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#### **Report Highlights:**

**Australian wheat production is forecast at 18.9 MMT, 22 percent lower than the previous year. The reduction is due to dry conditions in WA and Queensland, and extensive flooding in Northern NSW. Australian barley production is forecast to increase 22 percent to 5.2 MMT.**

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Post forecasts wheat production at 18.9 MMT, 22 percent lower than the previous year. The reduction is due to dry weather conditions in Western Australia (WA) and Queensland contrasted with heavy rains and wide scale flooding in northern New South Wales (NSW). Southern NSW, Victoria and South Australia (SA) have received well timed rains and are anticipating bumper crops.

Wheat production in NSW is forecast at 5.65 MMT, 29 percent below the previous year. Recent heavy rain across northern NSW has created floods affecting around one third of the state. Falls of 100-200 millimeters were registered for much of inland northern NSW, and similar falls were also registered for the catchment areas to the east. Government sources estimate around 1.25 MMT of wheat has been destroyed by floods with a further 1.0 MMT downgraded to feed wheat. However hotter conditions has allowed harvest to begin statewide in all areas not affected by flooding.

Wheat production in Queensland is forecast to fall to 1.2 MMT, a reduction of 29 percent on the previous year. Although a similar area has been planted, lower than average rainfall has resulted in another poor crop. Harvest is now completed.

Western Australia (WA) is forecast to produce 5.5 MMT, representing a 40 percent fall in production compared to the previous year. A late sowing combined with patchy follow up rain has not only reduced both the area planted and forecast average yield, but has produced large yield variations between districts. Harvest is around 50 percent completed with receivals suggesting that Northern crops have achieved average yields despite drought conditions. The southeast districts however are showing well below average yields.

Wheat production in South Australia (SA) is forecast to reach 3.75 MMT, an increase of 28 percent on the previous year and an all time record for this state. Crops have received timely follow up rains improving the production outlook.

Victoria is forecast to produce 2.8 MMT, in what is shaping up to be a potential record winter cereal crop for this state and the biggest wheat crop since 1986/87. While heavy falls of rain in some of the larger districts damaged some barley crops, the outlook for wheat production in this state has improved. Harvest is well under way with receivals reflecting the anticipated high yields.

Barley production in Australia is forecast to increase around 22 percent to 5.2 MMT in 2000/2001. This increase is due to significant increases in planted area which has been driven by lower canola prices and later rains making barley more favorable to plant. Recent widespread rains in Southern NSW, Victoria and SA have created significant amounts of poorer quality grain, however some later crops have not been damaged and have actually benefitted from these falls.

| AUSTRALIA WHEAT: State-Level Statistics            |         |         |         |           |           |           |           |           |
|--|---------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| (Million Hectares; Tons Per Hectare; Million Tons) |         |         |         |           |           |           |           |           |
|  |         |         |         |           | ABARE     | POST      | POST      | POST      |
|  |         |         |         |           | EST.      | EST.      | EST.      | EST.      |
|  | 1996/97 | 1997/98 | 1998/99 | 1999/2000 | 2000/2001 | 2000/2001 | 2000/2001 | 2000/2001 |
|  |         |         |         |           | Oct       | Oct       | Nov       | Dec       |
| Queensland   |         |         |         |           |           |           |           |           |
| Area   | 0.997   | 1.000   | 1.250   | 1.100     | 1.000     | 1.000     | 1.000     | 1.000     |
| Yield  | 1.984   | 1.493   | 1.760   | 1.545     | 1.600     | 1.600     | 1.200     | 1.200     |
| Prod   | 1.978   | 1.493   | 2.200   | 1.700     | 1.600     | 1.600     | 1.200     | 1.200     |
| New South Wales                                    |         |         |         |           |           |           |           |           |
| Area   | 3.419   | 3.025   | 3.131   | 3.180     | 3.240     | 3.240     | 3.240     | 3.240     |
| Yield  | 2.522   | 1.948   | 2.140   | 2.516     | 2.407     | 2.407     | 2.130     | 1.744     |
| Prod   | 8.622   | 5.893   | 6.700   | 8.000     | 7.800     | 7.800     | 6.900     | 5.650     |
| Victoria   |         |         |         |           |           |           |           |           |
| Area   | 1.003   | 0.895   | 0.950   | 1.120     | 1.100     | 1.100     | 1.100     | 1.100     |
| Yield  | 2.425   | 1.736   | 1.789   | 2.188     | 2.000     | 2.000     | 2.273     | 2.545     |
| Prod   | 2.432   | 1.554   | 1.700   | 2.450     | 2.200     | 2.200     | 2.500     | 2.800     |
| South Australia                                    |         |         |         |           |           |           |           |           |
| Area   | 1.551   | 1.400   | 1.750   | 1.900     | 2.000     | 2.000     | 2.000     | 2.000     |
| Yield  | 1.836   | 1.917   | 1.943   | 1.421     | 1.650     | 1.650     | 1.750     | 1.875     |
| Prod   | 2.847   | 2.684   | 3.400   | 2.700     | 3.300     | 3.300     | 3.500     | 3.750     |
| Western Australia                                  |         |         |         |           |           |           |           |           |
| Area   | 4.356   | 4.100   | 4.500   | 4.650     | 4.350     | 4.350     | 4.350     | 4.350     |
| Yield  | 1.768   | 1.899   | 1.800   | 1.978     | 1.678     | 1.678     | 1.333     | 1.264     |
| Prod   | 7.702   | 7.784   | 8.100   | 9.200     | 7.300     | 7.300     | 5.800     | 5.500     |
| Total  |         |         |         |           |           |           |           |           |
| Area   | 11.326  | 10.422  | 11.581  | 11.950    | 11.690    | 11.690    | 11.690    | 11.690    |
| Yield  | 2.082   | 1.863   | 1.908   | 2.013     | 1.899     | 1.899     | 1.702     | 1.617     |
| Prod   | 23.581  | 19.417  | 22.100  | 24.050    | 22.200    | 22.200    | 19.900    | 18.900    |

