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### **Grain and Feed**

#### **Mexico's Monthly Crop Update, June 2000**

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#### **Report Highlights:**

**FAS/Mexico maintains its previous forecast based on: 1) a timely start of the rainy season; b) average planted area; and c) the progress of the 2000/01 feed grain crops, cotton and soybeans is on schedule.**

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Includes PSD changes: No  
Includes Trade Matrix: No  
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Following is the FAS/Mexico production update on major bulk commodities. NOTE: ALL PRODUCTION TABLES CONTAINED IN THESE MONTHLY UPDATES REPRESENT MEXICO'S SECRETARIAT OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT'S (SAGAR) MOST RECENT ESTIMATES, WHICH ARE NOT NECESSARILY RELIABLE.

FORECAST FOR SPRING/SUMMER 2000 HARVEST

Crop	Planting Intention (1000 HA)	Already Planted (1000 HA)	Monthly Change (1000 HA)	Monthly Change (Percent)	Projected Production (1000 MT)	Production Harvested (1000 MT)
CORN	924	924	-	-	3,250	1,726
SORGHUM	956	1,022	-	-	2,388	1,597
WHEAT	628	598	6	1.0	3,139	2,484
COTTON*	32	4	-	-	5	-
SOYBEANS	7	1	-	-	2	-
TOTAL	2,547	2,549	6		8,784	5,807

SOURCE: SAGAR as of May 31, 2000

\* Area on all tables based on cotton lint (not cottonseed); SAGAR reports area for the primary crop, i.e., cotton. The production estimate, however, is for cotton seed (there is a separate estimate for fiber which is reported in our annual and voluntary cotton reports).

COMMENT:

**Corn:** Official sources indicate that fields continue to be harvested. In Sinaloa, for example, 36 percent of planted area has reportedly been harvested, which produced approximately 703,000 MT. The average yield has been 7.25 tons/ha. As usual, Sinaloa is expected to contribute more than 59 percent of the spring/summer harvest. Trading has been taking place without problems in the last few weeks. The average corn price in Sinaloa has been 1,500 pesos/MT (roughly US\$150/MT), which is 11 percent higher than a year ago. It is calculated that approximately 100,000 MT has been shipped toward the main consumption centers located in Jalisco, Puebla and Mexico City, among others. FAS/Mexico finds no basis for changing the current estimates (See MX 0035)

**Sorghum:** Sources reported that although it has rained in the main producing areas of Tamaulipas, harvest has been taking place without setbacks. In second week of June, for example, farmers harvested 164,000 ha. and obtained 327,000 MT of grain. The yield average was 1.99 tons/hectare,

reportedly the lowest level so far. The accumulated figures ascend to 696,000 ha. harvested which have produced 1.644 MMT, with an average yield of 2.39MT/ha. The frequent rains decreased the yield in little more than 21,000 has. that represent 2.4 percent of the total cultivated area. Sources expect such climatic conditions will not damage unharvested (168,000 has) or that for excess of moisture, harvest could be delayed in some areas. The expectations are that sorghum in Tamaulipas will reach 1.936 MMT. Official sources indicated that trading has been normal. Currently, farmers are selling sorghum for approximately 1,050 pesos/MT (approx. US\$105/MT). Tamaulipas's sorghum has been sold to the main consumption centers located in the states of Jalisco, Nuevo León and Guanajuato, among others. Again, FAS/Mexico finds no basis for changing the current PS&D estimates (See MX035).

**Wheat, Cotton & Soybean:** No change since our last report. Consequently, FAS/Mexico is maintaining its current production estimates (see MX0035, MX 0089 & MX 0052)

#### FORECAST FOR FALL/WINTER 2000/01 HARVEST

CROP	Planting Intentions (1000 HA)	Already Planted (1000 HA)	Monthly Change (1000 HA)	Monthly Change (Percent)	Projected Production (1000 MT)
CORN	7,736	1,586	1,055	198.7	15,298
SORGHUM	1,147	91	59	184.4	4,010
WHEAT	153	25	24		298
COTTON	136	62	23	59.0	210
SOYBEANS	69	-	-	-	113
TOTAL	9,241	1,764	1,161		19,929

SOURCE: SAGAR as of May 31, 2000

Comment:

Official sources continue to indicate that the pace of planting is on schedule for all relevant commodities. Weather has been better than previously estimated and the outlook calls for good overall weather this summer. It should be noted, moreover, that SAGAR revised upward its production estimates for corn and sorghum as this good weather could lead to higher yields in the main producing areas.