE	POST	POST
					EST.	EST.	EST.	EST.
	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1998/99	1999/2000	1999/2000	1999/2000	1999/2000
Queensland					Aug	Nov	Nov	Dec
Area	0.194	0.145	0.120	0.120	0.090	0.095	0.090	0.090
Yield	2.335	1.614	1.583	1.667	1.822	1.895	1.778	1.778
Prod	0.453	0.234	0.190	0.200	0.164	0.180	0.160	0.160
New South Wales								
Area	0.673	0.572	0.487	0.560	0.400	0.415	0.415	0.415
Yield	2.242	2.026	1.951	2.054	1.920	2.169	2.169	2.169
Prod	1.509	1.159	0.950	1.150	0.768	0.900	0.900	0.900
Victoria								
Area	0.596	0.590	0.550	0.550	0.490	0.480	0.490	0.490
Yield	1.671	1.515	1.364	1.455	1.600	1.833	1.673	1.673
Prod	1.217	0.894	0.750	0.800	0.784	0.880	0.820	0.820
South Australia								
Area	1.024	0.997	0.897	1.020	0.790	0.760	0.760	0.760
Yield	1.920	2.010	2.136	2.010	1.899	1.908	1.908	1.908
Prod	1.966	2.004	1.916	2.050	1.500	1.450	1.450	1.450
Western Australia								
Area	0.908	0.946	0.740	0.825	0.550	0.500	0.525	0.525
Yield	1.794	1.844	1.959	1.758	1.818	1.840	1.905	1.905
Prod	1.629	1.744	1.450	1.450	1.000	0.920	1.000	1.000
Total								
Area	3.395	3.250	2.794	3.075	2.320	2.250	2.320	2.280
Yield	1.995	1.857	1.881	1.837	1.817	1.924	1.944	1.899
Prod	6.774	6.035	5.256	5.650	4.216	4.330	4.330	4.330

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