Estimates based on historical Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics reports.

| AUSTRALIA BARLEY: State-level Statistics           |         |         |         |           |           |           |           |           |
|--|---------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| (Million Hectares; Tons Per Hectare; Million Tons) |         |         |         |           |           |           |           |           |
|  |         |         |         |           | ABARE     | POST      | POST      | POST      |
|  |         |         |         |           | EST.      | EST.      | EST.      | EST.      |
|  | 1996/97 | 1997/98 | 1998/99 | 1999/2000 | 2000/2001 | 2000/2001 | 2000/2001 | 2000/2001 |
| Queensland   |         |         |         |           | Oct       | Oct       | Nov       | Dec       |
| Area   | 0.194   | 0.145   | 0.120   | 0.095     | 0.950     | 0.950     | 0.950     | 0.950     |
| Yield  | 2.335   | 1.614   | 1.667   | 2.000     | 0.142     | 0.142     | 0.105     | 0.105     |
| Prod   | 0.453   | 0.234   | 0.200   | 0.190     | 0.135     | 0.135     | 0.100     | 0.100     |
| New South Wales                                    |         |         |         |           |           |           |           |           |
| Area   | 0.673   | 0.572   | 0.560   | 0.415     | 0.450     | 0.450     | 0.450     | 0.450     |
| Yield  | 2.242   | 2.026   | 2.054   | 2.145     | 2.251     | 2.251     | 2.111     | 1.556     |
| Prod   | 1.509   | 1.159   | 1.150   | 0.890     | 1.013     | 1.013     | 0.950     | 0.700     |
| Victoria   |         |         |         |           |           |           |           |           |
| Area   | 0.596   | 0.590   | 0.550   | 0.515     | 0.580     | 0.580     | 0.580     | 0.580     |
| Yield  | 1.671   | 1.515   | 1.455   | 1.806     | 1.850     | 1.850     | 1.897     | 2.155     |
| Prod   | 1.217   | 0.894   | 0.800   | 0.930     | 1.073     | 1.073     | 1.100     | 1.250     |
| South Australia                                    |         |         |         |           |           |           |           |           |
| Area   | 1.024   | 0.997   | 1.020   | 0.750     | 0.940     | 0.940     | 0.940     | 0.940     |
| Yield  | 1.920   | 2.010   | 2.010   | 1.680     | 2.021     | 2.021     | 2.021     | 2.128     |
| Prod   | 1.966   | 2.004   | 2.050   | 1.260     | 1.900     | 1.900     | 1.900     | 2.000     |
| Western Australia                                  |         |         |         |           |           |           |           |           |
| Area   | 0.908   | 0.946   | 0.825   | 0.505     | 0.930     | 0.930     | 0.930     | 0.930     |
| Yield  | 1.794   | 1.844   | 1.758   | 1.941     | 1.591     | 1.591     | 1.237     | 1.237     |
| Prod   | 1.629   | 1.744   | 1.450   | 0.980     | 1.480     | 1.480     | 1.150     | 1.150     |
| Total  |         |         |         |           |           |           |           |           |
| Area   | 3.395   | 3.250   | 3.075   | 2.280     | 3.850     | 3.850     | 3.850     | 3.850     |
| Yield  | 1.995   | 1.857   | 1.837   | 1.864     | 1.455     | 1.455     | 1.351     | 1.351     |
| Prod   | 6.774   | 6.035   | 5.650   | 4.250     | 5.601     | 5.601     | 5.200     | 5.200     |

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